**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Wednesday 16 April 2025 at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

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

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Morgan andCounty Cllr Yeomans

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Davies for Village Hall discussions

**3. New Clerk to the Council**

Unfortunately, the proposed new Clerk was not now able to take on the role so another applicant for the job will be offered the position.

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

 No members of the public were present

**5. Minutes of the March Meeting**

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

 record. Proposed Cllr Hall and seconded Cllr Benyon.

**6. Matters arising from the Minutes**

It was reported that groundworks for the new mast in Manafon are now underway.

**7. Update from the One Voice Wales area meeting**

 Cllrs Coppin, Morgan and Benyon had all attended the area meeting in Pontrobert and

 gave an update on the issues raised, including highways and recycling.

**8. Correspondence**

a) A request for funding has been received from New Mills Village Hall, asking for

help with the costs associated with some regular community events they are planning. It was agreed by all that £200 should be given to help fund these evenings for the coming year to help aid community well-being.

b) A new list of conditions has been sent by the Hall for all users and the Council agreed to sign and abide by them.

c) An application for funding from the international Eisteddfod in Llangollen was deferred to the AGM.

**9. Finance**

 a) The latest bank statement was circulated and a balance of £11,849.24 reported.

 Invoices were approved for payment:

 i) New Mills Village Hall hire fees, Sept 24 to March 25, £155.00, Cheque -100468

 ii) Clerk, wages and expenses £246.30, Cheque - 100469

 iii) New Mills Village Hall, Donation - £200, Cheque – 100470

 b) Audit papers from Audit Wales have arrived and the Clerk will prepare them for

 the May meeting.

 c) **Vat claim** – The Vat number allocated to Manafon Council has not been left

 by the previous Clerk so it will be requested from HMRC so that a new claim can be

 made.

d) **Finance Training –** It was agreed that Cllrs Coppin and Benyon would undertake a One Voice Wales Finance course on the 18th June.

e) **HMRC** - The Clerk was asked to look into the current HMRC situation in terms of the Council’s responsibilities and will ask a local accountant for advice.

f) A letter from the Independent Renumeration Panel for Wales has arrived stating that the Manafon return for payments to members was not received before the 30 September 2024.

**10. Highways**

a) It was decided that the worst pothole or stretch of road in the community would be reported each month and on this occasion it would be Glyn Lane.

 A pothole between Dolyrheol and New Mills Bridge will also be reported.

**11. Planning**

 Nothing to report

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

Speed measuring strips have been placed in New Mills and Manafon but no results are available yet.

**13. Tregynon Play Area**

Tregynon Council are hoping to replace individual items in their play area as funds allow, and they will be applying for grants, as well as fundraising. A letter will be sent by them once they have decided what is required.

**14. County Councillor Update**

 No update

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

Cllr Benyon had prepared an asset register and was asked to check the cost of a BT kiosk ahead of the AGM in May.

**16. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 May at 7.00pm starting with the AGM.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.15pm