

MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING 8th NOVEMBER 2017

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

PRESENT

Councillors Alun Davies, Kim Davies, Gwenfil Evans, Hubert Gwynne, Peter Harries, William Loynton, Andrew Thomas and Owen Williams.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. G. Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Councillors Dorian Jenkins, Doris Jones, and County Councillor Joseph Davies.

2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. P. Harries and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th October 2017, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

PCSO Roger Anthony joined the meeting. He would follow up regarding cars parked in the passing place in Capel Isaac. He advised caution regarding strangers gaining remote access to personal computers on the pretence of faults on their machines. The police would be attending the Remembrance Service at Taliaris to control the traffic.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.4.4.11i) The Echo Park Bench had been installed near the junction of the A40 and the Talley Road. Cllrs. Dorian Jenkins and Alun Davies were thanked for doing the work.

4. 4.4.11iii) A risk assessment of Caledfwlch play area had been carried out by Cllrs. W. Loynton, H. Gwynne and the Clerk on the 6 November 2017. Copies of the Risk Assessment were circulated at the meeting and this was unanimously approved. It was agreed that Cllr. W. Loynton would arrange for the necessary work to be undertaken on the trees and Cllr. H. Gwynne would arrange replacement of one of the broken fencing rails.

Cllrs. W. Loynton and H. Gwynne

4. 4.13i) No update had been received from Royal Mail regarding the Council's objection to the repositioning of the post box to the opposite side of the A40 in Rhosmaen.

4.13ii) The Carmarthenshire County Council (C.C.C.) Highways Department advised that a new 30mph circular sign had been ordered and would be positioned as soon as possible opposite the entrance to Gors Road, Salem.

5v) The Clerk had written to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, recommending that no change was necessary to the current electoral arrangements.

5vi) The Age Cymru Report on Loneliness, including examples of good practice in tackling the problem had been emailed/posted to all Councillors.

5vii) The Clerk had responded to Mrs Prosser's letter advising of the Council's intention to apply for another grant to fund the purchase of more defibrillators. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk submit a further application to the Big Lottery Awards for All to fund four new defibrillators for siting in Manordeilo, Taliaris, Penybanc and the Beechwood Site at the bottom of Talley Road. The Clerk to double check with the emergency services that they were aware of the exact location of the existing four defibrillators in the community. Clerk

13i) Cllr. J. Davies had made enquiries regarding the possibility of extending the footpath in Manordeilo along the A40 from Ywen Fach to the next group of houses at Pantglas. No update as yet.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/11/2017, Sheet No 98, Credit Balance of £7,193.99

Noted

ii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/10/2017, Sheet No 327, Credit Balance of £121.49.

Noted

iii) C.C.C. Christmas Toybox and Gift Hamper Appeal.

Website

- iv) C.C.C. Temporary Road Closure U4038 Penybanc. Noted
- v) Independent Review Panel re Town and Community Council Sector in Wales, questions previously emailed to Councillors.
- vi) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, consultation and contact details confirmation. Noted/Clerk
- vii) Utility Aid re energy savings for charities and non profit organisations. Clerk to forward details to Cllr. A. Davies and Manordeilo Reading Room Committee. Clerk
- viii) Sports Actif, nomination of Sports Personalities. It was proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams and unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr. Alun Davies for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Clerk
- ix) One Voice Wales re training, public appointments, awards, news bulletins, Welsh Government news. Noted
- x) Zurich Municipal Insurance re their Local Community Advisory Service. Noted
- xi) Carmarthen and District Youth Opera, request for financial assistance. As the performances would be held in February it was agreed that a donation be made immediately. It was proposed by Cllr. A. Davies, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams and unanimously agreed that a donation of £50.00 be made. Clerk
- xii) Menter Bro Dinefwr, request for financial assistance. Feb
- xiii) Cancer Information and Support Services, request for financial assistance. Feb

6. BUDGET REVIEW

The Bank Statement as of 1 November 2017 showed a credit balance of £7,193.99, two cheques to the value of £203.50 had not been presented giving an actual balance of £6,990.49.

7. LIGHTING

A Salem resident had requested that the street lights come on at 5.00am, a half hour earlier than present. Clerk to contact C.C.C. Street Lights Department to see if this was possible. Clerk

8. FOOTPATHS

No issues.

9. PLANNING

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

E/36257 Proposed Extension
 Pantyffynnon Uchaf
 Cwmifor
 Llandeilo
 SA19 7AP
 D S Williams
No Objections

10. MODEL LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL

The Model Local Resolution Protocol as previously emailed/posted to Councillors was discussed. This had arisen in part due to the large number of complaints being referred to the Ombudsman and recent figures showed that of 250 complaints received by the Ombudsman only 1 of those went on to the Adjudicator. This protocol proposed that certain minor complaints against members could be dealt with at community council level. Councillors expressed concern that the responsibility in the first instance of deciding whether the complaint should be dealt with in-house or referred on would fall to the Clerk. Clerk to speak to One Voice Wales about these concerns and seek their advice.

Clerk

11. ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- i) No further update.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| i) Wales Audit Office, external audit, Chq No 1235 | £163.50 |
| ii) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's November Salary, Chq No 1236 | £410.00 |
| iii) Carmarthen and District Youth Opera, donation, Chq No 1237 | £50.00 |
| iv) The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, donation, Chq No 1238 | £50.00 |
| TOTAL | £673.50 |

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Cllr Dorian Jenkins had cleared the vegetation around the Monument in preparation for the Remembrance Service and he was thanked for his work. It was proposed by Cllr. W. Loynton, seconded by Cllr. Alun Davies and unanimously agreed to make a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- ii) The Clerk had registered the Council with the Pension Regulator and brought forward the staging date to 1 November 2017.

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

.....13 December 2017
CHAIRPERSON