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Manordeifi Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Abercych Village Hall on Tuesday 14th of January 2020 at 7.45p.m.

108. PRESENT

Cllrs - M/s Caroline Davies (Chairman), Mrs Liz Hall, Mr Alan Wilson, Mr Alan Ford, Mr Aled Lewis, Mrs Margery Sullivan and County Cllr John Davies deputising Clerk.

109. APOLOGIES

None

110. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th November 2019.

After circulation of the minutes, they were signed by the Chairman as a correct record. It was a unanimous decision proposed by Cllr Alan Ford and seconded by Cllr Liz Hall.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

111. Acknowledgments received from all recipients for donations made at the November meeting including the £500 one off payment to Newchapel Reading Room. – Noted by all present.

112. Delivery of recycling kits to 2 Penffordd – Done. Noted by all present.

113. Millennium Garden update – Cllr Lewis informed the meeting he had removed the two faulty sit on toys, had repaired the hole in the decking and had pressure washed the whole decking area. A gratuitous payment of £30 was agreed by the members in appreciation for Cllr Lewis's hard work.

114. Second Notice Board location Abercych – update was received from Cllr Ford along with a letter from the owners of Forge Cych agreeing to the location of the Notice Board 10 meters to the left of the post box. It was further agreed by all present to relocate the redundant notice board at Newchapel to this new site. Work to be done in the summer. Cllr Lewis agreed to co-ordinate the work.

Correspondence

115. PCC - Consultations on Council Tax increases etc. Was seen and noted.

116. PCC – Minor Works highways grant – Clerk was instructed to seek quotes from a registered highways contractor for the following –

- a. 90 meter pavement extension from Newchapel to Porth y Crwydryn Crossroads.
- b. Provision of a large parking area for public use and the use of Newchapel Reading Room users on the verge towards Maes y Meillion on the No Through Road to Cilgwyn Farm.
- c. Removal of the verge opposite Abercych Village Hall replaced with hard fill to allow parking by Hall Users.
- d. Speed reactive signs plus installation costs.

A decision would be made at the next meeting to agree which project would be submitted for the grant.

117. Community Enhancement grant award – Ty Twt Clynyfw Care farm awarded £5,000 from the Community allocation. The grant award was noted.

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118. PCC - LDP 2 Consultation on the plan and development sites for period 2022 / 2033. Consultation between 15 January and 11 March 2020. Plan circulated.

Cllr Caroline Davies declared a prejudicial and personal interest in this item in relation to the proposed site in Abercych and did not participate in the decision as the landowner is her brother.

The proposal map for Abecych was briefly discussed.

Cllr Sullivan shared some historical background concerning previous attempts to include this land into the current LDP which was rejected at that time for various reasons including ecological aspects. Historically the Community Council shared a view that this site should not be allowed to be developed as it has in the past been deemed to be a site of natural beauty and provides an enhanced outlook of the rivers Teifi / Cych and their natural meadows. Further concern relates to local highway capacity to service additional development at this proposed location, as the carriageway through the heart of the village is single file and is overpopulated with parked vehicles. The matter would be considered for formal response in the next meeting. In the meantime Clerk is to establish what the current ecological and landscape value status of the field is and to research the planning history of the field given that Cllr Sullivan suggested that a planning application was refused for this site within the last ten to fifteen years.

119. Paul Davies AM – list of surgeries – was noted.

Financial Matters

120. Balance as of 14/01/20 net of all outstanding cheques – Treasures Acc **£3,392.03p.** inc of last precept payment received for 19/20 of £1,833.00 – was noted.

121. Precept requirement for 2020/21 notified to PCC for £5,500.00p – was noted.

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

123. One Grit Box for Carregwen - £112.20p + £22.43p Vat = £134.63p – Payment was approved by all present.

Any other business

124. Excavation work at Dandderwen Abercych – An update was provided by the Clerk following a complaint made. Highway officers had visited the site to ascertain whether the work would adversely impact the adjoining highway. Following inspection it was established that there was no threat to the highway. Planning Enforcement had also visited the site and advised the occupier that planning permission was required and advised that the work should stop until a planning application had been submitted and approved.

125. Code of conduct regarding Planning Applications – Members were reminded that the Council could not comment or lend its support to any proposed planning applications until they had been formally submitted to the Local Planning Authority for formal consideration. If an individual member of the council wished to lend support to an application as part of the submission, that member would have to declare a pecuniary interest.

126. Cllr Sullivan raised concern that the area known as the former Ramoth Baptistery had seen vegetation been cut. Cllr Sullivan was concerned that someone might be adversely attempting to possess the area. The Chairman was of the view the Community Council should claim it. Deputising Clerk informed the members that the Community Council had no powers to claim title of the said piece of land. Clerk was instructed to conduct a land registry search of the area to ascertain who owned what within the vicinity of the baptistery. Cost to be covered by the Council.

127. Cllr Ford was concerned regarding the wellbeing of the B4332 near Penlan Farm entrance in Carmarthenshire. County Cllr Davies would discuss the matter with Cllr Hazel Evans Cabinet Member for Highways in Carmarthenshire.

128. Cllrs Hall and Lewis raised the issue of excessive speeding once again in Newchapel. County Cllr Davies would follow the matter up with Go Safe Wales of Dyfed Powys Police.

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129. Chairman raised concern regarding the safety of the roof at Cobblers Cottage near Alma House once again. Clerk was instructed to contact the owner Mr Tom Harris to request that the roof is made safe.

130. Cllr Aled Lewis reported that a deep pot hole had appeared on the east bound carriageway between Boncath and Newchapel. Clerk was asked to report it.

131. Cllr Sullivan expressed concern to the review of day centre provision for Pembrokeshire. County Cllr Davies assured Cllr Sullivan that the consultation involves maintain a presence and provision at the new facility in Crymych.

Date and venue of next meeting

132. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 11th February 2020 at Newchapel at 7.45pm

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.