

**MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council held their meeting at 7.30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

**PRESENT**

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

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Joseph Davies took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Councillors Peter Harries and Doris Jones.

**2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr. Arwel Davies, seconded by Cllr. A. Thomas and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declaration of interest was made:

Cllr. H. Gwynne, Agenda Item 11– Caledfwlch Play Area. (Landowner)

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.4.4.4.12i) Carmarthenshire County Council (C.C.C.) had fitted the replacement panel to the Caledfwlch bus shelter and the invoice of £477.00 had been paid.

4. 4.4.10iv) No update available on the fly tipping on the Penybank to Salem road between Cwmgerwn and Llwydcoed.

4.5iii) The Clerk advised that she was working on the Big Lottery A4A grant to fund the purchase of four defibrillators and hoped to have submitted the application before the next meeting. Clerk

4.8ii) No update available on the overgrown state of the footpath running behind the Old Post Office in Cwmifor.

5iii) Clerk to review the Revised Financial Regulations Template, and email/post to Councillors for discussion at the October meeting. Clerk

4.11. Cllr. O. Williams was thanked for all his hard work on the Council's website, Face book and Instagram which were all receiving an increased amount of views.

13ii) Cllr. J. Davies advised that he had spoken to the Highways Department regarding the problem of overgrown hedges and restricted visibility in general along minor roads and specifically between Penybank and Salem and that teams were working on cutting the hedges and verges.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/08/2016, Sheet No 83, Credit Balance £7,397.50 Noted

ii) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/09/2016, Sheet No 84, Credit Balance £10,417.50 Noted

iii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/07/2016, Sheet No 312, Credit Balance £521.49. Noted

iv) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/08/2016, Sheet No 313, Credit Balance £521.49. Noted

v) C.C.C. Remittance Advice £3,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Precept. Noted

vi) C.C.C. Code of Conduct Training, delegate pack. Noted

vii) C.C.C. Application for Safer Routes in Communities Grant. Noted

viii) Boundary Commission for Wales, notice of Commission's Initial Report on the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Noted

ix) Hywel Dda University Health Board workshops in communities. Notice Board

x) One Voice Wales, information including the establishment of a new Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee, Older People's Commissioner for Wales Newsletter, Ombudsman Casebook, AGM, Draft Local Government Wales Bill. Noted

xi) Zurich Insurance, increase in rate of Insurance Premium Tax from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Noted

xii) Carmarthen and District Youth Opera, request for financial assistance for their February 2017 production. Due to the restricted time frame, it was proposed by Cllr. Alun Davies, seconded by Cllr. H. Gwynne and unanimously agreed to make a donation of £50.00. Clerk

xiii) Teigrod Tywi Hockey Club, request for financial assistance.

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xiv) Carmarthenshire Federation of Y.F.C's, request for financial assistance.

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## 6. BUDGET REVIEW

The Council budget together with the bank statement and cheques not presented was discussed, it was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. D. Jenkins and unanimously agreed that the accounts be approved.

## 7. LIGHTING

No issues.

## 8. FOOTPATHS

No issues.

## 9. PLANNING

The following observations to be forwarded to C.C.C. Planning Department:

E/34200 Demolish Sub-standard Single Storey Extension; Construct Two Storey Extension and Renew Roof  
 Brynteg  
 Capel Isaac  
 Llandeilo  
 SA19 7TU  
 W and L Jones  
**No Observations**

E/34385 Alterations and Extension of Existing Dwelling  
 Ffynnon Dawel  
 Capel Isaac  
 Llandeilo  
 SA19 7TP  
 Mr and Mrs Currums  
**No Observations**

E/34395 Certificate Lawful Development for an Existing Use - 'The Workshop' Has Been Continuously Used As a Self-Contained Dwelling for a Period of Four Years or More  
 The Workshop  
 Forest Barn  
 Salem  
 Llandeilo  
 SA19 7NS  
 P Harries  
**No Observations**

Notifications had been received from C.C.C. as follows:

E/34125 Roof Extension, Side Extension and Alterations  
 Beili Llwyd  
 Manordeilo  
 Llandeilo  
 SA19 7BL  
 Mr D Wellicome  
**Granted**

E/34151 Extension to Dwelling  
 Bwlch Isaf  
 Capel Isaac  
 Llandeilo  
 SA19 7TY  
 Mr and Mrs Davies  
**Granted**

## 10. ANNUAL RETURN

i) The Auditors Grant Thornton had approved and signed off the Annual Return for the Financial Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Clerk had posted the Notice of Conclusion of Audit on the notice boards outside Salem Village Hall and Manordeilo Reading Room and on the Council's website.

ii) The External Auditors fees would be £141.00 plus Vat. It was proposed by Cllr. O. Williams, seconded by Cllr. G. Evans and unanimously agreed that this be paid when the invoice was received. Clerk

## 11. CALEDFWLCH PLAY AREA

i) Cllr. H. Gwynne again declared an interest, advised that the new five year lease was in the process of being drawn up and did not take part in the ensuing discussion or decision.

ii) A risk assessment survey had been carried out on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 by Cllrs. Joseph Davies, W. Loynton, H. Gwynne and the Clerk. Copies of the risk assessment were circulated at the meeting. The survey highlighted a number of issues and maintenance/replacement work that was required regarding the concrete paths, clearing undergrowth, hedging, fencing and benches. It had been decided to close the Play Area until the work had been carried out.

iii) Mr S. Davies from Western Power had joined the group and advised that from their perspective the existing pole and overhead wires were not a cause for concern. He would send a confirmation email to the Clerk for the records. Mr Davies also advised that Western Power would replace the pole stay and pot when the engineers were next working in the area.

iv) Mr G. Bowen, Pro-Fence was asked to attend the site visit to assess the work required and had since submitted his estimate to undertake the work. Copies of the estimate (£2,466.00) were circulated at the meeting; this work could be carried out promptly so that the play area could be reopened as soon as possible. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Andrew Thomas and unanimously agreed that this work be carried out by Mr Bowen, Clerk to action

v) It would also be necessary to have a survey done of the trees within the Play Area and the Clerk advised that she had been in touch with Mr Nick Thomas who was a suitably qualified and experienced tree surgeon who could undertake the work. Cllr. W. Loynton would give actual number of trees within the Play Area to the Clerk who would then be able to get a more accurate estimate of costs. It was proposed by Cllr. Alun Davies, seconded by Cllr. A. Thomas and unanimously agreed that Mr Thomas be asked to carry out the work. Clerk

## 12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Qualitek Engineering, replacement of panel Caledfwlch Bus Shelter, Chq No 1186	£477.00
ii) Carmarthen and District Youth Opera, Donation, Chq No 1187	£50.00
iii) Grant Thornton, External Audit, Chq No 1188	£169.20
iv) Mrs J. Davies, Clerk's Salary September 2016, Chq No 1189	£400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,096.20</b>

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Cllr. Alun Davies spoke about the new Tregib Sports Association that had recently been set up; this not-for-profit organisation would be in charge of the sporting facilities at the former Tregib Secondary School – the playing fields, sports hall, astro-turf and gym, all of which could be rented out at reasonable costs. Noted

ii) Cllr J. Davies advised that County Councillor Edward Thomas had written to Ken Skates AM and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Infrastructure, Welsh Government following the recent traffic accident involving a motorcyclist on the Llandeilo roundabout reiterating the general and ongoing concerns about safety at this location. Noted

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

.....12<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
CHAIRPERSON