

MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING 8th MARCH 2017

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council held their meeting at 7.30pm on the 8th March 2017 at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

PRESENT

Councillors Alun Davies, Jill Davies, Gwenfil Evans, Hubert Gwynne, Peter Harries, Dorian Jenkins, William Loynton and County Councillor Joseph Davies.

PCSO Louise Lewis joined the meeting and reported that there had been a spate of thefts in the locality involving farm gates and a quad bike and shed break-ins. She advised vigilance and to report any suspicious activity to the police. Following concerns raised by the Council about speeding in Salem, speed checks had been carried out recently in the village and this would be done again in the future. PCSO Lewis was thanked for attending the meeting and for her report.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Joseph Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Councillors Arwel Davies, Doris Jones, Andrew Thomas and Owen Williams.

2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Harries, seconded by Cllr. W. Loynton and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th February 2017, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MATTERS ARISING

A copy of the presentation made at the last meeting on current housing and population statistics/trends for the Ward had been circulated to Councillors.

4.4.4.5ix) The applications for free internet services at Heolgaed Memorial Hall Salem and Manordeilo Reading Room had been approved by the Welsh Government and Bluewave Internet would be in touch shortly to arrange installation.

4.4.4.5v) With regard to the consultation on the telephone kiosks at Rhosmaen, Salem and Penybanc, the Clerk had responded to Carmarthenshire County Council (C.C.C.) advising that the service should be maintained and that in the event of the service being discontinued, the Council did not wish to adopt any of those kiosks. No reply yet received.

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

4.11. No further development regarding the public gain element of the Salem Wind Turbine.

4.13ii) With regard to safety concerns about the A40 adjacent to Glanrwyth Farm, the Welsh Government had responded to say that there were no further improvement works planned at the present time but that they would continue to monitor the location and would be carrying out a Speed Limit Review on this sections of the A40 this summer.

5v) Information on the Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli, Local Energy Action Initiative had been posted on the website and forwarded to the two Hall Committees and Senior Citizens.

13i) The large pot-hole between Pantyclau and Langwm Penybanc had been reported to C.C.C.

13ii) The fly tipping item 100 yards down from Llwydcoed had been removed by C.C.C.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/02/2017, Sheet No 89, Credit Balance of £14,163.84.

Noted

ii) Interim Bank Statement dated 03/03/2017, Credit Balance of £7,625.48.

Noted

iii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/02/2017, Sheet No 319, Credit Balance of £171.49.

Noted

iv) C.C.C. Invoice for Footway Lighting Charges of £3,913.64 for 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017.

Clerk

- v) C.C.C. Footway Lighting Charges for the financial year 2017/18 calculated at £4,171.51. Noted
- vi) C.C.C. Nomination packs for forthcoming community council elections; distributed at meeting. All
- vii) The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales, Secondary Consultation Period. Noted
- viii) County Cllr. Edward Thomas re roundabout Junction A40 and A483 advising that the South Wales Trunk Road Agency was currently evaluating the damage caused by the recent traffic accident and preparing a works package for the repairs to be undertaken before the end of the financial year. This would include the re-erection of the Le Conquet Buoy.
- ix) Invitation to meet with C.C.C. and Carmarthenshire Tourism at The Plough Rhosmaen on 15 March 2017. Noted
- x) Hywel Dda University Health Board re Transformation Programme. Noted
- xi) Carmarthenshire Federation of YFC, two tickets for Annual Rally; given to Chairperson.
- xii) One Voice Wales including consultations and public appointments. Noted
- xiii) Letters of thanks for Council donations received from: Cylich Meithrin Ffairfach, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Blaenau Tywi, Llandeilo Y.F.C., Y Lloffwr, Llandeilo and District Sports Association and Llandeilo R.F.C. Noted
- xiv) Request for financial support from Cruse Bereavement Care, Bopath Children's Therapy Centre Wales, Menter Bro Dinefwr and Y Lloffwr. Feb

6. BUDGET REVIEW

The Bank Statement as of 1 February 2017 showed a credit balance of £14,163.84 and the £5,200 for the four defibrillators had been paid out on the 15th February 2017. As of 3 March 2016 the credit balance was £7,625.48. Taking into account the three cheques totalling £300 not yet presented, that figure was £7,325.48. Outstanding invoices for £3,913.64 (Footway Lighting) £50.00 (defibrillator installation) and £400.00 (Clerk's March Salary) would bring this figure to £2,961.84.

6A. ANNUAL RETURN YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017

The documentation for the external audit for the year ending 31 March 2017 had been received from Grant Thornton. It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. D. Jenkins and unanimously agreed that the Council asks Mrs Wendy Phillips to conduct the internal audit. Clerk to write to Mrs Phillips and to prepare all paperwork and ensure that the relevant notices were posted. Clerk

7. LIGHTING

No issues.

8. FOOTPATHS

The poor condition of nine stiles and gates on footpaths around Salem had been reported to C.C.C. and they had requested more detailed information and photographs. Cllr. P. Harries would discuss with the person who had originally raised the issue as he had offered his assistance; this would be after his return from an overseas trip. Cllr. P. Harries

9. PLANNING

It was agreed to submit the following observation to C.C.C. Planning Department:

E/35137 Demolition of Existing Building, Construction of New to Provide Offices, Training Rooms and Private Swimming Pool with External Yard to be Used for Training Purposes
Llwydcoed Isaf
Penybanc
Llandeilo
SA19 7LS
I Thomas Construction Services Ltd
NO OBSERVATIONS

Notice of Approval of Non-Material Amendment had been received re appearance and siting of property altered:
Plot 1 Golwg Y Gaer
Llandeilo
SA19 7LU

10. DEFIBRILLATORS

- i) Three defibrillators had been installed outside Salem Village Hall, Capel Isaac Vestry and the Reading Room in Cwmifor and were operational. The fourth would shortly be installed at The Plough Rhosmaen with 24 hour access for the community.
- ii) Both training sessions had been well attended with a total of over 70 people trained.
- iii) An invoice had been received for £50 for the installation of the two units at Salem and Capel Isaac. It was proposed by Cllr. A. Davies, seconded by Cllr. H. Gwynne and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Clerk
- iv) It was reported that there had been a problem with the code and opening of the defibrillator cabinet in Salem. Following advice from the Cariad Charity, the cabinets are not locked and therefore no code is necessary to open them, ensuring no unnecessary delays. It was decided to put a sticker on each cabinet advising members of the public to press C and turn the handle to access the unit. Cllr. P. Harris/Clerk

11. MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES AND CALEDFWLCH PLAY AREA

- i) It was agreed that the bench previously sited near the junction of Talley Road and the A40 was in too poor a state to be repaired, Clerk to get quotes for a replacement. Clerk
- ii) It was felt that the benches at Pont Isaac Manordeilo and in Manordeilo opposite Dolau Tywi needed refurbishment and it was proposed by Cllr. A. Davies, seconded by Cllr. W. Loynton and unanimously agreed to ask Mr I. Harries for a quote to carry out the work and also a quote for refurbishing the six notice boards.
- iii) With regard to the Caledfwlch Play Area, Cllr. W. Loynton advised that the clearance work carried out in the autumn had improved the appearance of the area considerably and that lots of daffodils were now to be seen. It was agreed that certain patches needed to be reseeded when the weather conditions were suitable; Cllr. J. Davies would get the seed. Cllr. J. Davies
- iv) Cllr. W. Loynton would check on the status of the existing trees and whether any work needed to be carried out on them following on from the tree survey carried out last year. Cllr. W. Loynton

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| i) C.C.C. Footway Lighting April 2016-March 2017, Chq No 1214 | £3,913.64 |
| ii) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's Salary March 2016, Chq No 1215 | 400.00 |
| iii) Iwan Harries Building Services, Installation of Defibrillators, Chq No 1216 | 50.00 |

TOTAL £4,363.64

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Following concerns raised about poor visibility at the junction of the C2118 and C2152 in Penybank, Cllr. O. Williams had met Mr John McEvoy on site. Mr McEvoy had advised that road side mirrors were not prescribed as a lawful road side feature. He would arrange for a visibility survey to be undertaken along with a feasibility assessment of providing advance junction warnings on both approaches.
- ii) A general issue of litter on the verges along the A40 between Llandeilo and Manordeilo was reported and also that this was particularly bad between Gwestfa and Dolau Tywi in Manordeilo where the litter had settled in the ditch; Clerk to advise C.C.C. Clerk

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

.....12 April 2017
CHAIRPERSON