

**MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council's February meeting followed the 6.30pm meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the Rural Housing Needs Assessment. Both meetings held at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

Mr Matthew Miller, Lead Housing Needs Carmarthenshire County Council (C.C.C.), County Councillor Linda Evans, Executive Board Member for Housing and Mr Chris Broughton, Consultant, attended the meeting. Currently the County Council's housing stock was 9,000 with a shortage of 7,000 properties; the Council's aim was to increase the housing stock by 1,000 over the next five years. This would be achieved by a combination of new build, tackling the current issue of the approx 2,000 empty properties across the county and working in partnership with private landlords to rent out properties. Following a presentation by Mr Broughton on the current available statistics for housing within the Ward, the views of the Council was sought and their observations on the questionnaire that would be sent out in due course to all households. Completion of the questionnaire by as many people as possible was important in order to gather accurate and up-to-date information that would feed into the Councils' future housing policy for rural areas.

**PRESENT**

Councillors Alun Davies, Arwel 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. Joseph Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

With regard to Agenda Item 9 - Financial Requests, the following Councillors declared an interest: Cllr. P. Harries (Y Lloffwr, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Llandeilo YFC and Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach): Cllr. Alun Davies (Llandeilo RFC and Llandeilo and District Sports Association): Cllr. W. Loynton (Llandeilo RFC) and Cllr. Arwel Davies (Llandeilo YFC).

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.4.4.5ii) Cllr. Alun Davies was congratulated on being shortlisted for the Sports Volunteer of the Year Award. Cllr. Alun Davies in turn thanked the Council for nominating him and for their support at the Awards Ceremony held at Theatr Ffwrnnes, Llanelli.

4.4.4.5ix) The applications for free internet services at Heolgaled Memorial Hall Salem and Manordeilo Reading Room had been submitted to Bluewave Internet and they had responded to say that an engineer would be in touch shortly to arrange the installations.

4.4.5v) With regard to adopting the telephone kiosks at Rhosmaen, Salem and Penybanc, C.C.C. had restarted the consultation. On further discussion, the Council reconsidered their earlier response and agreed that the telephony services at those locations should be maintained. Whilst their use was infrequent, it was felt that in rural areas the service should be maintained in the event of an emergency where no home or mobile telephone was accessible. In addition, the Council decided they did not wish to adopt any of those kiosks. This was proposed by Cllr. P. Harries, seconded by Cllr. Alun Davies and unanimously agreed. Clerk

4.12.3. The provision of dog fouling bins for Pont Isaac and Penwaun Cwmifor was in hand.

6. Confirmation of receipt had been received from C.C.C. re the Council's precept requirement.

10. Confirmation received from the Planning Inspectorate re Council's observations on the planning appeal for land near Hope Cottages, Llandeilo.

11. Cllr. P. Harries gave an update on the public gain element of the Salem Wind Turbine. A public meeting had been held on 6 February at Salem Village Hall to discuss possible projects. Twenty people had attended and it was felt

that the field and car park adjacent to the Hall should be the priority for funding. Another idea put forward had been the tackling of litter. Cllr. Harries advised that he had since met with a representative of Carmarthen Energy and that they favoured the installation of solar panels on the hall roof. Carmarthen Energy could also assist in the application for further grants for the community. Funding would be available for suitable sustainability projects across the community council area.

13i) A VAT refund of £1,311.91 had been received from HMRC.

13ii) With regard the A40 adjacent to Glanrwyth Farm, the South Wales Trunk Road Agency had forwarded the Council's concerns to the Welsh Government.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

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| i) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/01/2017 Sheet No 318, Credit Balance of £171.49.   | Noted             |
| ii) C.C.C. Carmarthenshire Well-Being Assessment Report.   | Noted             |
| iii) Welsh Government Survey into services and assets. It was agreed that this be completed at the next meeting.   | March             |
| iv) Invitation to the Carmarthen St David's Parade.  | Noted             |
| v) Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli, Local Energy Action. For website and forwarding to Senior Citizens.   | Clerk             |
| vi) Walk for Life, sponsored walk.   | Cllr. Alun Davies |
| vii) One Voice Wales including membership renewal notice. It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams and unanimously agreed to renew membership at £211 for 2017-18. |                   |
| viii) Invoice for Translation Costs, September – December 2016. Payment of £261.36 was unanimously agreed.   | Clerk             |
| viii) Tenovus – request for financial support.   | Agenda Item 9     |
| ix) Teenage Cancer Trust - request for financial support.  | Agenda Item 9     |
| x) Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach- request for financial support.  | Agenda Item 9     |

## 6. LIGHTING

It was reported that the street light near Salem Hall was not working; Clerk to inform C.C.C.

Clerk

## 7. FOOTPATHS

Cllr. P. Harries advised that he had received complaints about the condition of nine stiles and gates on footpaths around Salem which were in regular use. It had been suggested that these be replaced by the galvanized steel walkers gates currently being used by C.C.C. and that some improved way-marking would also be beneficial. If these gates could be supplied then volunteers would be available to help with their installation. Clerk to take this forward with C.C.C. Clerk

## 8. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received.

## 9. FINANCIAL REQUESTS

i) The list of financial requests received throughout the year and donations made to date had been circulated previously and the new requests added in at the meeting. The following Councillors again declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion on specific requests: Cllr. P. Harries (Y Lloffwr, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Llandeilo YFC and Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach): Cllr. Alun Davies (Llandeilo RFC and Llandeilo and District Sports Assoc): Cllr. W. Loynton (Llandeilo RFC) and Cllr. Arwel Davies (Llandeilo YFC).

ii) In line with the Council's policy of prioritising those charities and organisations based within and bordering the Community Council area or ones that offered services that directly benefited the community, the following were unanimously agreed:

Y Lloffwr - £25.00

Teigrod Tywi Hockey Club, Llandeilo and District Sports Association, Llandeilo RFC, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi, Llandeilo YFC, Cylch Meithrin Ffairfach - £100 each.

iii) It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. D. Jones and unanimously agreed that some funds be kept in reserve to meet any request from Wales Air Ambulance.

**10. DEFIBRILLATORS**

i) The four defibrillators and cabinets had been delivered and training sessions arranged for Thursday 16 February at Manordeilo Reading Room and Monday 20 February at Salem Village Hall. Notices had been placed in the South Wales Guardian and Carmarthen Journal and posters were given out at the meeting for posting around the community. Cllr. O. Williams had also posted on the Council's website and it was hoped that there would be a good response at both venues.

ii) The location of the fourth defibrillator was again discussed and it was agreed that Rhosmaen would be the best option. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Alun Davies and unanimously agreed to approach The Plough for possible siting on their premises; Clerk to take this forward. Clerk

**11. MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES AND CALEDFWLCH PLAY AREA**

It was agreed to move this agenda item to the March meeting.

**12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

i) Syrfewr JED Cyf, Translations Costs, Sept - Dec 2016, Chq no 1203	£261.36
ii) One Voice Wales, Membership 2017-18, Chq No 1204	£211.00
iii) Cariad, Four Defibrillators, Cabinets and Training, Chq No 1205	£5,200.00
iv) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's February Salary, Chq No 1206	£400.00
v) Y Lloffwr, Donation, Chq No 1207	£25.00
vi) Llandeilo YFC, Donation, Chq No 1208	£100.00
vii) Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi, Donation, Chq No 1209	£100.00
viii) Cylch Methrin Ffairfach, Donation, Chq No 1210	£100.00
ix) Teigrod Tywi Hockey Club, Donation, Chq No 1211	£100.00
x) Llandeilo and District Sports Association, Donation, Chq No 1212	£100.00
xi) Llandeilo RFC, Donation, Chq No 1213	£100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,697.36</b>

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) Large pot hole reported between Pantyclau and Langwm Penybanc; Cllr. J. Davies would advise C.C.C.  
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- ii) Fly tipping 100 yards down from Llwydcoed; Clerk to advise C.C.C.  
Clerk

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

.....8 March 2017  
CHAIRPERSON