**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of Manafon Community Council held on**

**Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Coppin (Chair), Davies, Morgan, Benyon, Hall, County Cllr Yeomans and the temporary Clerk Sarah Yeomans

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Gethin and Lewis

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the November meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true

 record. Proposed Cllr Hall and seconded Cllr Benyon

**4.** **Public Participation Session**

 No-one present

**5. Information arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that a total of £173.69 had been collected from the local community in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.

**6. Correspondence**

a)An email from the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust regarding updates would be

 forwarded to individual Councillors for information. It was agreed that the Trust could be approached about coming to speak at a meeting in the local area and the

 Clerk would find out if this was possible.

 b) **Training Courses offered by One Voice Wales**

 It was decided that Cllr Coppin would attend a training course on Chairing Skills and

 Cllr Benyon would attend an ‘Understanidng the Law’ course. The Clerk would see if funding was available for these courses and would look to update the training plan.

**7**. **County Councillor update**

 Cllr Yeomans gave an update on recent flooding by Dolgar turn.

 He also told the meeting that a member of the community above Gwernydd caravan park has put in place 8 grit bins and Powys will be filling these with salt.

**8. Finance payments**

 a) The bank account contains £12,241.25. A Cheque for £254.20 was approved for payment to the Clerk. Cheque no. 100460

 b) **To set the budget for the coming year**. A discussion was held regarding the

 likely payments that would be required for the 2025-26 year and the sum of £2,995 was agreed. Proposed Cllr Benyon, seconded Cllr Hall with all in favour.

 c) **To appoint an Internal Auditor.** The internal auditor for Dwyriw, D Shaw, has indicated that she would be happy to carry out the role for Manafon for the coming

 year. It was proposed by Cllr Benyon and seconded by Cllr Hall that she should be asked to carry out the audit.

 d) The Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025-26 will be £11.10 per elector.

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**9. Highways**

 a) The matter of white lines at the bottom of Llanwyddelan bank has been reported

 to the Highways Dept. and they will replace them when they are next in the area.

 b) An open sewer outside the old school in Manafon had been causing problems

 recently during heavy rain. The resident had been advised to contact Hafren Dyfyrdwy and the problem would be monitored.

 c) It was reported that the ‘Manafon’ sign is starting to rust and a corner sign below Dol y Rheol rocks had partially collapsed. Both these matters will be reported.

**10. Planning**

 There were no planning applications to discuss.

**11. Speed sign for New Mills**

 Discussion regarding the purchase of a speed sign for New Mills had been held

 at previous meetings and the purchase agreed in principle. The Clerk was asked to

 find out more about the legal requirements for placing a sign on the roadside.

**12. Website**

 The Clerk has begun to add content to the Manafon website and this would be continued as more information and documents become available. Cllr Coppin

 asked the Clerk to find out more details on email addresses for individual Councillors.

**13. Clerk Vacancy Update**

A job vacancy advertisement had been posted to the local community groups on Facebook with a closing date for applications of the 30th December.

**14. Items for the Next Agenda**

 Precept request

**15. Date of the next meeting**

 The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th January at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.45pm