

MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING 10th FEBRUARY 2016

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council held their meeting at 7.30pm on the 10th February 2016 at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

PRESENT

Councillors Alun Davies, Arwel Davies, Jill Davies, Gwenfil Evans, Hubert Gwynne, Peter Harries, Dorian Jenkins, Doris Jones, William Loynton, Andrew Thomas, Owen Williams and County Councillor Joseph Davies.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Harries took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. D. Jones and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th January, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. P. Harries declared an interest in the discussion on the Capel Isaac Notice Board and the donation requests from Urdd Gobaith Cymru Sir Gaerfyrddin, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi and Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.4.4.5.4.5vii) With regard to the issue of restricted access when vehicles were parked on both sides of the road outside the Manordeilo Reading Room, a response had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council (C.C.C.) as follows:

'The location has been monitored over the past few months, at varying times of the day. No parking problems were witnessed. We did notice the odd car parked near the Reading Room but there was plenty of room for vehicles to pass without any visibility issues or obstruction problems. It is not therefore proposed to take any further action regarding parking restrictions at this location'

Councillors noted that problems arose when there was a function at the Church and/or Reading Room when cars were parked on both sides of the road and on occasions restricting access. Traffic cones had been supplied by the police and these had been helpful in preventing parking immediately outside the Reading Room entrance. P.C.S.O. Lewis, during her report, advised however that a complaint had been received regarding their use and that from traffic police observations, parking on or near the corner was the greater hazard and requested that motorists refrain from parking in that area.

4.4.4.12i) The Clerk advised that Mrs L. Davies had translated the September and October minutes and these had been posted on the Council's Welsh website.

4.5vii) With regard to the Capel Isaac notice board, a quotation had been received for replacement with a UPVC cabinet of £350 plus posts and fixing giving a total price of £550.00. This compared to a total cost of replacement in oak of in the region of £300 supplied by Mr Iwan Harries. Cllr. P. Harries again declared an interest and did not take part in the ensuing discussion or decision. It was proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. D. Jenkins and unanimously approved to instruct Mr Iwan Harries to carry out the work.

P.C.S.O. Louise Lewis joined the meeting and advised that no crimes had been reported within the Community Council area. No further issues were raised and Cllr. P. Harris thanked P.C.S.O. Lewis for attending the meeting and for her report.

5vi) Cllr. O. Williams gave a detailed report on the Welsh Government Engagement Event that he had attended on the 2nd February at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea. The Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill proposals included:

- The merger of local authorities (possibly down to 8 or 9 across Wales) and the merger of community councils into larger “Common Councils”
- General power of competence that would require community councils to meet 3 criteria, namely that at least two thirds of the councillors were elected, the Clerk held relevant qualifications and that conditions of audit were met. Annual reports would also need to be submitted.
- Performance management plans to be set by the Chair/Council and objectives to be met by the Clerk.
- The set up of community area committees to act as forums for engagement between the larger county councils and community councils.
- Compulsory for community councillors to undertake relevant training.
- Community Council elections would be held in May 2017, May 2023 and thereafter fixed five year terms.

Cllr. O. Williams was thanked for his feedback; it was agreed that this information be posted on the Council’s website inviting members of the community to respond by the consultation deadline of 15th February. Cllr. O. Williams

5ix) Cllr. O. Williams advised that he had been unable to attend the Hywel Dda University Health Board, Transformation of Mental Health Services Engagement Event on the 25th January at the Halliwell Centre. He had however submitted representation on behalf of the Council.

9. C.C.C. had confirmed receipt of the Precept Requirement for 2016/17.

12i)and iv) Mr S. Quick, C.C.C. Highways Department advised that the community gang would attend to the large pot-hole on the Cwmifor Road on the corner between the Reading Room and the junction with the A40 and also the blocked culvert adjacent to the Folly, Cwmifor

12ii) Mr S. Quick further advised that they were unaware of any particularly bad sections on the Salem to Penybank Road but that an inspection would be undertaken. He added that a large number of Class 3 and 4 Roads were now showing signs of deterioration due to the severe reduction in maintenance budgets over the last fifteen to twenty years. This was noted.

12iii) Further information had been requested and supplied regarding the open roadside ditches in the Capel Isaac area.

12v) Cllr. O. Williams and the Clerk had met to discuss website development and proposed the inclusion of Community Council news, duties and responsibilities, Community Notice Board, News Archive, Photo Gallery, links to other websites such as the Salem Village website, inclusion of the Manordeilo and Cwmifor Parish Newsletter, useful contact details for County Council departments, AM’s, MP’s and MEP’s. These suggestions were approved by the Councillors; Cllr. O. Williams and Clerk to action. Cllr. O. Williams/Clerk

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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| i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/02/2016, Sheet No 77, Credit Balance £12,288.36 | Noted |
| ii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/01/2016, Sheet No 306, Credit Balance £571.49. | Noted |
| iii) C.C.C. Footway Lighting Charges for the financial year 2016/17 of £4,106.68. | Noted |
| iv) C.C.C. Invitation to the St. David’s Parade on 27 th February 2016. | Noted |
| v) Welsh Government, Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2016/17. | Noted |
| vi) Cllr. Dorothy M. Burgess, letter re proposal to relocate Ysgol Rhys Pritchard to the Pantycelyn School Site. | Noted |
| vii) Manordeilo Reading Room Committee, request for a contribution towards the purchase of a keyboard for use in the Hall. It was proposed by Cllr. A. Davies, seconded by Cllr. W. Loynton and unanimously agreed to give £300 towards the purchase of this instrument. | Clerk |
| viii) One Voice Wales, renewal of membership for 2016/17. It was proposed by Cllr. Joseph Davies, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams and unanimously agreed to renew membership at a cost of £205. | Clerk |
| ix) One Voice Wales, information including Area Committee Meetings, training, appointments and consultations. It was agreed that Cllr. O. Williams would take over from Cllr. P. Harries as representative for the Community Council; Clerk to advise One Voice Wales. | Clerk |
| x) Welsh Hearts re fund raising - ‘Wales’ Biggest Tea Party’. | Noted |

6. LIGHTING

Street Light near telephone kiosk in Salem not working; Clerk to report to C.C.C

Clerk

7. FOOTPATHS

Communication had been received from C.C.C.'s Countryside Access Officer following their inspection of footpath 44/146 in the vicinity of Argoed, Cwmifor. The path had not been cleared as requested by the Local Authority who now sought further clarification on who was responsible for dumping the garden waste. A response was agreed, Clerk to reply.

Clerk

8. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received.

9. LLANDEILO BY-PASS ROUNDABOUT

- i) Cllr. Joseph Davies reported that he had been in discussions with Mr John McEvoy, C.C.C. Highways Department and that consideration was currently being given to reducing the speed limit on the roundabout from the current 40mph to 30mph. This was part of proposals to reduce the limit further in the vicinity of the Primary Schools to 20mph.
- ii) The Clerk had contacted both Llandeilo Fawr Town Council and Talley Community Council for their views; initial responses were that both had written previously to the Trunk Road Agency expressing their concerns about safety on the roundabout. It was hoped that detailed responses would be available for the next meeting to decide further action.
- iii) It was agreed to contact the Police Authority for their views.

Clerk

10. DONATIONS

- i) The list of financial requests received by the Council was circulated.
- ii) Cllr. P. Harries again declared his interest in the donation requests from Urdd Gobaith Cymru Sir Gaerfyrddin, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi and Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach and did not take part in the discussion or decision on those applications.
- iii) As there were a large number of requests, it was agreed to prioritise charities and organisations based within and bordering the Community Council area or ones that offered services that directly benefited the community. It was unanimously agreed to donate as follows:

- Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers - £100 (proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. D. Jones)
- Wales Air Ambulance - £200 (proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. Joseph Davies)
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi - £100 (proposed by Cllr. G. Evans, seconded by Cllr. D. Jones)
- Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach - £100 (proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. Joseph Davies)
- Llandeilo Junior Rugby Club - £100 (proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. Alun Davies)
- Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Nurses, Tenovus Cancer Care - £75 each (proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams)

Clerk

It was also agreed in principle to make a donation to Teigrod Tywi Hockey Team; information was awaited from them.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach, Donation, Chq No 1156	£100.00
ii) Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi, Donation, Chq No 1157	100.00
iii) Mrs J. Davies, Clerk's Salary February 2016 and Expenses, Chq No 1158	436.63
iv) Syrfewr JED Cyf, Translation Service, Chq No 1159	145.68
v) Carmarthenshire Federation of YFC's, Donation, Chq No 1160	100.00
vi) Wales Air Ambulance, Donation, Chq No 1161	200.00
vii) Llandeilo Junior Rugby Football Club, Donation, Chq No 1162	100.00
viii) Macmillan Cancer Support, Donation, Chq No 1163	75.00
ix) Marie Curie Nurses, Donation, Chq No 1164	75.00
x) Tenovus Cancer Care, Donation, Chq No 1165	75.00

TOTAL

£1,407.31

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) One of the glass panels in the bus shelter at Caledfwlch had recently been damaged; this had been reported to C.C.C. who had promptly cleared up the shattered glass. A quotation of £397.50 plus VAT had been received to replace the panel; Cllr. Joseph Davies would follow this up. Cllr. Joseph Davies
- ii) Cllr. O. Williams had written a draft Online and Social Media Policy which had been circulated previously to Councillors; hard copies were also made available at the meeting. Councillors were asked to review the draft policy and bring comments to the next meeting. All
- iii) The Clerk reported that a VAT Reclaim had been submitted to H.M.R.C. for £882. 38.

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

.....9th March 2016
CHAIRPERSON