

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday 4th April 2018

Present – Cllr. J. S. Davies (Chairman), Cllr. J. Hall, Cllr. R. Benyon, Cllr. I. Prentice, Cllr. H. Hulme.

308 Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Mrs Catherine Pritchard who is the Council's new Clerk.

309 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Jarman & Cllr. C. Davies.

310 Declaration of Interest – Nil

311 Minutes of the last meeting – The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes dated 7th March as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

312 Matters arising from the minutes –

Social Evening – Cllr. J. Hall advised that the numbers were low at the latest social evening. The social evenings are planned up until May.

313 Clerk Vacancy Update - The Chairman reported that interviews had taken place and introduced Catherine Pritchard as the new Clerk. The Chairman and new Clerk both signed the employment contract and it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would be paid on a quarterly basis to begin with. The Chairman handed over the laptop to the new Clerk and would bring the printer to May's meeting.

314 Correspondence Received – Nil

315 Highways – There were two large potholes on either side of the road by the 30 MPH signs approaching Manafon from the New Mills direction, the clerk to report to Powys County Council.

316 Planning – No new applications had been received but Cllr. Hulme was asked to find out more information on the consent giving for application P/2018/0054 – a change to section 191.

317 Financial Update – It was proposed by Cllr. R. Benyon and seconded by Cllr. I. Prentice that the year to date accounts be accepted.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept a £30 mileage claim by L. Stanton for returning the laptop. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hall and seconded by Cllr. I. Prentice that the addresses on all three bank accounts be changed from the previous Clerk to the current Clerk's. All in favour. The chairman will go to the bank to get the address changed.

318 Councils' Representative on School Governors - The full Governors meeting had been postponed due to snow, the next meeting will be held on 16th April.

319 Update from County Councillor –

North Powys Office Accommodation Review - Corporate Property has been carrying out a review of county council accommodation in north Powys.

National Disability Accreditation - PCC have achieved recognition for its commitment to support disabled staff and job applicants.

Powys Community Health Council – Cllr. Hulme was invited to attend an Environmental Cleanliness audit at Newtown Hospital in which the hospital scored very highly.

Powys Archive - Based in Llandrindod, you can research and request information and visit the archives but it is by appointment only.

Adult Social Care - The weekly charge rate for community based social services is set to rise by £30 by the end of this administration term in 2021.

Park Street Day Centre, Newtown - Newtown Town Council have made a £25000 contribution for the year 2017/2018. PCC are exploring the feasibility of co-location at alternative sites.

Ann Halloway Day Centre, Welshpool - Welshpool town council have challenged PCC on the perception of taking over the day centre. Further legal discussions are anticipated.

NHS Funding - People living in Shropshire and Mid Wales are set to benefit from a £300m NHS funding transformation programme. It will see the development of an emergency care site and a planned care site with 24 hours urgent care centres at both Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal in Telford. This is now going out for public consultation.

Broadband - The tender process for phase 2 of Welsh Government's £80M Superfast Broadband Programme is currently underway. Final date for tenders to be received is mid May 2018. Welsh Government have advised that Powys will be a priority area under this next phase.

Trade Waste and Recycling - The authority is starting a review of the commercial trade waste and recycling service it provides the Powys businesses, to allow for flexibility in price and service due to the number of businesses who have cancelled their contract with PCC.

Powys Community Health - Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust are investing in more Junior Doctors over the next two years to improve staffing levels at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford to support the demands on our medical wards.

New Competition for Council Tenants To Be Launched Next Month - The new competition, which will replace the annual garden competition, could see tenants being rewarded for being a good neighbour, taking pride in their home or estate, for carrying out volunteer work or just going the extra mile.

320 Commemoration of the end of First World War – The Council agreed that an event would be held to mark the commemoration, various ideas were discussed but it was RESOLVED to bring this ideas together at May’s meeting.

321 Mobile phone coverage linked to Churches – Cllr. Hall updated the Council on this matter and advised that this is specific to the Church of England. Cllr. Hall will keep the Council updated on this matter.

322 Is the river suitable to generate hydroelectric – Cllr. Hall advised the Council that there was an interest in this matter, the Council discussed the possibility of a feasibility study. There are currently grants available to carry out a study. The Council asked that this idea be explored further.

323 Agenda items for the next meeting -

- Commemoration of the First World War
- General Data Protection Regulation

324 Date of next meeting – The next meeting will be held on May 2nd 2018.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.25 P.M.

Signed:.....(Chair)

Date:.....