

# JANUARY 2021

## Manordeifi Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Zoom on Tuesday 12th of January 2021 at 8.25pm following technical difficulties.

### 106. PRESENT

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

### 107. APOLOGIES

Mrs Liz Hall

### 108. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

After pre meeting circulation of the minutes when they were approved by all, the minutes would be signed by the Chairman as a correct record at a later date.

### **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

109. Delivery of recycling food buckets and caddies kits– was noted as done.

110. Retirement Gifts for former Cllrs Caroline Davies and Margery Sullivan. It was noted that payment had been made of £135.50 for Mrs Sullivan's gift and £85.50 for Mrs Davies's. Total Paid = £221.00. Retrospective approval of payment was agreed and arrangements for presentation of the gifts was deferred until covid 19 regulations would allow.

111. Safety fence near Maesymeillion Newchapel – It was reported by the Chairman that work had been completed to repair the broken part of the fence.

### **Correspondence**

112. Planning Application - 20/0705/PA - Dandderwen, Abercych - New vehicle access and new driveway and turning area within the site to be supported by retaining structures. *Both Cllrs Alan Ford and Cllr Pamela Parsons declared a personal interest in this item as the application site adjoins their property and therefore did not participate.* Members did not object to the application but wished to point out the need to make sure that any excavation work would not undermine the wellbeing of the adjoining highway and that most of the application was retrospective. Concern was also expressed regarding surface water runoff in area that is prone to flooding.

113. Carriageway Reconstruction B4332 Abercych to Cenarth, Carmarthenshire and subsequent road closure. Members welcomed the improvement work to the carriageway but were concerned to not having been consulted on any prospective road closures, which would have an adverse impact on Manordeifi residents. County Cllr Davies did reassure members that he had been in dialogue with the local member for Cenarth and Carmarthenshire Cabinet Member seeking reassurances that the community would be kept informed of any future road closures.

114. Drainage B4332 Penrhiw Abercych. Members received a copy of an email received by Cllr Davies from the highways department reassuring the members that drainage work on Penrhiw Hill would be taking place shortly.

115. Two Abandoned Vehicles Canal Road Llechryd – Cllr Davies reassured members that the blue abandoned vehicle at Canal Road Llechryd would be removed within the next seven days. Enquires continue into the status of the second vehicle allegedly abandoned near Manordeifi Old Church.

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116. Public Transport provision within the community – Cllr Parsons expressed concern to the lack of accessible public transport for the village of Abercych. The Green Dragon service was considered by many as an effective substitute in an area where regular demand for public transport is sporadic. The Clerk was asked to contact Green Dragon to establish the fee structure for the service.

### **Financial Matters**

117. Balance as of 12/01/21 net of all outstanding cheques inc payments below– Treasures Acc **£3,611.65p.** inc of last precept payment received for 20/21 of £1,833.00. Precept requirement for 2021/22 notified to PCC for £5,500.00p. 00p – was noted by all present.

118. Half year salary to Clerk - £600 + £150 costs = £750.00 – It was agreed by all present to pay the sum due.

119. Final Half Yearly PAYE fees paid to DM Payrol Services - £60.00 – Payment was approved.

120. Audit fee for 19/20 = £281.75p – Members agreed to the payment however expressed concern to the extortionate amount charged, given how trouble free the Audit process had been.

121. Audit Cycle Notice for the next three years – 20/21 – Full; 21/22- Basic; 22/23 – Basic.

Members received notification of the new Audit arrangement specific to the Council for the next three years. Concern was raised that it would be overburden the Council in process and excessive costs.

### **Any other business**

122. Clerk Formal Notice of Retirement from Office as of 30/09/21 – Members were formally notified of the pending retirement of office of the current Clerk after what will have been 25 years of service to the Council. Whilst members were aware of the intention to step down, comments were made of the risk of significant change given the need for a new Clerk after such a long period and a new County Cllr to represent the Community. Members said they will sorely miss the unique joint arrangements that currently exist as Deputy Clerk and County Cllr. The Clerk was asked to seek information regarding Salary, Job Description and options to advertise the post.

123. Cllr Ford expressed concern regarding the condition of the highway near Ffosyficer farm due to the carriageway being very dirty due to agricultural activity. Clerk would look into the matter.

### **Date and venue of next meeting**

124. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9th February 2021 by zoom at 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm