

**MANORDEILO & SALEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING 12th SEPTEMBER 2018**

Manordeilo and Salem Community Council held their meeting at 7.00pm on the 12th September 2018 at the Reading Room, Cwmifor.

PRESENT

Councillors Alun Davies, Arwel Davies, Gwenfyl Evans, Hubert Gwynne, Peter Harries, Dorian Jenkins, Doris Jones, Andrew Thomas, Owen Williams and County Councillor Joseph Davies.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Alun Davies took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs. Kim Davies and William Loynton.

2. RURAL VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

Mr Alud Jones, Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS) gave a presentation on rural volunteering projects. Mr Jones outlined the type of volunteering opportunities that are available and the information and support that CAVS can provide to anyone considering volunteering in the community including for example First Aid and Basic IT training. One of the tools that is used to bring volunteers and opportunities together is volunteering-wales.net, an online platform covering the whole of Carmarthenshire. Contact details for CAVS: 01267 245 555/ admin@cavs.org.uk. www.cavs.org.uk.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr. O. Williams seconded by Cllr. J. Davies and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th July 2018, as typed and circulated, were correct. Signed by the Chair

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.5vii) An additional training session on the use of defibrillators and basic first aid was being arranged with Cariad for delivery at Live Fit Gym at Beechwood in the next few weeks.
- 4.4.4.4.5vii) Cllr. Arwel Davies would check on the condition of the amenity land at Dolau Tywi, Manordeilo and if necessary request Edward Williams to do a final cut of the season. Cllr. Arwel Davies
- 4.4.4.13i) The provision of an additional litter bin in Manordeilo was in hand. Cllr. J. Davies
- 4.4.10 The Tree Survey Report on the Caledfwlch play area undertaken by Mr Paul Davies was presented. It was proposed by Cllr. Alun Davies, seconded by Cllr. J. Davies and unanimously agreed that the £100 fee be paid and also that Mr Davies be asked to carry out the recommended remedial/clearance work for the additional sum of £100. Clerk to write to Mr Davies accordingly. Clerk
- 4.4.12ii) Response received from Carmarthenshire County Council's (C.C.C.) Planning Enforcement Section regarding the current use of a caravan at Glanrafon, Capel Isaac. Following an inspection it was felt that the caravan was not being used for residential purposes and was not of a habitable standard; further action by C.C.C. to be advised. Clerk
- 4.5vi) Cllr. O. Williams was thanked for attending the Rural Affairs Conference on 7th September on behalf of the Council.
- 4.11 Mr Martin Murray C.C.C. Public Rights of Way Development Officer had confirmed that the Tyle Footpath was now logged as maintained by the Community Council (trashed of encroaching vegetation). Clerk to contact the owner of the adjacent land to request that the footpath hedge be cut at the same time as the adjacent field. Cllr. Arwel Davies to liaise with Mr Edward Williams on general maintenance of the path. Cllr. A. Davies/Clerk
- 5vi) Cllr. O. Williams reported on the C.C.C. Local Development Plan workshop that he and Cllr. Alun Davies had attended on 30 July. The introduction of Place Plans would provide an opportunity for community councils to

engage with, and gather the views of, the community at an early stage, not only on housing development but social, economic and environmental aspects as well. Proposals within the Place Plan, if then approved by C.C.C. would be incorporated as a supplementary planning policy within the Local Development Plan.

The possibility of drawing up a business plan was also discussed. A simple business plan would outline the existing roles and responsibilities of the Community Council such as provision of footway lighting, observations on planning applications, charitable donations etc and plans for the future such as increasing the number of defibrillators. It was agreed to add this as an agenda item for further discussion at the next meeting. All

With regard to Council funds, it was noted that it was good practice to have enough in reserves to cover at least 3-12 months operational costs.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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| i) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 01/08/2018, Credit Balance £6,343.30. | Noted |
| ii) Lloyds Bank Statement dated 31/08/2018, Credit Balance £10,913.30. | Noted |
| iii) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/07/2018, Sheet No 336, Credit Balance £21.49. | Noted |
| iv) HSBC Bank Statement dated 15/08/2018, Sheet No 337, Credit Balance £21.49. | Noted |
| v) C.C.C. Remittance Advice, second instalment of precept, £5,000. | Noted |
| vi) C.C.C. re new Rights of Way Improvement Plan. | Noted |
| vii) C.C.C. Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Wind and Solar Energy. | Noted |
| viii) C.C.C. public meeting "The Fate of the Language in Carmarthenshire", workshop discussing agriculture, tourism and education. | Noted |
| ix) C.C.C. 50 + Forum annual celebration National Botanic Garden of Wales 14 September 2018. | Noted |
| x) Welsh Government Draft Proposal Report- Review of the Electoral Arrangements for Carmarthenshire. Cllr. J. Davies outlined the proposed changes at county level, there were no changes proposed to the Manordeilo and Salem Community Council boundary. | Noted |
| xi) Welsh Government Consultation on Fracking and Coal Bed Methane Development. | Noted |
| xii) Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. | Noted |
| xiii) Welsh Government Enabling Natural Resources and Wellbeing in Wales 2019-2023, grant applications. | Noted |
| xiv) Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales-update, Clerk to circulate to Councillors. | Clerk |
| xv) Hywel Dda University Health Board, 'Our Big NHS Change'-report of findings | Noted |
| xvi) Hywel Dda University Health Board, 'Our Big NHS Change'-Plaid Cymru's response. | Noted |
| xvii) NHS Wales Thoracic Surgery Services in South Wales. | Noted |
| xviii) One Voice Wales, information on training, consultations and public appointments. | Noted |
| xix) Urdd Carmarthenshire, a letter of thanks for donation. | Noted |
| xx) St John Cymru, request for financial support. | Feb 2019 |
| xxi) Welsh Talking Books, request for financial support. | Feb 2019 |
| xxii) Carms Fed of Y.F.C.s, request for financial support. | Feb 2019 |
| xxiii) Amman Valley Hospital Action Group, request for financial assistance. This was declined as outside the community council area and not benefiting local residents. | |

7. BUDGET REVIEW

The Bank Statement dated 30/08/2018 showed a credit balance of £10,913.30 and there no un-presented cheques.

8. LIGHTING

It was reported that Footway light 821/23 in Salem was not working: Clerk to report to C.C.C.

Clerk

9. FOOTPATHS

No issues.

10. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

11. ANNUAL RETURN

The Annual Return for the Year Ending 31st March 2018 had been certified and signed off by the external auditors Grant Thornton. No issues had been raised. It was proposed by Cllr. H. Gwynne, seconded by Cllr. Alun Davies and unanimously agreed that the Annual Return be reapproved. The Notices of Conclusion of Audit would be posted on the notice boards of Salem Village Hall and Manordeilo Reading Room.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk's Salary August 2018, Chq No 1273	£430.00
ii) Syrfewr JED Cyf, Translation Services, Chq No 1274	432.43
iii) One Voice Wales, Training, Chq No 1275	40.00
iv) Mr Paul Davies, Tree Survey, Chq No 1276	100.00
v) Mrs Jane Davies, Clerk' Salary September 2018 and balance £100 July Salary, Chq No 1277	530.00
vi) Grant Thornton, External Audit, Chq No 1278	193.50
TOTAL	£1,725.93

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) The Clerk advised that the Wales Audit Office was conducting a study into the effectiveness of internal audits of Town and Community Councils. Manordeilo and Salem had been chosen as a sample council and the Clerk and Mrs W. Phillips the internal auditor had provided the requested information.
- ii) It was agreed that the October meeting would begin at 7.00pm in order to review the Standing Orders.

As there was no further business, the Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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CHAIRPERSON