**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

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

**Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

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

**1. Apologies**

County Cllr Yeomans apologised for his late arrival

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

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

The new Clerk was present as an observer

**4. Minutes of the July Meeting**

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

true record. Proposed Cllr Davies and seconded Cllr Benyon.

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

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

Mr Wayne Evans from the Pump House had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor and he was duly co-opted onto the council with all in favour of his appointment. He signed a declaration of acceptance of office form and joined the meeting.

**7. Correspondence**

a) One Voice Wales, notification of Training Courses to the end of the year.

b) Letter from Ysgol Rhiw Bechan regarding a request for a School Governor from Manafon Council.

c) Notification of a ‘Funding Fair’ being held by Russell George in the Monty Club on the 24 October.

**8. Finance**

a) The latest bank statement and the budget monitoring sheet were circulated and a balance of **£8,740.29** was reported.

Invoices were approved for payment:

i) Clerk, wages and expenses £247.74, Cheque – 100476

ii) Spanglefish for website hosting for the coming year. £138.00, Cheque 100477

iii) Mr R Benyon for new defib pads for the Manafon machine and laminated user instructions. £89.94, Cheque 100478

iv) Mr R Benyon – travel expenses for attendance at One Voice Wales meeting in June. (39 miles x 45p) £17.55, Cheque 100479

b) **Insurance Renewal**

An invitation had arrived from Zurich Municipal to renew the insurance cover for the coming year at a cost of £214 (the same as the previous year). The Councillors discussed the invitation and agreed to continue with this company. Cheque 100480

c) **Members’ Allowances**

All Councillors agreed to opt out of taking the £156 allowance available to them at the current time and the relevant forms would be sent on to the DOC and Audit Wales. It was suggested that the money could be paid to the Councillors acting as Chair and Vice Chair to acknowledge the extra work involved and this would be discussed again in January.

**9. Highways**

a) Chris Lloyd from Highways had written to confirm that speed measuring strips would be placed in New Mills and Manafon after the school holidays and he also acknowledged that Powys would be supportive of placing SIDs in the villages. The Clerk was asked to get an idea of the likely cost of this for the next meeting.

b) The poor condition of Old Hall Lane in New Mills would be reported.

c) An accident on New Mills Bridge on the 15 August had damaged the bridge and County Cllr Yeomans was asked to find out if this was now scheduled for investigation and repair.

**10. Planning**

There was nothing to consider

**11. Section 6, Biodiversity Report**

A report for the previous three years and a plan for the next three had been drawn up by the Clerk and circulated. All Councillors were happy to accept these documents which would be posted on the website.

**12. Tregynon Play Area update**

There was no update available at this time but it was noted that Manafon Council would like to support the project in some way if they were able to.

**13. County Councillor Update**

County Cllr Yeomans gave an update on recent matters affecting the area and told the Council about a sum of money available for anti-poverty projects. Options would need to be considered by the end of September.

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

i) The drains situation in Manafon is still awaiting attention and this would be chased

ii) A new contract of employment would be drawn up for the new Clerk who will be starting at the October meeting.

**15. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 October at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm