

MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING 12th JULY 2017

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council held their meeting at 7.30pm on the 12th July 2017 at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

PRESENT

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

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. G. Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the two new co-opted members Kim Davies and Dorian Jenkins. Apologies received from Andrew Thomas.

It was agreed to add as Agenda Item 1A – Acceptance of Office by Co-opted Members.

1A. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllrs. K. Davies and D. Jenkins completed their Acceptance of Office Forms, which were countersigned by the Clerk. Clerk to advise the Electoral Office of Carmarthenshire County Council (C.C.C.).

Clerk

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 14th June 2017, as typed and circulated, were correct.

Signed by the Chair

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. D. Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 9, Planning Application E/35765.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.4. 4.10iv) The signs for the defibrillators had been donated by Realm Signs of Llandeilo and placed in the cabinets.

4.4.5viii) The Clerk had written to the Welsh Government reiterating the Council's concerns over road safety on the A40 in the vicinity of the Manordeilo Service Station.

5iv) Cllr. O. Williams' name had been put forward for consideration as a representative on the C.C.C. Standards Committee and an acknowledgement of the application had been received.

5vii) One Voice Wales, Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

Clerk

11i) Clerk advised that the Echo Park Bench 1.8m with arms that was being purchased from the Garden Furniture Centre Ltd was currently only available in grey. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

Clerk

11ii) With regard to refurbishing the benches and notice boards, it was reported that the work was nearing completion.

Additional work, as requested, had been carried out to raise the height of the notice board and refurbish the bench outside Manordeilo Reading Room. The cost of the work to date, including the purchase price of the Sadolin stood at £386.00. It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. D. Jones and unanimously agreed that this be paid. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Davies, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams and unanimously agreed that payment be made for the purchase and installation of mineral board (approx £50.00) for the notice boards allowing ease of use. It was unanimously agreed that full payment should be made once the work was completed, Clerk and Chair to liaise.

Clerk

11iii) Cllr. W. Loynton reported on the condition of the trees at Caledfwlch Play Area and it was agreed to hold a site meeting over the summer; Clerk to arrange.

Cllrs. J. Davies, H. Gwynne, W. Loynton and Clerk

14ii) The issues of flooding near Glanyrafon and overhanging trees between the entrance to Maesteilo and the Square, both in Capel Isaac had been reported by Cllr. J. Davies to C.C.C. Highways Department.

14iii) 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

14 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. Cllr. J. Davies

14v) With regard to the request for additional lighting at Ger y Llan, Cwmifor, C.C.C. had advised that unfortunately there was no provision in their budget for the erection of an additional street light at this time.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 30/06/2017, Sheet No 94, Credit Balance of £5,709.33 Noted
- ii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/06/2017, Sheet No 323, Credit Balance of £171.49. Noted
- iii) Carmarthenshire Public Service Board consultation events. Noted
- iv) Home Start Dinefwr re proposal to merge with Home Start Carmarthen/Llanelli. It was agreed that the questionnaire was not directed towards community councils.
- v) Hywel Dda University Health Board, consultation documents on transforming clinical service and adult mental health services. Cllr. O. Williams
- vi) One Voice Wales - information including Revised School Organisation Code, various consultations and details of area and national conferences. Noted

6. BUDGET REVIEW

The Bank Statement as of 30 June 2017 showed a credit balance of £5,709.33 with one cheque for £150.00 not presented giving an actual balance of £5,559.33.

7. LIGHTING

- 7i) Clerk to check on the specific lights that were not working on the A40 in Rhosmaen and advise C.C.C. Clerk
- 7iii) Cllr. O. Williams had supplied further information on the broken light cover outside Dyfnant, Golwg Y Gaer, Salem, Clerk to forward to C.C.C. Clerk

8. FOOTPATHS

- 8ii) 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/35765 Sheep/Forage Shed
 Maesteilo Home Farm
 Capel Isaac
 Llandeilo
 SA19 7TG
 Mr and Mrs Jones
No Objections

- ii) Notice had been received of the appeal decision regarding land to the north of Hope Farm, New Inn, Taliaris Llandeilo SA19 7UR. The appeal against the Planning Authority's enforcement notice to remove all caravans, timber structure and the yurt/bender off the land had been dismissed.

10. ANNUAL RETURN

- i) The external auditor Grant Thornton had acknowledged receipt of the Annual Return but no further correspondence had been received.

11. ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- i) Cllr. O. Williams gave an update on the Council's online and social media presence; there were no issues to report.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's July Salary, Chq No 1224	£410.00
ii) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's August Salary, Chq No 1225	£410.00
iii) Manordeilo Reading Room, Hire of Hall April, May and June 2017, Chq No 1226	£56.00
TOTAL	£876.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) The Clerk had written to The Royal Mail expressing concerns about the re-siting of the post box in Rhosmaen to the opposite side of the road and the attendant safety issues of having to cross a busy trunk road to post a letter.
- ii) It was reported that overgrown hedges were now an issue across the area and Cllr. J. Davies would follow up re the C.C.C. hedge cutting programme. Cllr. J. Davies
- iii) Concern was expressed at the state of a number of rubbish bins in lay-bys across the area but particularly on the Llandeilo By-Pass. These were often overflowing and unsightly as well as constituting a health hazard. Cllr. J. Davies advised that he had already raised the issue but would do so again with C.C.C. to try and resolve the problem. Cllr. J. Davies
- iv) Arrangements were in hand for the Council's annual dinner on Friday 1st September. This would be a celebration of the Council's 30 years in existence and recognition and farewell to long standing former councillor Cllr. Jill Davies who had been a member since the Council's inception.

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

.....13 September 2017
CHAIRPERSON