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Manordeifi Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Abercych Village Hall on Tuesday 13th of October 2020 at 7.45p.m

Acceptance of office of two new members, Cllr Pam Parsons Abercych and Cllr Lynda Williams Newchapel. Both Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams made their declarations and signed the acceptance of office document. The Chairman warmly welcomed the two new members and wishes them well in their new community roles as Community Councillors.

76. PRESENT

Cllrs – Mr Aled Lewis (Chairman); Mr Alan Ford, Mrs Lynda Williams, Mr Alan Wilson, Mrs Liz Hall, Mrs Pamela Parsons and County Cllr John Davies (deputising Clerk).

77. APOLOGIES

All present.

78. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 08/09/20

After pre meeting circulation and acceptance of the minutes, they were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

79. Retirement gifts to two former members - Deputy Clerk highlighted the difficulty in seeking an appropriate crafts person to provide what was being sought. Members suggested a few names to consider and the Clerk would approach them as soon as possible as the matter had been ongoing for some time.

80. Litter Bin – Abercych - £117.08 + Vat £23.42 = £140.50p already installed – Richard Wilson was thanked for his offer to install and service the bin. Payment was approved by all present.

81. Newchapel Playing Field – financial request was withdrawn with no decision necessary.

Correspondence

82. Planning Application – 20/0338/PA - Cilast Uchaf Farm Newchapel – Livestock Unit with below ground covered Slurry Store - Members had no adverse observations to make regarding the application and welcomed an application which provided for a covered slurry store.

83. Planning Application – 20/0022/PA - Clynyfwr Farm Abercych – One Planet Development to include the construction of a house. Members decided not make representations on the matter even though some members had reservations and concerns regarding the application.

Financial Matters

84. Balance as of 13/10/20 net of all outstanding cheques – Treasures Acc £3,661.40p as per circulated bank statement – was noted.

85. Quarterly budget Monitoring – Photocopy of latest Bank Statement provided, with this year's budgeted spend. End of year balance to be **circa £2,012.40p**. Budgeted Expenditure to year end are as follows –

£792 - Clerk half year salary inclusive of PAYE costs

£300 est – Grounds maintenance Costs.

£1,200 - Variable Speed Signs contribution.

£600 est – S137 Local and general donations

£300 – Audit fee

£190 - Rental and deflib costs.

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£100 – Miscellaneous

Total Expenditure = £3,482 – Income of £3,661.40p + £1,833.00 precept = Total balance of circa £5,494.40 - £3,482 = **Predicted end of year balance of est £2,012.40p.** Require reserve for election costs of circa £1,000 for May 2022.

The above report was noted.

86. Financial / Municipal Year 2021/22 Budget Requirement

Based on forward commitments, need to maintain at least a £1,000 general reserve and last year spend with a 2.5 % inflation factor the **budget requirement for 2021/22 will be circa £5,000.00 + any new initiatives for 2020/21** Current Precept £5,500.

The above was explained in detail by the deputizing Clerk with members noting the need to consider the detail and future commitments by the next meeting when a decision on Precept for the ensuing municipal year would be decided. It was further noted that the Chairman would not be submitting a bill for the reimbursement of his costs for cutting the grass bank near the Playing Field in Newchapel. Members expressed their grateful thanks to Cllr Aled Lewis for his generosity once again this year.

87. Annual Donations to local bodies –

Cllr Liz Hall declared a pecuniary interest in part to this item as a member of the Newchapel Playing Field Committee and did not participate.

Cllr Lynda Williams declared a pecuniary interest in part to this item as a member of the Newchapel Playing Field Committee and did not participate.

Cllr Liz Hall declared a pecuniary interest in part to this item as a member of the Newchapel Reading Room Committee and did not participate.

Cllr Aled Lewis declared a pecuniary interest in part to this item as a member of the Newchapel Reading Room Committee and did not participate.

Newchapel Reading Room, Newchapel Playing Field Committee, Abercych Village Hall; Cilfowyr Chapel; St Davids Church Carregwen; Abercych Senior Citizens, Newchapel Chapel. It was agreed by all present subject to declarations of interest to donate £50 to each organisation a total of £350.

Any other business

88. White Line renewal – B4332 – Cllr Lewis had already expressed concern regarding the fading of the central carriageway white line in Pontseli Carmarthenshire. County Cllr Davies had already corresponded with Carmarthenshire County Council on the matter.

89. Fly Tipping near Pentre. Cllr Hall had reported to the Clerk an incident of Fly tipping of roofing sheets on the highway near Pentre Boncath. County Cllr Davies was pleased to report that the sheets had been removed by the County Council earlier in the day.

90. Cllr Pam Parsons enquired what alternative electronic platform would be used if another lockdown ensued. It was agreed to use Microsoft Teams or a similar system providing the Clerk could assist those members that required help.

Date and venue of next meeting

91. Monthly meeting Tuesday 10th November 2020 at Newchapel at 7.45pm subject to ongoing Covid 19 guidelines.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed as a true record by the Chairman

Date