

NEW MOAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held of Wednesday, the 30th day of Aug 2023 at 20:00 in YFC Hall, Llys-y-Fran.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr H Warlow (Chair) ,Cllr D Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr R Williams; Cllr J Bushell, Cllr E Davies, Cllr M Himsworth and Sue Harding (Clerk). Also present Cllr D Howlett (Pembrokeshire County Council)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
2. **DECLARATION OF KNOWN INTERESTS** - None
3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES dated 24th May 2023– Decision Approved**
4. **Update on Broadband** - Cllr Howlett reported that Broadway Broadband had gone into administration and that the administrators were hopeful that a potential buyer of the business could be found. **Decision - Noted**
5. **Update on Boundary Commission changes** - A Meeting was arranged for Tuesday 5th September and members are encouraged to attend via a link circulated by the Clerk in an email. Cllr Howlett had attended a meeting in which a proposal to increase the member/voter ratio was to be increased therefore requiring the merger of some smaller councils. A discussion took place of the benefits and drawbacks of the proposal e.g. some councils found it difficult to fill member places and recruit Clerks, there was the perception of voter interest/fatigue as very few Councils had been required to have elections; concerns about where the money of a new amalgamated Councils might be spent; prospect of increased precepts pushing up the Council Tax; Members expected to cover larger areas etc.. The Chair asked members to vote to indicate whether they would support amalgamation with another Community Council - **Decision was unanimously against amalgamation**
6. **Community Events** - The Clerk asked if the members would like to hold another Community Christmas event for retired people in the area in January? A discussion took place about the date and possible sponsorship. **Decision - Clerk to contact local businesses and explore grant options then report back at next meeting.**
7. **Planning Matters**
 - a. **23/0280/PA - Rural Enterprise Dwelling at New Mill Stables** - noted
8. **Defibrillator at Llys-Y-Fran** - the Clerk had received a letter from Llys-y-fran YFC asking for a donation towards them purchasing a defibrillator which would be located outside for the benefit of the local community. **Decision - the members are keen to support this request but required more information about the breakdown of costs before an amount was approved. Clerk to contact YFC for more information.**
9. **Correspondence received since last meeting** -
 - a. **Assets Collaboration Programme Wales Phase 3** - open from the 1/4/23 to 31/3/24 for individual grants between 10K-75K to support collaborative projects - **Decision Noted**
 - b. **Hywel Dda holding consultation meetings between 26 May and 24 Aug 2023.** A meeting was held on the 12 June specifically for Town and Community members.**Decision Noted**

- c. Infrastructure [Wales] Bill 2023 - new consenting process in relation to renewable energy projects. Decision Noted
- d. Bwcabus Zone Changes. Decision Noted
- e. Long Course Weekend 2023 - 30 Jun to 2 July road closures Decision Noted
- f. Opportunities for using nature based solutions via NRW's new grant - small scale drainage scheme 25-40K applications by 25 September 23 Decision Noted
- g. Changes to School catchment areas from Sept 23 Decision Noted
- h. PCC new document encouraging private water supplies (wells, boreholes, springs etc) to think about safety and sufficiency of supply and plan for future. Decision Noted
- i. One voice Wales and Friends of the Earth have produced a guide for local councils titled 'Tackling Climate Change' Decision Noted
- j. Ethical Standards Event 11.7.23 Decision Noted
- k. PCC guidance on Avian Flu - Decision Noted
- l. 'Force of Nature' mini grant funding available unto 4K for new green spaces. Decision Noted

11. Notification of any other business for discussion at future meetings:-

- a. None

12. Next Meeting Date - 25th October 2023

Meeting Closed at 21:00