

Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council

Minutes of meeting of the Manafon Community Council held at New Mills Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd January 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. A. Lewis, Cllr. H. Hulme Mrs C Pritchard (Clerk).

Apologies – Cllr. J. Davies

Declaration of Interest – Nil

Minutes of the last meeting – It was proposed and seconded to sign the minutes dated December 5th 2018 as a correct record.

Matters Arising - Nil

Correspondence Received – Nil

Finance –

Mrs C Pritchard Salary and Expenses –

The Council RESOLVED to accept the invoice and issued the relevant payment.

Budget 2019/20 – The Council discussed spending and potential projects for 2019/20, the Council were all in agreement to request a precept of £8,178.76.

Highways –

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole on U2401, above Bumford's garage and also on the B4389, north of Belan Deg.

The Council also had concerns regarding drains blocking with in the parish. Cllr. Hulme advised that there was only one jetter to the whole of Newtown, Llanidloes and adjoining parished. PCC had said it was highly unlikely that the jetter would reach the parish.

Planning - Nil

County Councillor's Report –

FUTURE FIT - A draft report has been published following the 15 week consultation programme. A total of 18858 responses were received. The main themes identified from within the responses:

- Alternative model
- Care close to home/joined up services with third party sector
- Clinical model
- Planned care
- Emergency care
- Consultation process
- Rurality
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Patient safety
- Population need

- Staffing
- Travel and transport
- Mental Health Services

There will be many health board meetings/business planning meetings taking place now in December/January and the final decision will be made by Clinical Care Groups (CCG's) on 29 January 2019.

POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL 4.12.2018 -

1. Dr Pete Howard LMC – Shropdoc OOH service is one of the best in England/Wales.

2. Dental Practices in Newtown and surrounding area and Llanfair Health Hub are now on the agenda for the Shire Meeting in January 2019

3. SATH – have set up a twinning with a hospital in Delhi – the idea is to utilise staff on a rotation basis and to reduce the number of locums and hence reduce labour costs.

4. Brexit – PTHB have a business continuity plan in place however information from WG is rather sporadic. WG is addressing staff concerns and are looking to provide a “settled status” for EU health care workers but not for family members.

ADULTS SERVICES - Following another Care Inspectorate Wales visit in early December, the inspectors reported that they found improvement in many areas, not least quality assurance, together with highly committed staff. The inspectors noted the strain being put on care provision by the difficulty in sourcing some packages of domiciliary care, and encouraged us to make better use of our Community Connectors to link people to community resources which can help sustain their independence. They also acknowledged the significant rise in timely assessments and appraisals, and more than once welcomed ‘significant improvement’. The inspectors recognised improvement in several important areas, but with work still to do. This is a very positive outcome, and an encouraging way for Adult Social Care to end a turbulent year.

CHILDRENS SERVICES - The board is clear that the most important element to deliver improvement for Children's Services is the recruitment, retention and support of the workforce. The latest consultation with staff on the future structure is important and the board is urging the authority to do everything possible to get the new structure in place before the scheduled date of April. Service performance was reviewed and while the board was assured that all statutory visits are being undertaken it is clear that a number are outside required timescales. The board is pressing for the position to be rectified as soon as possible. Overall performance has improved over the past 12 months but significant areas still require improvement.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - Now have a Police Rural Crime Team in place since September 2018 and they are looking at seasonal crime issues in order to be proactive rather than reactive to crimes.

POWYS £ - As of end of October 2018 the percentage of money spent within the county is 27%.

COUNTY LINES - There has been an increase in Serious Organised Urban Crime gangs coming into Powys and recruiting vulnerable people to act as ‘runners’ and selling drugs in our communities. There have been 19 custodial arrests this year.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF COUNCIL OWNED RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

The tenders for the management of our residential care homes are due in by 17 December 2018. During January 2019 the tenders will be reviewed and the contractors will be invited to do presentations to the authority. It is envisaged that the contract will be awarded by 1 March 2019 to allow for a transition period and a transfer of staff by 31 May.

CHILDRENS SERVICES

4 in house Social Workers have recently qualified. The new head of Children's Services, Jan Coles is extremely pleased with the current progress, staff are very dedicated and committed. Provision is being put in place to accommodate the envisaged increase in demand expected in January 2019. The department will now undergo a re-structure.

BUDGET SEMINAR 12/12/2018

The gap in budget for this year is £4.48m. The members need to consider the levels of council tax increase and to identify further savings. Reserves are not available to bridge the gap so savings have to be made across the board.

BREXIT SUPPORT FOR POWYS BUSINESSES

We are currently working with Welsh Government to ensure Powys businesses are aware of the support available to our businesses. Business Wales have set up a Brexit Portal on their website which offers advice and support to businesses. Local events are also being staged to help businesses. There is a recently launched [£1million Brexit Resilience Fund](#) to help businesses deal with the transition.

Street Lighting – Powys County Councils had reported that the cost of running street lights would more than likely be passed on to Community Councils and this needed to be accounted for within the budget for 2019/20.

Representative Reports –

Manafon Charity Trustee Meeting – Cllr. Benyon advised the Council that they had held a meeting to discuss potential uses for the current funds. The main aim is for the funds to benefit education and the elderly.

Broadband within the Community- No further updates available at the time of the meeting. Cllr. H. Hulme would e-mail the chair of BT again.

Mobile Phone Mast – The site would be complete February 2019, the Clerk was asked to place this item as an agenda item for February meeting.

Agenda items next meeting –

- Street Lighting
- Mobile Phone Mast
- Defibrillator
- Plastic within the area

The meeting was closed at 20.38 p.m.