**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 7.00pm in New Mills Village Hall**

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

**1. Election of Officers**

Cllr Davies proposed that Cllr Coppin should continue as Chairman and Cllr Morgan as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Lewis with all in favour.

Cllr Coppin took the Chair

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Minutes of the Previous AGM 2024**

Nothing available

**4.** **Finance**

**a) Annual Donations**

It was agreed that a donation would be made to the British Legion at the end of the year and further donations given over the year if appropriate.

**b) Clerk’s salary**

Councillors were happy with the current salary paid to the Clerk.

**c) Review of banking and charges**

Councillors agreed to continue banking with HSBC and to continue to make payments by cheque rather than use online banking for the time being.

**d)** The current **Fidelity Guarantee** was deemed sufficient at £250,000.

**5. Annual review of Council documents and policies**

The following policies were considered and approved and would be placed on the website:

a) Standing Orders

b) Financial Regulations

c) Risk assessment policy

d) Risk assessment of Council assets – annual assessment completed

e) Model Code of Conduct

f) Members’ Register of Interests – all completed.

g) Council Training Plan

**6. Annual Report**

The previous Clerk to the Council left her employment in September 2024 leaving the Council in a difficult position. A temporary Clerk was appointed in October to begin work in November and would continue until a permanent replacement was found.

Several problems with the highways were reported over the year, including various potholes and the serious flooding problems at Dolgaer turn and New Mills Bridge. Work has now been carried out at this site which is hoped will improve the situation. Councillors have also continued to pursue the progress of the mobile mast in Manafon.

In January a Training Plan was drawn up for Councillors and a course in ‘Understanding the Law’ has now been completed. Further courses have been booked for 2025.

Speed measurement strips were installed in New Mills and Manafon villages in February and once the results are known the next steps for installing speed indicator signs can be progressed.

The Council is currently in the process of updating all its policies to ensure it is complying with its legal requirements.