

NOVEMBER 2021

CYNGOR CYMUNED MANORDEIFI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 9th November, 2021
at Abercych Village Hall**

Meeting opened at 19.52

99. Present

Cllrs Elizabeth Hall (Chairman), Aled Lewis, Alan Wilson, Lynda Williams, Pamela Parsons
Clerk – Judith Kings

100. Apologies for Absence

Alan Ford
County Cllr John Davies

101. Declarations of interest on matters arising from the agenda

None declared.

102. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

Minute 94 amended to read 'Donations to local bodies -s137'
Amended minutes approved by all and signed as a true and accurate record.

103. County Councillor report

Written report circulated prior to meeting

- The matter of surface water on the highway at Abercych has been addressed
- Grey bin bags have been delivered
- The obscuring of street lights by trees is still being dealt with. Land owners have been contacted to ask them to cut tree growth back
- Remembrance Sunday information and posters have been circulated. Cllrs Hall and Parsons are taking part.

Matters Arising (not on the agenda)

104. Minute 85. Leaving gift for retiring clerks

The leaving gift was purchased through personal donations from individual Councillors. All Councillors expressed how pleased they were with the gift.

ACTION: Clerk to write letter of thanks to Michael Winn.

105. Minute 96. Trees obscuring street lighting

Update received via County Councillor report.

Correspondence

106. National Sheep Dog Trials

These are being held in Pembrokeshire 25-27th August 2022. Information shared with Councillors.

107. Letter of thanks from St. David's Church

Thanks received from the new curate for the donation from the Council. Information shared regarding their Christmas Fair.

108. Thanks from Newchapel Reading room & Playing Fields and Abercych Hall

Thanks received for the donations from the Council.

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109. Gwyneth Newman's request for permission to create a raised flower bed

Owing to possible health and safety issues, the Council felt that a raised bed would not be appropriate.

RESOLVED: To grant permission to create a flower bed in the bank.

ACTION: Clls Williams, Lewis and Hall to meet to discuss exactly where to place the bed.
Clerk to write to Gwyneth to explain the Council's decision.

110. Welsh Ambulance Service, registration of defibrillator

The Abercych defibrillator, when it becomes the responsibility of the Council, will need to be registered if it hasn't been already. It is located on the wall of the Penrhiw pub and is available 24 hours. All other information required will be on the machine.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Abercych village hall committee to arrange a nominated person to regularly check the machine and report back to the clerk.

Clerk to also check prices of batteries and pads for the Newchapel defibrillator to ensure value for money.

Council Matters

111. Signing of Clerk's contract

All councillors had previously approved the contract. Signed by chair & clerk.

112. Report from Cllr Parsons on her visit to Clynyfw

Cllr Parsons provided a verbal report on her attendance at the Clyn Fyw Community Benefit Scheme (CCBS) open day on October 17th. It was unanimously agreed by those present that it was not something Manordeifi Community Council could become involved in, but the Council recognised the hard work by those at Clynyfw.

113. Ramoth Chapel, Abercych

Cllr Parsons has received complaints about the state of chapel. There are plants growing through the building now. It is owned by Teifi Valley Scaffolding.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Ronald James to ask if it can be tidied up.

114. Flooding in the Abercych area

This was addressed in the County Councillor's report.

Financial Matters

115. The bank account is now in the name and address of the new clerk - noted

116. The clerk received a bursary towards the cost of ILCA course – noted

117. Councillor allowances for the current financial year

RESOLVED: to offer the maximum sum of £75 if any councillor wishes to receive their allowance for this year.

118. Balance at 9.11.21

£3902.34 including unrepresented cheques at the bank.

119. 2022-23 Budget

Amendments to the proposed budget:

Rental for Abercych Hall and Newchapel Reading room increased to allow for full number of meetings and energy costs of the defibrillator.

£75 per councillor to be made available for their allowance (£450) and £450 budgeted for Councillor training

BUDGET FOR 2022-23 APPROVED with those amendments

120. Precept level for 2022-23

Increased costs for the next financial year, because of clerk training and the agreement to budget for Councillor allowances and training, led the Council to agree to a rise in the precept level for 2022-23.

RESOLVED: to set the precept level at £6000 for the year 2022-23

121. Payment of £72 to clerk for the cost of the ILCA course - **APPROVED**

122. Payment of £90 to Paul Bishop for Millennium Garden maintenance - **APPROVED**

Any Other Business

123. Regarding the issue of obscured street lighting in Abercych, Cllr Parsons informed the meeting that residents would not be happy about the delay in getting the issue resolved as many are elderly and the lights are on the telegraph poles which are County Council owned. There is now a safety issue.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the County Councillor again to see if progress can be made.

124. Pavement outside Maes Y Cilgwyn properties

Cllrs Lewis and Williams pointed out that the pavement outside number 7 in particular, but others also, is dangerous because of works undertaken to allow access to cars onto the properties. Residents have complained as the uneven concrete is posing a danger to children and pedestrians.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the County Councillor as these are Council properties.

125. Millennium garden maintenance – Cllr Pamela Parsons

Currently the garden is looking very untidy and is posing a risk as the decking is not being maintained properly. As this is Community Council property it has to be maintained by the Council. The current maintenance levels may not be enough to keep the garden useable. This topic to be revisited in the spring, when the Council can look at the work needed and seek tenders for the work.

126. Date and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 11th January, 2022 at Abercych Village Hall, 7.45pm

Meeting ended 9.32pm

Agenda items to the clerk by: Monday 3rd January, 2022