

**CYNGOR CYMUNED MANORDEIFI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**  
**at Abercych Village Hall**

**Meeting opened at 19.46**

**Presentation to retiring clerks**

In recognition of the sterling work of Bethan Picton-Davies and County Cllr John Davies as Clerk and Deputy Clerk to the Community Council over a period of 25 years, the Chairman presented County Cllr John Davies with an engraved slate plaque. The advice and support from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk has been invaluable over the years and they will be missed.

**127. Present**

Councillors Elizabeth Hall (Chairman), Pamela Parsons, Aled Lewis, Lynda Williams, Alan Wilson

County Cllr John Davies

Clerk – Judith Kings

**128. Apologies for Absence**

Alan Ford

**129. Declarations of interest on matters arising from the agenda**

None declared.

**130. Approval of minutes of last meeting**

Cllr Parsons requested that her name be put against minute 125.

Approved with the above alteration and signed as a true and accurate record.

**131. County Councillor report**

The current situation with staff absences within the Council due to Covid is creating difficulties in getting work streams completed. Therefore there is a backlog in terms of street lighting checks and painting of white lines. The requests from the Community Council to County have not been forgotten and remain on the 'to do' list. On a positive note, refuse collections are running to schedule at the moment.

Increases to Council Tax are likely.

**Matters Arising (not on the agenda)**

**132. Minute 109. Raised flower bed in Newchapel Playing Field**

Cllr Lewis has spoken with Gwyneth Newman and explained that the best place to put a new flower bed would be on the inside bank and to plant it with low-growing flowers. Exact positioning to be decided in the spring.

**ACTION:** Clerk to inform Gwyneth Newman that action will be taken in the spring.

**133. Minute 110. Abercych defibrillator update**

The Clerk has not received a response to an email sent to the Chair of the Abercych Village Hall Committee requesting further information regarding the original agreement to site the defibrillator on the Penrhiw pub wall. Before committing to taking responsibility for the machine, the Council wish to have all information to hand, including a commitment from an Abercych resident to check the machine regularly.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to the Abercych Village Hall Committee again, requesting further information.

Clerk to call in to the Penrhiw pub to discuss the defibrillator and the various checks required if the Council were to take over responsibility.

**134. Minute 113. Ramoth Chapel update**

No reply has been received from the owner following a letter sent by the Clerk requesting that the site be cleaned up and made safe.

County Cllr John Davies informed the meeting that the building is Grade II listed and the County Council are very unlikely to become involved in the matter.

**ACTION:** Clerk to email the owner to try to elicit a response.

**Correspondence**

**135. Climate adaptation strategy workshops**

Councillors have been sent the relevant information if they wish to participate in the workshops.

**136. Lay Persons needed for the Governance & Audit Committee of Pembrokeshire County Council**

Information shared regarding the matter

**137. Virtual event highlighting the County Councillor role**

Noted. Email to be forwarded on after the meeting.

**138. Temporary road closure notice**

Posters and maps circulated regarding a one day closure of Carreg-wen to Abercych road. Cllrs Hall and Parsons offered to place in relevant notice boards.

**Council Matters**

**139. Faded white line at Carregwen village junction**

The County Council are aware of the matter.

**140. Adoption of Payments to Councillors policy**

A brief policy outlining the Council's approach to the payment of allowances was put to the Council.

**AGREED. POLICY ADOPTED.** Signed and dated by the Chairman.

**Financial Matters**

**141. Balance at 3.1.22 - £5,513.34**

Noted.

**142. Precept notification sent to County**

Noted.

**Any Other Business**

**143. Millennium Garden, Abercych**

Cllr Ford had informed the Council via email that vandalism had taken place at the garden. He suggested a site visit to discuss how to proceed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to ask Alan Ford for date for site visit (afternoon of Saturday 5th or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March preferably).

**144. Money to go out next month**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that payments would be due next month for Clerk's salary and expenses, and donations to charities outside the locality.

**145. Date and venue of next meeting**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at Newchapel Reading Room, 7.45pm

**Meeting ended: 20.43**

Agenda items to the clerk by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January