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Manordeifi Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held electronically on Zoom on Tuesday 9th of February 2021 at 8pm

125. PRESENT

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

126. APOLOGIES - None.

127. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th January 2021.

After electronic circulation of the minutes prior to the meeting and subsequent approval, it was an unanimous decision that the minutes would be signed as correct at a later date by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

128. Emails sent to both former Cllrs Davies and Sullivan – was noted.

129.B4332 – Carmarthenshire Road Closure update – County Cllr Davies updated the members on the ongoing issue of the imposed road closure of the B4332 by Carmarthenshire. Whilst everyone present recognised the need for the work to be done all were unanimous in their opposition to the need to totally close the road and the manner in which it was done without any consultation. The forced closure of Llechryd Bridge due to flooding also added to the isolation of the community coupled with recent wintery weather making alternative route treacherous. Cllr Davies had been assured by Carmarthenshire they would review the whole situation end of next week. Carmarthenshire were very aware of the discontent of the community especially Abercych.

130.B4332 – Penrhiw Hill Drainage work update – Members were pleased to see the prompt completion of the drainage work by PCC and hope the remedial work done along with additional large grates will assist in reducing the amount of surface water on the hill during heavy rain.

131. Abandoned vehicles at Canal Rd – It was reported that both cars had now been removed.

132.Green Dragon Community Transport Charges – Circulation of details regarding the free use of the service had been circulated before the meeting to all members and was duly noted.

133. Muddy road near Ffosyficir Farm – Completed – was noted.

Correspondence

134.Planning Application - 20/0792/PA - Change of use of garage to residential holiday let - Dandderwen, ABERCYCH, Boncath, Pembrokeshire, SA37 0EZ - *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 expressed grave concern regarding the development as proposed as it will have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties and will have an overbearing effect on the property to the north west of the conversion site. Members also expressed reservations regarding the increase generation of traffic within an area that is serviced by a substandard highway. Members also believe this application should not be determined until the original application 20/0705/PA at Dandderwen for a new vehicle access and new driveway and turning area with retaining structures is firstly dealt with. There are a number of aspects within this application that remains retrospective.

Members also questioned whether the new proposed vehicular access for both applications is achievable within the confines of land within the absolute control of the applicant.

135.Planning Application – 20/0690/PA - Change of use, conversion and alteration of disused outbuilding to form self-contained unit of holiday accommodation and alterations of existing entrance to provide parking area. Maesyronnen, Abercych. Members did not object to the application but wished to point out the need to make sure that any associated off street parking is practical and useable. The proposed access has solid walls on both sides restricting visibility. Off street parking is essential given the number of cars that currently park along the highway from various households near this location. The boundary on the north side of the application site

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needs to be protected as it is a common owned historic wall which also acts as a boundary to the St Johns Millennium Garden. This wall should not be altered in any way.

136. Cwmcych Road Subsidence – Members were informed that Carmarthenshire CC have been informed of the landslide and the absolute need to keep the road open given current road diversions.

Financial Matters

137. Balance as of 09/02/21 net of all outstanding payments – Treasures Acc **££3,611.65p.**
– was noted.

138. Annual Rentals - Abercych Village Hall – 1 x £15 = £15

Newchapel Reading Room – 1 x £15; = £15 + £60 energy cost for the defibrillator at the Reading Room Newchapel. Total due = £75.00.

Both rental payments were approved.

139. It was agreed to make the following annual donations to non Community based charities, - Wales Air Ambulance £50, Paul Sartori Foundation £50 and Cardigan CAB £50.

140. Clerk Vacancy – Details were provided to the members of a job description and comparable salaries paid to Clerks in similar and neighbouring Communities. It was decided at present to informally approach individuals that may have an interest in the post and to formally consider advertising once a salary level is agreed at the AGM in May.

Any other business

141. Road condition from Penffordd Newchapel towards Idlanddegwm – Concern was raised by the Chairman to the state of the verges along the aforementioned stretch of road. Given the road is the diversionary route due to the road closure at Abercych and that the verges are saturated, it was agreed to keep a watching brief on the general condition of the road and to monitor the number of Agricultural vehicles entering on to the verge.

142. Dangerous Trees on B4332 at Newchapel – On the request of the Chairman another second letter is to be sent to Mr Simon Barry at the Highways department to express the need for the removal of certain dangerous trees overhanging the highway at Newchapel.

143. Cllr Parsons shared the concern of a member of the public to the number of vehicles continually parked at Penrhiw Car Park and its general untidiness. Clerk informed the meeting that the horse trailer was allowed to be located in its current position as it was within the area partially held in title by the Penrhiw Inn. The fence on the same side does require improvement but is in the sole ownership and responsibility of the owners of Penrhiw Inn. Other than that, members were of the opinion the Car Park was looking much better to what it had in the past and its general appearance was acceptable.

Date and venue of next meeting

144. Monthly meeting Tuesday 9th March 2021 by Zoom at 8pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed as a true record by the Chairman

Date