

Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Manafon Community Council to held at New Mills Village Hall on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.30 PM

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) and two members of the public.

Welcome – The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies - Nil

Declaration of Interest - Nil

Minutes of the last meeting – Proposed and seconded that Chair could sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 2nd January as a correct record.

Matters Arising - Nil

Correspondence Received – The Council noted correspondence from Llanfair Town Council and asked for this to be on agenda for March & also from the medical centre regarding funding for a defibrillator which would be discussed under defibrillator.

Finance –

Mrs. C. Pritchard Salary & Expenses – £189.14
PAYE - £40.40

The Council accepted the invoices and issued relevant payments.

Highways –

The Clerk was asked to re-report the pot holes on the U2401 and report new issues of potholes on U2415 and U2424. Cllr. Davies advised that Bwgans hole had been re-surfaced.

Powys County Council would be tar spraying in June from Pant y Ffridd up to new mills.

Planning -

Application Reference: 18/1148/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of outbuilding into an engineering workshop (class B2), alterations to access and associated works Site Address: Hill View, New Mills, Newtown, SY16 3NW – The Council strongly objected this application. Clerk to submit the following to Powys County Council.

Planning History

The property is currently on sale by the current owners and is subject to an agricultural occupancy condition which cannot be removed.

This application would have an industrial impact on a very rural location and although the statement supporting the application has been keen to say it complies with the various aspirations of rural development planning objectives, Manafon community council wishes to say ;

1st The statement and application falls short on a number of building regulations regarding Practicality, Health and Safety and Industrial Environmental compliance.

As a Community Council we are fortunate to have Councillors who have between them in excess of fifty years knowledge and experience in industrial planning/manufacturing which includes Health & Safety and Environmental management. This allows us to comment in a professional way on why this application should be refused as totally unsuitable for this type of industrial use.

The statement indicates with six photographs the type and scale of machinery applicant proposes to install in this very small corrugated clad farm outbuilding which has hardly enough foot print to house one of the machines indicated in statement let alone the six shown. It clearly states however that no expansion of the current floor space is required to satisfy this application.

Waste Management / Storage - The statement makes no reference to environmental obligations regarding storage of raw materials or oils/greases used by industrial machinery shown in statement or how it plans to control and dispose of waste.

From all aspects of suitability for industrial use of this very small building, this is a seriously flawed application, from its corrugated construction and relatively low headroom having serious issues with heat in summer and cold in winter.

BUSINESS HOURS - EHO have recommended operating hours of 7am – 10p.m. This is not acceptable as the location has little background noise and this would not be acceptable in such a rural location where the background noise is negligible.

THE BUSINESS - The website for MMM is very detailed and shows very large manufacturing equipment. The application shows only 6 pieces of equipment which in itself is mis-leading as one could interpret this as downsizing. We do not believe this to be the case and therefore the applicant if successful could put in another application for an extension in 12 months time or less. Please remember this is very quiet, sedate rural countryside and should not be turned into an industrial site. Reference is also made about distributing mixing equipment from the current production site at Irlam and very little is said about manufacturing. Manufacturing equals noise

NOISE POLLUTION - The six machines cause a vast amount of noise pollution to neighbouring properties, totally at odds with the deeply rural location which would lead to a detrimental impact on tourism ,the local caravan park and residents. Together with increased traffic , lorries delivering components and removal of goods the impact of noise pollution would be significant.

Highways - The Council feel that there are insufficient passing places on the single track road and very little if any consideration has been taken for other road users. This road is a shared access with three other parties, lorries to the property would block the road for any other users to get past.

County Councillor's Report –

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & RECYCLING

Business Development Manager – has been appointed to develop a more commercial/business like approach to running the department.

Technology Improvements – we will shortly be procuring specialist technology to help us effectively manage and expand our trade waste and new green waste service.

Fleet replacement programme – this latest replacement of light vehicles is now in the delivery stage with many of the vehicles having been delivered and now in operation.

Driver behaviour – We have targeted a significant saving for 2019 based on reducing our (largely unnecessary) spend on accident repairs to vehicles and on the amount of fuel we use.

LOCAL TOILET NEEDS - PCC is proposing a consultation about the provision of toilets in the county as part of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 and places a duty of each local authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilet strategy for its area. PCC have the responsibility to assess the need for toilet provision, meet the need, review strategy and publish the revisions.

For information – there are no public toilets in the Rhiwcyon Ward.

POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL -Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust - £1million MRI scanner reducing waiting and travel time for patients.

The new £1 million MRI scanner at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) is helping to reduce waiting and travel time for cardiac patients who previously had to be seen out of Shropshire for their scans. It is the third new MRI scanner for SaTH which runs both the RSH and the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford (PRH).

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FUTURE FIT – The analysis of questionnaires from Powys residents is strongly in favour of Option 1 which is for Emergency Services at RSH and planned care at PRH. The CCG's are meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 29 January at Harper Adams College near Newport in Shropshire. This is a "meeting in public" so local residents are welcome to attend to hear the decision. If Option 1 is agreed Telford & Wrekin are likely to challenge the decision and therefore will go for judicial review.

WAST – There has been an increase in call outs since November in 111 calls following triage assessment. This is under review and is an area of concern.

BRONGLAIS HOSPITAL - has undergone a clinical services improvement. It has 130 beds. Looking to grow their own staff via access to Aberystwyth and Swansea Universities and this programme is now in place. A new MRI unit will be live by the end of this year following commissioning. Proposals have been put forward for the hospital to have 'Rural' trauma status for the stability and support of patients who may then be transferred to another hospital. **DYFI VALLEY PRACTICE** - which operates Glantwymyn Surgery have applied to PTHB to close the site. This will now activate a process of scrutiny within the communities. PTHB will set up a panel, work closely with local stakeholders, write and consult with all patients, put forward options and the impact on the community.

PTHB – over the next 3 years are looking at 3 Rural Health Hubs in Powys and will be working with PCC to identify sites.

CHRONIC PAIN CLINIC – which is based at Orthopedic Hospital , Gobowen is closing on 31 March 19. Alternative arrangements will be made but are still to be announced.

RECYCLING BOXES

If you wish to order replacement recycling boxes please use the following link:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/newbinsandbags>

BROADBAND _

The roll out for Phase 2 of Superfast Broadband has ground to a halt and in reality there should have been a transition between Phase 1 & 2 but this was not commissioned by WG. Phase 2 was supposed to be awarded in July 18, but "unforeseen complexities" which have been subject to "commercial confidentiality" restrictions have contributed to the delay in commissioning the work and we are still waiting for the award of Phase 2 which covers Montgomeryshire. This

is undoubtedly holding back the economy of Mid Wales. WG promised a new on line checker for December 2018, so that people can see whether their home or business is scheduled to be completed under Phase 2 is again not available. Russell George AM will continue to pursue this.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

Some improvement has taken place in Montgomeryshire, however parts remain to lag behind. Russell George AM as Chair of Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee in Cardiff, has made a series of recommendations to WG to consider including the need to create the right planning and economic conditions for operators to invest in mobile coverage improvements in rural areas. We await the outcome. The mobile phone mast for Tregynon is due to be installed in February 2019. I have asked Russell George for a public meeting with the mobile phone providers to discuss mobile phone coverage in 'Montgomeryshire' and Powys and to invite town and community councils to attend.

BLUE BADGE – ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

With effect from 5 February 19 you will now be able to apply or renew your blue badge on line. Customers will now be able to check our website if they would be eligible to apply for a badge before submitting an application form. A paper application will still be available by contacting PCC on 01597 826000 The GOV.UK application form is already on our website <https://en.powys.gov.uk/bluebadge..>

Broadband within the Community – This item was covered in the County Councillors report. Clerk to put as an agenda item for March.

Mobile Phone Mast – The mast is scheduled to be up and running this month but no further update at the time of the meeting. Clerk to put as an agenda item in March.

Street Lighting – PCC have deferred putting the costs of running street lights on to the Parish Councils. Clerk to keep the Council updated on this matter.

Defibrillator – The Clerk had already read out a letter regarding funding for a defibrillator and was asked to start a lottery grant application.

Internal Auditor Update – There had been no further luck in finding an internal auditor. Clerk to put as an agenda item for March.

Plastics within the Community – The Clerk was asked to contact PCC to see if member of the public can collect broken road cones and reflectors. Clerk to update the Council and place as an agenda item for March.

To confirm the next meeting of Manafon Community Council will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

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