

Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Manafon Community Council held at New Mills Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December, 2018 at 7.30 PM

Present – Cllr. J. Hall (Chair), Cllr. I. Prentice, Cllr. A. Lewis, Cllr. B. Benyon, Cllr. C. Davies, Cllr. J. Davies, Cllr. H. Hulme, Cllr. T. Jerman, Mrs. C. Pritchard (Clerk) and PCSO Rhys Morgan.

Apologies - Nil

Declaration of Interest - Cllrs. C. Davies and J. Davies declared an interest in New Mills Village hall Wi-fi.

Minutes of the last meeting – The Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes and authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 7th November, as a correct record.

Guest Speaker – The newly appointed PCSO Rhys Morgan introduced himself, took notes on issues with in the area, mainly speeding and discussed the possibility of a traffic officer attending to monitor this. PCSO Rhys Morgan handed out leaflets and details on how to contact him for any future issues.

Matters Arising –

Commemoration of WW1 – Cllr. Hall advised that the weekend had been a success and thanked all Councillors that attended and those who had researched, loaned items and made tea and coffee. Cllr. Hall also thanked Glenys for helping with the teas.

The Council asked the Clerk to write to Piers and Mike for their display on Saturday and Sunday.

The Council also thanked Philip and Pauline Williams for the loan of the glass cabinet and music display.

All Councillors thanked Cllr. J. Hall for all her efforts in organising the event.

Correspondence Received – The Council noted and completed a survey on defibrillators from Llanfair Medical Centre.

Finance and Quarterly Review –

Mrs. C. Pritchard Monthly Salary & Expenses – £229.54

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

Draft Budget 2019/20 – The Council discussed potential projects, including Wi-Fi in New Mills village hall, all ideas would be discussed and finalised at the January meeting.

Highways – The Drains throughout the whole parish need clearing. Clerk to report to Clive at PCC.

The Clerk was also asked to report a previous complaint of pot holes again to PCC as nothing has been done to rectify them yet.

Planning –

Hill View – The Clerk had contact the new agents, Rural Scene who said they would seek legal action regarding the matter.

Representative Reports –

New Mills Village Hall Committee – The hire of the hall would be increasing to £15, for an ordinary Council meeting as of January 1st 2019.

County Councillor's Report –

CHILDRENS SERVICES - Key performance indicators for Children's Services, including statutory visits and supervision, remain stable but are still not at the required level. For example, timeliness of statutory visits should be close to 100 per cent performance whereas current performance is in the low 80 per cent range. In terms of supervision, whilst levels and quality have improved, again they have not yet reached good practice levels.

It is pleasing to note increasing examples of good practice, but this now needs to become the norm throughout the service with a strong focus on the needs of children and outcomes.

The board recognised that the authority had made significant progress in recent months adopting a strategic framework and permanence strategy, but much work remains to ensure that this intent delivers effectiveness within frontline service delivery.

The high level of looked after children and out of county placements are priority areas that need to be addressed. Although the position has improved the board recognised that there was a great deal more work to be done. The workforce is key to delivering the necessary improvements.

ADULT SERVICES - Most key performance indicators for Adult Services are performing strongly, and it is pleasing to note that quality assurance work identified high levels of good and excellent practice. This is an area that will be tested during the December monitoring visit and will help reassure the authority that its internal assessment work is robust. The service is facing real pressures from demographic changes and delayed transfer of care, Powys is not unique, local authorities across Wales are facing similar situations but it is up to each authority to respond in their own way and address their own pressures

CIW will carry out a focused monitoring visit on 4 Dec to assess the quality and timeliness of care and support provided to adults.

BUDGET - The role of the board is to ensure that the budget plans put forward by the council recognise the pressures facing children and adult services, and that the services are delivered efficiently.

Any budget assessment should be realistic in terms of cost pressures to ensure that any proposal for social care improvement are deliverable. The assumptions currently made meet this test.

The board agreed that there continued to be progress on the improvement journey and there remained much work to do. There is a clear need to increase the pace of change and make sure that the policies, strategies and commitment given by the council were fully implemented.

BREXIT 7.11.18 - PCC are making plans for a no Brexit deal. This includes 2 weekly meetings with WLGA who are collating information from the 22 authorities towards an overall policy for Wales but with variations applicable to the different CC. These includes talks with Agriculture, PTHB, Emergency Services, Fuel Distributors, Food Suppliers/Supermarkets, large companies in Powys (% of EU workers/exports/imports).

HOUSING STOCK - Since 2103 PCC have spent 47m on upgrades and refurbishments of the social housing stock. As part of the (WHQS) Welsh Housing Quality Standards PCC aim to provide safe, warm and damp free homes. The aim is to get all home to have an energy efficiency rating system greater than 65% + by 2020.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - It was a busy but exceptionally rewarding day, meeting many people. My morning started at Llanwyddelan at 9.30 and I was delighted to do a reading from Isaiah Chapter 25 verses 2 – 6. Then I went onto Manafon Church to see the fountain of poppies flowing from the alter and I laid a wreath, then onto Tregynon Church to an overflowing congregation. My last service was in Llanllugan followed by a delightful tea in Cefn Coch. Thank you to all who put so much work into the commemoration of the centenary of WW I.

POWYS ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (PAVO) A.G.M. 13.11.2018 - I attended the Annual General Meeting to a packed audience at Cefn Lea, Dolfor.

The emphasis was to get the message out to the public of the many voluntary services that are available to people in our communities from the third sector which includes: Stroke Association, Community transport, Powys befriending service, Powys Volunteer Centres, Community Connectors, Powys Dementia. For more information please contact PAVO on 01597 822191.

NETWORK RAIL - At a recent meeting, Network Rail confirmed that progress is being made on improving facilities at Welshpool Station. The meeting noted the works of refurbishment are being carried out on the Ancient Monument Status Cambrian Cattle Docks in Welshpool.

TELFORD HOSPITAL A & E - 22.11.18 PTHB has confirmed that Telford Hospital A & E will not closed at 10pm till 8am commencing 5 December following a successful recruitment campaign.

OUT OF HOURS SERVICES/111 - On 28.11.18 PTHB confirmed the service is fully operational across the county and it has been a use success thanks to PTHB, GP practices, hospitals, WAST.

PCC NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE - A new streamlined senior management team has been announced for the county council following a comprehensive review of the organisation's leadership and to ensure the county council council has an appropriate sized senior management structure that is capable of delivering priorities within Vision 2025.

Street Lighting – PCC want to pass on the cost of running street lights, apart from ones by road junctions to the Parish Councils. The cost is £10 per year, per light and needs to be factored into the budget. Cllr. Hulme would request a plan of the street lights within the Parish.

Broadband connection within the Community – Cllr. Hulme had been in touch with the Chairperson of the scheme, but he hadn't got back in touch despite follow-up e-mails.

Healthy, Active and Outdoors project – The Council asked the Clerk to write showing their expression of interest, to improve footpaths for dog walkers in particular.

New Mills Village Hall Wi-Fi – The Clerk had received revised prices from BT, the Council were all in favour of these prices and proposed that the Clerk should place an order and arrange installation.

Agenda Items next meeting –

Budget 2019/20

Broadband Connection in the area

Mobile Phone Mast

To confirm the next meeting of Manafon Community Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

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