**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Monday 6 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Llanwyddelan Schoolroom**

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

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Hall

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3.** **Public Participation Session**

 No members of the public were present

**4. Minutes of the December Meeting**

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

 record. Proposed Cllr Benyon and seconded Cllr Davies

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising

**6. Correspondence**

a)Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust had offered to attend a community meeting, and it was suggested that they might be invited to a joint meeting being organised by AM Russell George and the County Cllr. The Clerk would look into the possibilities for this.

**7. Finance**

 a) The bank account contains £13,297.05. A Cheque for £10 was approved for payment for hire of Llanwyddelan Schoolroom. Cheque no. 100461

 b) **To agree the precept for the coming year**. A discussion was held regarding the

 likely payments that would be required for the 2025-26 year and the Clerk circulated a draft budget. The total payments expected were £5,158 so it was confirmed that the sum of £2,995 would be requested as a precept. This would take into account the reserves currently held, some of which were ear-marked for the purchase of a speed reduction sign.

 c) **To confirm the Clerk’s pay and pay scale.** It was agreed that the Clerk should be paid at SCP 19 according to the latest NALC pay scale. The rate would be £16.10 per hour for 15 hours a month, so £241.50 per month. A cheque was issued to the Clerk for the current month, £241.50, Cheque no. 100462.

**8. Highways**

 a) Potholes were reported at the end of New Mills Bridge and also on the C2133 just before Ystrad Bridge. These will be passed on to Powys County Council.

 b) Grit bins had been placed along the C2133 by a member of the community the

 County Cllr Yeomans was asked to see if he could persuade Powys Highways to fill them.

**9. Planning**

 a) **24/1824/FUL** – Construction of a silage clamp and all associated works.

 Bron Heulog, Manafon. The proposal was discussed and the council agreed to

 support this application.

 b) 24/1772/HH - Widening access and enhancement of visibility splay at 1 St Michael’s Close, Manafon. The Council discussed this application and agreed to support it.

**10. Speed indicator signs for New Mills and Manafon**

 Montgomeryshire Area Traffic Engineer, Chris Lloyd has agreed to meet with Councillors on the 24 January in New Mills to discuss the possibilities for

 placing speed indicator signs in both New Mills and Manafon.

**11. Website and email update**

 It was decided that only the Clerk’s details would be made available on the website, and she would pass on information to individual Councillors as required.

**12.** **Councillor training plan**

Cllrs Coppin and Benyon were both due to undertake training during January. The Clerk was asked to draw up a training plan ahead of the February meeting.

**13. Clerk Vacancy Matters**

a)The deadline for applications had passed with no enquiries regarding the vacancy.

 It was agreed that the advertisement would be shared again on social media and a

 few potential local people would be asked specifically to see if they were interested

 in taking on the role.

 b) The past Clerk was yet to return the council laptop and all documents in her possession. Following advice from One Voice Wales it was agreed that she should be sent a letter by recorded delivery requesting the return of all Council property by the

 end of January.

 c) The Clerk was asked to contact Audit Wales for an update. Proposed Cllr Benyon and seconded Cllr Lewis.

**14. County Councillor Update**

 County Cllr Yeomans gave a brief update of recent meetings.

**15. Items to be reported or included on the next agenda**

None

**16. Date of the next meeting**

 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 February at 7.30pm

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