**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

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

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

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

 No members of the public were present

**4. Minutes of the June Meeting**

The minutes of the June meetings were taken as read and accepted as a

 true record. Proposed Cllr Benyon and seconded Cllr Lewis.

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Cllr Benyon had attended the recent One Voice Wales finance training and had found it very useful.

**6. Election of Vice Chair**

No one was appointed as Vice Chair at this meeting, so the position remains vacant.

**7. Councillor co-option to fill vacancy**

In the event that a local election is not requested by the community it was agreed that the Clerk should post notice of the council vacancy on the noticeboard and on the website with a deadline of expressions of interest for the end of August.

**8. Correspondence**

a) A letter has been received from Tregynon Community Council asking whether Manafon Community Council would help towards the cost of new play equipment.

It was decided that the matter should be discussed again in September when the current financial position was clearer.

b) PCC are launching a **Countryside Volunteer Programme** and asking for representatives from each local council to meet to discuss the initiative. This would be aimed at improving and maintaining footpaths in local communities. It was decided that, as Manafon already had a circular route available, they would not attend at this stage.

c) Clerks and Councils Direct publication

**9. Finance**

a) The latest bank statement and the budget monitoring sheet were circulated and a balance of **£11,153.10** was reported.

 Two payments were approved:

 i) Clerk, wages and expenses £252.01, Cheque – 100474

ii) Audit Wales are catching up with their invoicing process and invoices for 2020/21, 2022/23 and 2023/24 had been received. The total due was £2,078.00 and this payment was approved by the Council. Cheque 100475

b) The Clerk noted that there had still been no reply from HMRC regarding a change of address before a Vat claim could be made or PAYE set up. The letter would be sent again in case the first one had gone astray.

**10. Highways**

a) The drains situation in Manafon has been investigated by Severn Trent and a job number allocated.

b) The Lawnt / Pendwyriw stretch of road has now been repaired but the job is poor so this information will be passed back to the Highways department.

c) A pothole near the Pump House in Manafon will be reported.

**11. Planning**

**Llyn Lort Energy Park –** Launch of Statutory Consultation. Councillors agreed to make no comment at this stage

**12. Section 6, Biodiversity Report**

Following discussion of activity in the local area, a report on the council’s Biodiversity duty achievements for the previous three years would be prepared by the Clerk.

A plan for the next three years was discussed, and this would also be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting

**13. County Councillor Update**

County Cllr Yeomans gave an update on recent matters affecting the area, including school transport and Caereinion High School. He told the meeting that there was currently a vacancy for a representative from Manafon on the Governors of Ysgol Rhiw Bechan.

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

i) Tregynon Play Area

ii) Councillor co-option

**15. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 September at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.25pm