

**MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council held their meeting at 7.30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

**PRESENT**

Councillors Alun Davies, Gwenfil Evans, Hubert Gwynne, Peter Harries, William Loynton, Owen Williams and County Councillor Joseph Davies.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Cllr. G. Evans welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs. Arwel Davies, Doris Jones and Andrew Thomas.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. O. Williams, seconded by Cllr. W. Loynton and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.4.4.4.12.3. With regard to dog fouling bins, Cllr. J. Davies advised that one bin had been placed at the northern end of Cwmifor and it was planned that another would shortly be positioned at Pont Isaac with an additional bin placed in Salem. All three were general rubbish bins that could be used for the disposal of dog mess.

4. 4.10iv) The signs for the defibrillator cabinets had been ordered from Realm Signs.

4.5viii) The Clerk would again write to the Welsh Government regarding the Council's concerns over road safety on the A40 in the vicinity of the Manordeilo Service Station. Clerk

4.5ix) The Good Councillor's Guide had been emailed to each Councillor for their reference.

11iv) With regard to grass cutting at Caledfwlch Play Area, following approaches to the C.C.C. and locally the County Council had offered the best service and value for money. The first cut had been carried out to a high standard and the cost would be £31 per cut with an estimated 12 cuts over the year bringing the total to £372.00 plus the VAT which could be reclaimed.

12i) The Council's approved Online Strategy and Policy had been emailed to Councillors for their reference.

13A The Clerk reported that advertisements had been posted on the website and notice boards inviting any interested parties to put their names forward for co-option onto the Council. Two letters had been received: one from Mrs Kim Davies, Glanrhyd Station House, Manordeilo and one from Mr Dorian Jenkins, Llwydcoed Uchaf, Penybanc. Following consideration of their applications, it was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. J. Davies and unanimously agreed that Mrs Davies be co-opted as member of the Cwmifor Ward and that Mr Jenkins be co-opted as member of the Salem Ward; Clerk to action. Clerk

13B The insurance premium of £257.60 had been paid and Zurich had advised they would follow the recommendation of the tree surveyor regarding the frequency of subsequent tree surveys at the Caledfwlch Play Area.

14i) The Clerk had written to C.C.C. regarding the Council's concerns following the closure of Llangadog Recycling Centre and the response from Mr D. John, Waste Services Manager was read out at the meeting. He advised that the County Council shared these concerns and every effort was being made to resolve the situation, a review was being carried out to "develop an option that represents value for money and is able to optimise recycling and diversion performance whilst minimising residual waste".

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/06/2017, Sheet No 93, Credit Balance of £6,766.00.

Noted

ii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/05/2017, Sheet No 322, Credit Balance of £171.49.

Noted

- iii) C.C.C. Nomination of a representative to the C.C.C. Standards Committee. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. P. Harries, seconded by Cllr. J. Davies and unanimously agreed to submit Cllr. O. Williams' name for consideration. Clerk
- iv) C.C.C. Safer Routes in Communities Grant. Noted
- v) Dyfed Powys Police, advice re illegal gatherings and "Holiday Boxes." Website
- vi) Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner re preferred language for communication. Clerk had responded to indicate bilingual.
- vii) One Voice Wales, Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils. Clerk
- viii) One Voice Wales, including training, area committee meeting, newsletters and public appointments. Noted
- ix) Local Energy Action, Fuel Club Conference. Noted
- x) Heart of Wales Line Forum AGM and Board Meeting. Noted
- xi) Urdd Gobaith Cymru, request for financial support. Feb
- xii) Seafarers UK, Merchant Navy Day. Noted

## 6. BUDGET REVIEW

The Bank Statement as of 1 June 2017 showed a credit balance of £6,766.00; two cheques to the value of £477.60 had been issued but not presented giving an actual balance of £6,288.40.

## 7. LIGHTING

- i) It was reported that a number of lights on the A40 in Rhosmaen were not working, Clerk to check on the exact ones and advise C.C.C. Clerk
- ii) Cllr. P. Harries reported that a new street pole and light had been erected adjacent to Maesyderi, Salem.
- iii) Cllr. O. Williams about the light adjacent to Dyfnant, Golwg Y Gaer, Salem. Clerk

## 8. FOOTPATHS

- i) No further information was available regarding the condition of the nine stiles and gates on footpaths around Salem, Clerk to advise C.C.C. Clerk
- ii) Cllr. Arwel Davies would follow up regarding the maintenance work already carried out on the Tyle footpath and any future work required. Cllr. Arwel Davies

## 9. PLANNING

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

E/35644 Outline for One Detached Dwelling  
Land Adjacent Bryn-y-Wawr  
Penybanc  
Llandeilo  
SA19 7SU  
Ms K Dutton  
**No Objections**

- ii) Notice had been received of an Enforcement Appeal relating to a collapsed wall on roadside replaced with shiplap fencing (Grade 1 Listed Building) Plas Taliaris.

## 10. ANNUAL RETURN

- i) The Clerk advised that Mrs W. Phillips had completed the internal audit and her report was read out at the meeting. No issues had been raised and the report concluded: "I can confirm that the accounts of 2016-17 show a true and accurate view of the financial position of the Council as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017."
- ii) The Annual Return and the Annual Governance Statement were discussed and duly completed. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Harries, seconded by Cllr. H. Gwynne and unanimously agreed that the Annual Return for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 be approved. The Return was signed by the Chair and Clerk. Clerk to post to Grant Thornton, the external auditors, with the required additional paperwork by 16 June 2017. Clerk

## 11. MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES AND CALEDFWLCH PLAY AREA

- i) The Clerk had sought quotations for park benches made from recycled materials. It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. A. Davies and unanimously agreed to purchase a bench from The Garden Furniture

Centre Ltd whose quote of £349.99 was considerably less than the second quote of £562.00. Clerk to purchase and arrange installation at the junction of the A40 with the Talley Road. Clerk

ii) The benches at Pont Isaac and Manordeilo had been refurbished and reinstalled but it was noted that the general condition of the benches was worse than had been anticipated. Work was ongoing on the notice boards and some additional work was agreed to paint the bench and lift the height of the notice board outside the Manordeilo Reading Room.

iii) As previously agreed 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. Grass seed had been purchased and this would be sown when weather conditions were suitable. Cllr. W. Loynton /Cllr. J. Davies

## 12. ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

i) Cllr. O. Williams spoke about the Council's online and social media presence and reported a significant increase in visits to the website, face book and instagram pages. Cllr. Williams was thanked for his continuing work in updating the sites and it was agreed that it would be prudent to change the passwords, this he would do. Cllr. O. Williams

## 13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Zurich Municipal Insurance, annual insurance premium, as agreed in 20 May 2017 meeting, Chq No 1221	£257.60
ii) Mr Wendy Phillips, Internal Audit, Chq No 1222	£150.00
iii) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's Jun Salary and Expense, Chq No 1223	£597.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,004.67</b>

i) H.L. and A.W. Gwynne, six month rental Caledfwlch Play Area, Chq No 100101	£50.00
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## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Cllr. P. Harries reported that the solar panels were now in place on the roof of the Hall in Salem, the battery packs were working and that there was currently no cost for the electricity being used there.

ii) Issues of flooding near Glanyrafon and overhanging trees between the entrance to Maesteilo and the Square, both Capel Isaac, were reported. Cllr. J. Davies would report to C.C.C. Highways Department. Cllr. J. Davies

iii) The issue of cars parked on the corner travelling towards Capel Isaac Chapel was again raised; Clerk to report to the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Clerk

iv) Requests had been received from a local resident regarding the building of a pavement from Cwmifor village to the Village Hall and the possibility of removing some of the hedge opposite the Hall to widen the road and alleviate parking and access problems. Unfortunately it was felt that the road was not wide enough to accommodate a pavement, however Cllr .J. Davies would discuss further with C.C.C. Highways Department. With regard to the parking in the vicinity of the Hall, the Community Council along with the Reading Room Committee had actively sought a solution to this issue but despite consultations and site meetings with the Highway Authority and Dyfed Powys Police, they had deemed that no action would be taken.

v) With regard to the request for additional lighting at Ger y Llan, the Clerk would refer the matter to C.C.C. Lighting section.

vi) Four plaques had been received from A4A for placing next to the defibrillators as acknowledgement of funding. The Clerk advised that the BIG Lottery A4A only required a sample of projects to report back on their grant and that the Council could apply for a further grant after 19 December 2017.

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

.....12 July 2017  
CHAIRPERSON