**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Monday 5 February 2025 at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

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

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Morgan

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

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

 No members of the public were present

**4. Minutes of the January Meeting**

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

 record. Proposed Cllr Lewis and seconded Cllr Davies

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) A letter had been sent to the previous Clerk requesting return of all council property and this has all now been received.

 b) The NHS Trust were unable to attend the meeting with Russell George at the end

 of February so another date will be found for this.

**6. Correspondence**

a)Cambrian Trains – details of forthcoming closures will be posted on social media.

**7. Finance**

 a) The bank account contains £13,014.75. A Cheque for £249.20 was approved for the Clerk, being £241.50 wages and £7.70 expenses for January.

 Proposed Cllr Benyon and seconded Cllr Hall. Cheque no. 100463.

 b) **One Voice Wales Financial Management training course.** The Clerk had

 attended a recent One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire area meeting and heard from other councils affected by the loss of the same Clerk as Manafon. This has resulted in financial problems with Audit Wales and the audit process. OVW has offered to run this financial management course for representatives from all Councils recently affected and it was agreed that Cllrs Coppin and Morgan and the Clerk would attend on behalf of Manafon.

**8. Highways**

 a) Signs will be requested for Baxter Mill where there is an elevated ford by the bridge which is dangerous for people unaware of its existence.

 b) A new sign has been confirmed for Manafon.

 c) Part of the road by the school in Manafon is collapsing and causing

 problems and this will be reported.

**9. Planning**

 Nothing to report

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

 Montgomeryshire Area Traffic Engineer, Chris Lloyd has now met with Councillors

 to look at the possibilities for speed signs and discussions are ongoing.

**11. Training Plan**

 The Clerk has drawn up a Training Plan for Manafon Councillors and this was

 adopted by those present. It was noted that Cllr Benyon has recently taken the OVW course ‘Understanding the Law’.

**12. Clerk Vacancy Matters**

Two applications have been received for the position of Clerk and it was agreed that both would be invited to an interview with the Chair and Vice Chair.

**13. County Councillor Update**

 County Cllr Yeomans gave a brief update of recent matters he had dealt with.

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

None

**15. Date of the next meeting**

 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 March at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm