Minutes of the meeting of Meidrim Community Council held on Tuesday 28th November 2023.

Present:

Vice Chairperson: Selwyn Runnett.

Councillors: R Crane, B Thomas, D Mason, E Gadd, S Fitzpatrick who was welcomed as the newly appointed member of the council.

Clerk to the Council and minutes: Sue Milligan.

**1. Apologies:**

Cllrs: M Barnikel, S Kind, D Robinson, CCllr J Lewis.

**2. Minutes of the meeting 31st October 2023.**

These were accepted as a true record.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

No update. Carry over to next meeting.

Enforcement issues – Meidrim to St. Clears **–** update received from CCC and shared with MCC prior to meeting. CCllr has written back reiterating issues and concerns. Awaiting response.

Broadway Partners Broadband **-** no update to date.

(b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

Village Christmas lights being switched on 1st December 2023. The village children will be singing, and Santa will be there.

The tree was being put up in readiness, at the time of the meeting.

Tractor run on 30th December 2023 which is currently being advertised.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

Children’s concert on 18th December 2023 in the Church Hall.

(d) One Voice Wales.

No further meetings and nothing to report though Clerk will share any relevant information when appropriate.

**5. Matters Arising:**

**Enforcement Meidrim-St. Clears:** Ongoing. No update.

**Broadband:** Ongoing. No update though Star Link is in the area and is very efficient.

**TRO- Traffic Regulation Order:** No progress due to backlog of work. No update.

**Public Conveniences/Car Park/Bus shelter:**

PCs all ok. Clerk has put up new contact notices.

Cllr Crane to speak to Cllr Kind about notice board being too difficult to open.

Riverside bench needs to be replaced – No update, carry forward to next meeting.

**Environment Working Group:**

Carry forward - Set up in the New Year. Clerk to share any OVW correspondence relating to environmental issues.

**Village Green:**

CCllr to go back to obtain further details re: effect Equality Act has on access to Green. Awaiting update.

Cllr Crane said the Green is very wet at present. Discussed issue of cars driving on Green Cllr Runnett to look at situation and liaise with CCllr Lewis ref: Equality Act issue.

**Public footpaths:**

Work completed on bridges with one more urgent piece of work to do.

Cllr Crane to meet with Dan Rosemeyer at site, to discuss and obtain price. If under £250 (savings from previous quote for work due to available materials) spend is agreed.

53/37 Riverside Walk ongoing but no update from J. Lawday on registering the footpath. Clerk chased and will chase again.

Pandy path cleared, part by Cllr Gadd’s husband. PRoW to install new gate at Pandy end and bridge is required further down. PRoW to progress. Clerk updated that there is no news from PRoW so to chase again.

Carry forward - Cllr Runnett to look at situation with new trees (re-staking with stronger materials) in December. Cllr Robinson to help.

**Sec. 106:**

Clerk applied for remaining funds, which have already been allocated. Chase again as no response.

**Yni Teg Funding:**

Cllr Barnikel asked at last meeting if some funds could be used to clear area, Gelliwen car park to Trip. Carry forward.

More funds available after February 2024.

**Litter Picking:**

Ongoing.

**Dangerous driving – agricultural vehicles:**

Local police to attend next meeting, Clerk to invite for 6.30pm.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllrs Thomas and Mason – Welfare Committee.

**7. Finance:**

PC maintenance - £125.00

Footpath/bridge repairs - £702.00

Chair allowance - £200.00

Ground maintenance - £2514.00

Draft budget for 2024/25, shared by Clerk and agreed following discussion.

Chair to receive allowance of £200.

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

No update on One Planet or Travel site.

CCllr Lewis to check on this. Carry forward to next meeting.

**9. Correspondence.**

Young Farmers.

**10. Any other business:**

None

**Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 30th January 2024.

**Appendix 1 – Correspondence from One Voice Wales. Nov 2023.**

Green Economy Conference - 22.11.23 Abertawe / Swansea

9/11/23 - Update - CEIC Paned a Sgwrs

Smart Towns Wales Programme

Revised Link - A video all about our National Charity Tender

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council - Clerk Vacancy

Road Safety Strategy Consultation

TRAINING DATES BY MODULE - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Kidwelly Town Council - Job Vacancy - Admin Assistant.

Minister's letter re. Asbestos Management

Cymru Can – Future Generations Cymru Strategy

One Voice Wales’ Cost of Living Crisis Team

Vacancy for RFO/Clerk at Dyffryn Clydach CC

Vacancy: Head of Escalation and Enforcement

Vacancy: Senior Anti-racist Wales Action Plan (ArWAP) Regional Forum Convenor – SEO x 4 roles

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024

One Voice Wales - News Bulletin

New consultation: Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

Audit Wales Newsletter - November 2023.

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales press release - Equality and Human Rights Casebook