

APRIL 2021

Manordeifi Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Zoom on Tuesday 13th of April 2021 at 8p.m

162. PRESENT

Cllrs - Mr Aled Lewis (Chairman), Mrs Lynda Williams, Mrs Liz Hall, Mr Alan Wilson, Mrs Pam Parsons, Mr Alan Ford and County Cllr John Davies (Deputy Clerk).

163. APOLOGIES

All present.

164. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 9th March 2021

After pre meeting circulation and approval of the minutes, they will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record at a later date.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

165. B4332 – Carmarthenshire Road Improvements – Members were informed that the road had reopened which was welcomed. A huge amount of improvements had been done to strengthen the carriageway however members were concerned that the absence of a crash barrier along one length of road near Penlan Farm would lead to vehicles leaving the highway. There were also disappointment that low hanging trees remained in places and that drainage grates were an inch to low. County Cllr Davies would further write to Cllr Hazel Evans and the highways department in Carmarthenshire. He did however inform the meeting that neither Cllr Evans or the Highways Department were forthcoming with replies in the past.

166. Dangerous Trees on B4332 at Newchapel – Members were told the owner in London had met Cllr Williams and had sought suggestions for a tree surgeon to carry out the necessary work.

167. New Clerk position – update – So far no individual has been forthcoming by informal discussions and approach. The matter would be formalised regarding salary and advertising at the AGM next month. Members would need to agree a salary level and an advertisement plan with timescales.

168. Slurry Lagoon near Newchapel – Ffosyficer Farm – The matter had now been resolved with Mr Harris providing a bund to stop dirty water seeping on to the highway. The issue of bringing HGV tankers on to the site was permitted providing the product transported was for the use of the farm.

169. Flowers for flower beds and hanging basket. Cllr Hall would purchase flowers for Newchapel and Cllr Parsons would purchase flowers for Abercych. Richard Wilson would assist in the planting in Abercych. All payment receipts to be presented to the clerk for full reimbursement of costs. Four hanging baskets would be purchased from Penrallt Nursery Moylgrove.

170. Update on Community Road Safety Grant – Speed Awareness Signs – Members were informed that Cllr Davies had met officials in Abercych and Newchapel to locate one Vehicle Activated sign on the Newchapel approach to Abercych just within the 30mph limit. The second sign would be located within the 30mph limit on the Boncath approach at Newchapel. Members agreed with the proposals.

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Correspondence

171. Wales Audit Office – New Audit arrangement postponed till 2021/22 – Members welcomed the postponement of the new Audit regime due to Covid 19 and that over 200 Councils had yet to complete last year's Audit.

172. Inspection PCC - SLA for Newchapel Playing – The matter was discussed for the need for clarity regarding who was liable for public liability insurance for the Play Area and the regular inspection regime. Cllr Davies and Cllr Williams would seek further clarity from Pembrokeshire CC on the matter whilst the Clerk would seek clarification on the public liability insurance. The cost of a possible Service Level Agreement would be considered at the next meeting following further information.

Financial Matters

173. Balance as of 13/04/21 net of all outstanding cheques – Treasures Acc **£3,431.65p** as per circulated bank statement – was noted.

174. Payment of Annual Insurance to Zurich due on 15th May - £476.54p - was approved.

175. Notice of Audit - Return by 31st of August with the appointed date 20th of September 2021. Was noted.

Any other business

176. Presentations of retirement gifts to former Cllrs Sullivan and Davies – It was decided to invite both to the next meeting to receive their much overdue retirement gifts. Covid 19 regulations would be observed.

Date and time of next meeting

177. Monthly meeting Tuesday 11th May 2021 at Newchapel Reading Room at 7.45pm

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

Signed as an approved true record

Date