**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Wednesday 4 June 2025 at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

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

**1. Apologies**

County Cllr Yeomans

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

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

No members of the public were present

**4. Minutes of the AGM and the May Meeting**

The minutes of the AGM and the May meetings 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. Clerk Vacancy update**.

A previous applicant for the position of Clerk has agreed to take on the role from October. It was agreed that Sarah Yeomans would continue as Clerk until October and her Contract of Employment was signed by the Chair. It was resolved that she would shadow the new Clerk for the first two months or as required.

**7. Correspondence**

a) Cllr Coppin presented a letter to the Council to tender his resignation due to other commitments. Councillors thanked Cllr Coppin for his hard work and commitment during his time on the Council.

The current Vice Chair Cllr Morgan agreed to take over the role of Chairman and a new Vice Chairman would be appointed at the next meeting.

The Clerk would report a Casual Vacancy to Powys County Council.

b) Seating and play equipment catalogue

**8. Finance**

a) The latest bank statement and the budget monitoring sheet were circulated and a balance of £12,111.66 was reported.

Two payments were approved:

i) Mrs D Shaw, internal audit £60, Cheque - 100472

ii) Clerk, wages and expenses £251.82, Cheque – 100473

b) **Conclusion of Audits for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

The Clerk presented the documents for the conclusion of the audits for the previous four years. The Council was reminded by the Auditor that the annual accounts should be returned by the end of September each year. A number of other matters were drawn to the attention of the council and the conclusion of audit notice would be posted on the website and the noticeboard along with copies of the accounts.

c) The Clerk presented the **Annual Accounts for 2024/25** to the Council. These had been audited by the Internal auditor and her comments were made available.

**Annual Governance Statement –** The Council considered all the statements and answered ‘Yes’ to them all.

The Council approved the Annual Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement

and the Clerk will send all the necessary paperwork to Audit Wales.

d) The Clerk has written to HMRC requesting a change of address for all correspondence.

e) The Kiosk needs re-painting, and approval was given for the purchase of paint.

**9. Highways**

a) Cllr Benyon reported a potential problem with the drains in Manafon which will be investigated further.

b) Recent work in the field above the Dolgar turn seems to have improved the flooding situation at New Mills Bridge. The Clerk was asked to write to the farmer to thank him for carrying out the work.

c) The warning arrows sign below Dolyrheol rocks is now lying flat in the hedge and this will be reported.

d) A bad stretch of road on the C2013 between Lawnt Isaf and Pendwyriw will be reported and also a lump in the road above Bowen’s Mill which is getting worse.

e) A dip in the road on the Tregynon straight before the turn for Birch House will be reported and also a raised manhole cover in this area.

f) The owner of an overhanging hedge in New Mills will be asked to cut this back from the road to improve visibility.

**10. Planning**

There were no new planning applications to consider but the question was raised about the rules relating to living in a caravan. It was confirmed that this was permitted if meals were eaten in a permanent building.

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

The recent speed measuring strips had been put in place by Gosafe, part of Dyfed-Powys Police, and they had been asked for the results.

**12. County Councillor Update**

County Cllr Yeomans had reported that he had met the Highways Officer in Manafon recently to discuss some drainage issues. He had also been in touch with the local MP about the delay with the mobile mast.

Fly tipping had been noted locally and was being dealt with.

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

a) Cllr Benyon raised the matter of changes proposed for Bronglais Hospital in Aberystwyth and the Clerk will circulate more information about this.

b) The election of a Vice Chair will be placed on the next agenda.

c) A Biodiversity report was required and would be discussed at the next meeting.

**14. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 July at 7.30pm.

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