

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council Wednesday 7th February 2018

Present – Cllrs J Davies (Chair), J. Hall, Cllr. R. Benyon, E. A. Lewis, C. Davies, I. Prentice, T. Jerman, Clerk L. Stanton & CC H. Hulme

276 Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr. C. Davies arrived at 1940 hours.

277 Declarations of interest – None applicable to meeting agenda unless arose during item 287 Planning.

278 Minutes of the last meeting – item 252 - Acceptance of minutes for accuracy, proposed by Cllr. J. Hall, seconded by Cllr. I. Prentice, unanimously agreed by all to accept as a true record of meeting.

279 Matters arising from minutes – Clerk reminded Council that a home as required to the **oak tree** awaiting planting, Cllr. Prentice agreed to take temporarily. **Highways**, Cllr. Benyon advised that even though the pot hole opposite church had been dealt with by highways he had received a number of complaints about the poor quality of the road surface, a number of residents have complained about the road noise and being woken several times in the early hours, particularly with heavy/farm traffic going through the village; Clerk to inform highways. **IRP Proposals**, Clerk confirmed forms updated and that Councillors had been written to outlining personal responsibility for taxation and even thought after precept deadline OVW had been to precept the payments. Clerk had not been able to find a copy of **parish map**; Cllr. Benyon thought he might have one. **Review of Community and Town Council Sector (Consultation)** Clerk sent responses to OVW.

280 Carried forward from January meeting

Membership One Voice Wales

Clerk recommended we remain as members as we received most of the legislative information via OVW and we would be in a difficult situation without. Cllr. J. Hall stated she was impressed with OVW and the fact it was a direct link to Welsh Government. Cllr. J. Davie stated that a change in personnel had revitalised OVW and government will use OVW for training modules, Clerk and Councillors training can be done more laicly if sufficient support. Resolved by all to retain membership.

School Governor representation, Cllr. Benyon had retired as Governor and Manafon representative, representative from community was considered the best solution, Cllr. Benyon to solicit representation from community and feedback at next meeting.

Mobile/Broadband update – Clerk to establish costs and optimum solution if considering broadband for village hall and send information to Council for next meeting. Cllr. Benyon pursuing matters surrounding mast and usage once emergency services using the mast at Tregynon.

281 Social committee

No committee agreed upon, carry over to next meeting, discussion on running social events from 2PM to 8PM to enable more people to participate and increase activities for different age groups. Clerk to obtain hire cost from village hall. Was suggested to diarise what else was on in area to avoid clashes, committee would need to do this, suggestion for 30th March for Easter egg hunt and hot cross buns to be provided, suggested that at February event Councillors would discuss with those attending what events they would like. Suggestions proposed by Cllr. C. Davies, seconded by Cllr. I. Prentice and unanimously agreed by all.

282 Clerk vacancy

Discussion on allocation of tasks whilst sourcing new Clerk, current Clerk would be leaving the area 23rd February but had said she was prepared to continue unit end of March and finalise audit albeit remotely, Council wished it recorded in the minutes that they were grateful to the Clerk for continuing to work to end of March and for her flexibility for a smooth close out. Clerk would return lap top and any outstanding documents in April once HMRC RTI and Audit was finalised and it was agreed that mileage incurred would be reimbursed. Cheque for final Clerk's salary and expenses would be raised at March meeting and posted accordingly.

Cllr. Hall will take on financial elements temporarily, and take mandate forms to HSBC for address changes, Cllr. Prentice will cover notice boards, Cllr. J. Davies all correspondence. Cllr. Hulme said that Powys CC can provide some support (at a cost) if required and would provide contact details to Cllr. J. Davies.

With regard to advertising advert/job description etc. finalised, Cllr. Hall had obtained costs to advertise in My Newtown/My Welshpool for 30 days at £40, SLCC rates very expensive, £90 for a week, Clerk had been in touch with Shropshire Association of Councils they would advertise for free, Clerk to send advert, Clerk would circulate vacancy to as many local current Clerks as possible, Cllr. Benyon would get on Tregynon Facebook page. Clerk to get advert on website and notice boards ASAP. All aspects of resolving Clerk vacancy were proposed by Cllr. Benyon and seconded by Cllr. Lewis.

283 Updates from County Councillor

Information on changes to refuse collections from 26th February will be posted to residents; information will be in Powys CC website.

Shropdoc ends March/April, services taken over by NHS 111, more information is expected soon. Cllr. Hulme has recently spent time at Shrewsbury Hospital and with the ambulance service gaining an understanding of the services. New paramedics are being employed between now and 2019

Shire meetings are ceasing as of May 2019 and will represent cost savings of £175K per annum, Cllr. Hulme has requested more local meetings covering highways, planning, housing and democratic services
Children's Services Report – improvements required as a result of report are taking shape, further inspection in 2 months

Foster Carers – 9 new foster carers will be on board by end of February

Adult Services – inspection carried out at County Hall, results not expected to be as poor as that of Children's services

Ladywell House owned by Powys CC currently 50% occupied is having some refurbishments to make more viable for lettings, some interest being shown from local businesses

Powys CC business services still generating income for support service covering fraud, DBS checks and payroll for several external organisations

Tregynon police surgeries are operating, home visits are possible and requests should be sent directly to Cllr. Hulme

Renewal loans for buildings in disrepair are available from Powys CC

Cllr. Benyon raised matter of grass cutting for this coming season, Cllr. Hulme to revert

284 Financial update from Clerk – accounts YTD, pension/payroll updates & payments to be authorised - Payments to be authorised:-

Financial summary issued as at 15th January date last bank statement, balance of both accounts £ 8601.92, earmarked reserves of £2425.00, a refund of £36 is due from SLCC for the abandoned webinar training session. Summary of payments due discussed with council. Payments were proposed by Cllr. J. Hall, seconded by Cllr. R. Benyon and all in favour agreed to make necessary payments: £6.80 Clerk postage, £619 Village hall made up of £400 grant, £219 for hire of village hall breakdown £144 council meetings (including extraordinary meeting 25/1) and 3 x social evenings £75 section 137 expenditure). £40 to Cllr. J. Hall covering MyNewtown for Clerk vacancy advert, £5.60 to Cllr. J. Davies travel OVW meeting.

285 Correspondence received and any general updates from Clerk

Clerk had already distributed any essential correspondence.

286 Highways

With regard to issues reported to us outside of Parish, we have agreement from Berriew Clerk to report to highways copy to Berriew Clerk. Potholes reported have been repaired, still waiting on highways to revert on other outstanding issues; highways log on web site is kept up to date with information.

287 Planning

3 new planning applications discussed;

P/2018/0054 Application for a change to section 191 change to residential: The Council wishes it to be noted that there is planning history attached to this property in that there has been a prior application to have the section 191 reversed and it was refused. It is the view of the Council and was unanimously agreed at the meeting that this should remain a Section 191 occupancy and on that basis Manafon Community Council object to the application progression.

P/2018/0064 Council would have no objection to this application.

P/2018/0159 it was unanimously agreed that providing all highways issues were properly addressed Council would have no objection to this application.

288 Broadband/Mobile updates

Superfast broadband is available despite the conflicting information received during December. Cllr. Bernyon to pursue the use of the emergency mast once Trehynon mast is up and running.

289 Reports from meetings and/or training attended – .

Clerk had circulated a summary of SLCC branch meeting attended 7/12 as majority related to IRP, given time constraints of this meeting there was nothing else to add.

290 One Voice Wales membership/benefits review, School governor's representative –

291 Agenda items next meeting

Welcome

Apologies for absence (Cllr. Hulme offered apologies in advance for March has a prior engagement)

Declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising from minutes - School Governor representation

Clerk vacancy application review

Social committee formation

Code of Audit Practice of the Auditor General for Wales (Cllrs emailed details 31/1/18 of the consultation for revised code of practice)

Correspondence received and any general updates from Clerk

Highways

Planning

Reports from meetings and/or training attended

Financial update from Clerk via Cllr. J. Hall – accounts YTD, including expenditure/payments to be authorised

Updates from County Councillor

Agenda items next meeting

Date of Council meetings – Wednesday 7th March, list of dates for 2018 can be found on website and noticeboards.

Dates of external meetings: - OVW- Wednesday 18th April 2018 and Wednesday 13th June 2018

Community Social evenings: Friday 23rd February & Friday 30th March, no other dates confirmed as yet.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending, meeting closed at 2210 hours.