

Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council

Minutes of meeting of the Manafon Community Council held at New Mills Village Hall on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr J. Hall (Chair) welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Present – Cllr. J. Hall (Chair), Cllr. R. Benyon, Cllr. I. Prentice, Cllr C. Davies, Cllr. T. Jerman, Cllr. J. S.Davies, Cllr. A. Lewis, Cllr. H. Hulme Mrs C Pritchard (Clerk).

Apologies (080) – Nil

Declaration of Interest (081) – Cllr. J. Davies and Cllr. C. Davies declared an interest in New Mills village hall as they are members of the committee.

Minutes of the last meeting (082) – It was proposed and seconded to sign the minutes dated October 3rd 2018 as a correct record.

Matters Arising (083) –
Nil

Correspondence Received (084) – The Council noted a letter from PCC and asked the Clerk to place this as an agenda item in December

County Councillor's Report (086)- HOMELESSNESS REVIEW

PCC continue to focus on managing people in crisis. It is often a very complexed and demands on a variety of services. There is a reliance on the private housing section and we also work very closely with Dept. of Work & Pensions. The authority has 58 units of temporary accommodation. In 2017 they re-housed 384 people. In Q1 of 2018 they have re-housed 114. 70% is in the Welshpool and Newtown areas. 30% rest of Powys. They have also recruited 3 tenancy support officers to help people manage homelessness and tenants in arrears.

At the Health Care and Housing Committee meeting 3 October 18 there was a request to the Housing Service for the number of evictions undertaken by the Council last year. The Service has provided the following figures for the last 3 years:

2015/16 – 8

2016/17 – 12

2017/18 – 8

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE - Is a new initiative aimed at improving the fabric of our estates. More green spaces, play areas and garages. It is hoped this will prevent tenancy failures, reduce homelessness. It will look at what housing is preferred and will engage with tenants to take 'ownership' of their estates.

ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES - Steady progress is being made with improving performance as the service responds to the specific recommendations from inspectors. The board was advised of increasing pressures in some areas such as delayed transfer of care and available domiciliary care provision. Adult service performance reporting remains under development with discussion still needed on some of the information needed yet to be completed, the board will want to see progress by the next meeting. The improvement board is keen to see financial and performance information broken down in key areas such as mental health and learning disabilities. Overall the Improvement and Assurance Board was pleased with the steady progress made by the service. The service will receive a Care Inspectorate Wales monitoring visit in December.

CHILDREN SOCIAL SERVICES - The planned inspection by CIW will run over two sessions between October 1-19, will be an important assessment of progress made to-date. Once the inspection report is available it will form the basis of a new baseline for future improvement work for the service. Children services performance improvement remains a major concern for the board with the service still not hitting statutory visit targets for looked after children and child protection cases. The Director assured the board that all visits will be up to date by the end of September and that performance would be maintained from then onwards. In general, the Board is aware that performance is considerably better than a year ago but workload and staffing pressures mean that the service remains under considerable pressure and that there is still a great deal to do.

POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

PRIMARY CARE PRESENTATION 9.10.18 – There are 7 GP practices in North Powys and each practice operates under 3 different contracts. Essentials (mandatory) Additional (optional) Enhanced (optional). Generally the practices offer enhanced services but this is dependent upon the skills base within the practice and opportunity for personal development. GP recruitment is challenging and NHS Wales have introduced a GP Sustainability Framework. This covers premises, size of patient base and recruitment. Newtown is currently noted as High Risk whereas Llanfair, Montgomery is Low Risk. Our GP practices are changing and more emphasis is now on recruiting more qualified practitioners i.e. Pharmacy technicians, Health Care Support Worker, Urgent Care Practitioners. This then frees up the GP for more needy appointments.

LLANFAIR CAEREINION HEALTH HUB – WG funding has been obtained. PTHB have shortlisted 4 possible developers. Site selection and detailed design is now underway. The new building will accommodate the medical practice and a range of community and other primary care services. It has to be completed by March 2021.

NHS 111 – since the launch there has been no changes to service levels. The changeover has been managed exceptionally well.

WINTER SERVICE PLAN – PTHB, WAST, SATH are working closely together. The plan to WG has been submitted and incorporates the planned changes at Telford Hospital.

TELFORD HOSPITAL – The planned closure of A & E at this hospital is now scheduled to take effect from 5th December and will be closed from 10pm – 8am. However work continues at board level to try and avoid this closure at all. Staffing at this hospital remains critical and patient safety must be the priority. Wrexham Maelor Hospital may become an alternative option.

SATH – The Clinical Quality Commission have issued a Section 31 notice on the quality of care at both hospitals and PTHB are now tracking all Powys pregnant mums to ensure they receive the necessary care and safely.

HYWEL DDA HEALTH BOARD – Their consultation is now finished. 26.9.18 it was agreed to embark on a 20 year plan for services in Ceredigion and Carmarthen. Bronglais Hospital will remain with a reinforced and strengthened service. They have had a successful recruitment campaign from surgeons down to nursing staff.

FUTURE FIT – 17500 + replies to the consultation. It will take about 8 weeks to process the results. The Joint Clinical Commissioning Groups will meet in Feb 2019 to make the decision. Thereafter building work to reconfigure the site will commence 2020/21.

NEWTOWN VISION – Will look at how to deliver services differently from a Rural Regional Centre. Aimed at the Montgomeryshire area it will include health, Education and housing.

WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE TRUST – There is now a 'HALO' Hospital Allocation Location Officer in place at the RSH to reduce the delayed transfer of care patients. In September there were 16 DTOC patients awaiting care packages/ nursing home placement/community hospital placement.

SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Council is planning a significant investment programme to improve school buildings in Newtown, as part of the second phase (Band B) of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme. This is expected to include the following elements:

☐ Replacement building for Ysgol Cedewain

☐ Investment in primary provision in Newtown

☐ Development of designated Welsh-medium secondary provision

Initial planning work has started, which has included initial discussions with headteachers, Chairs of Governors and Newtown Town Council, and this will continue during the autumn term.

Discussions are also taking place with other organisations, including the Health Board, about possible linkages with other developments planned for Newtown.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF COUNCIL OWNED RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES - BUPA Care Homes

Partnerships have managed the homes for the last 20 years and the contract will expire at the end of May next year. BUPA have confirmed they will not be continuing beyond May 31, 2019.

The council put out an enquiry to the open market in the summer and received considerable response. PCC issued an invitation to tender on 10 October to attract potential business partners to submit an expression of interest in the management and operations of the council owned care homes for the next 3-5 years. The invitation to tender also refers to the Integrated Care Facility in Builth Wells, where we are working closely with Powys THB on the options for future management.

The closing date for interested parties will be October 30, with a short listing due to be completed in early November. This will allow for a fair and transparent tender process to take place, and will ensure good quality residential care providers have the opportunity and time to submit a tender.

SOCIAL MEDIA BRIEFING 31.10.2018

Social media is here to stay whether you are a fan of it or not. Facebook, Twitter, Blogging. But the important thing is to get it right.

1. It's here to stay so get familiar with it
2. Getting started and which one do you choose
3. Make it work for you – whether you want comments, buying or selling
4. Use good language not language
5. Make sure it is not fake news or gossip
6. Get it right not wrong – do your research to make sure its correct
7. Keep safe
8. Keep within the law – avoid pre determination.
9. Make time for social media as it is interactive
10. Enjoy social media

Representative Report (087)- Nil

Finance (087) –

Clerks Salary & Expenses – £383.94

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept all invoices and issued the relevant payments.

Broadband within the Community (088) – The Clerk had been unsuccessful in getting somebody to speak at the meeting regarding this matter but would continue to try.

The Council had been advised that BT are accepting new customers in the area but there is a long waiting list before actually getting connected.

Highways (089) –

Cllr. Davies advised that works on C2133 road had not been completed, although the repairs had been marked out.

There are safety issues along the B4389 now the wood has been cleared, leaving a large drop off the road. Clerk to contact PCC and also CC. Berriew Community Council.

Planning (090) –

Hill View – Hill View is for sale again, but with an agent called Rural Scene. The Council asked the Clerk to forward the legal document from PCC with regards to this property and its current agriculture restriction.

New Mills Village Hall WiFi (091) – The Clerk had been in contact with BT, who had given prices for connection and supply. The Council deemed these to be out of budget and asked the Clerk to discuss with BT.

Mobile Phone Mast (092) – The Mobile phone mast is unlikely to be in place for the next 2-3 months, until a tree protection order has been signed off. Cllr. Hulme will update at the next meeting.

Commemoration of the end of WW1 (093) – Cllr. Hall advised that everything was going to plan for the weekend. The Church display looks brilliant. The Council agreed for cakes, tea and coffee to be served during the event.

Agenda items for the next meeting (094) –

Mobile Phone Mast

New Mills Village hall Wi-Fi

PCC letter

Broadband Connection

To confirm the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 5th December, 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.

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