Minutes of the meeting of Meidrim Community Council held on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Present:

Chairperson: Matthew Barnikel.

Councillors: S Runnett, R Crane, D Mason, S Fitzpatrick, S Kind, D Robinson.

Clerk to the Council and minutes: Sue Milligan.

**1. Apologies:**

Cllrs: B Thomas, E Gadd, CCllr J Lewis.

**2. Minutes of the meeting 28th November 2023.**

These were accepted as a true record.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

Update by email previously.

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 update but caravans have been moved.

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

(b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

Busy day at tractor run on 30th December 2023; 35 vehicles took part despite bad weather. Over £1060 raised.

MCC Agreed to provide £2000 to Welfare Committee as part of community plan to support upkeep and insurance of children’s play area.

Clerk to write to Vaness to advise.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

Children’s concert on 18th December 2023 went well.

(d) One Voice Wales.

Nothing to report though Clerk to share any relevant information when appropriate.

**5. Matters Arising:**

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

**Broadband:** Ongoing. Voneus are not proceeding with the Broadway projects.  However, CCC will be putting pressure on Voneus to make a quick decision on the West Carmarthen project.  Voneus has already installed a cabinet in Meidrim.

**TRO- Traffic Regulation Order:** Advised that due to the 20mph work, there is a huge amount of backlog regarding other issues. They will be re-visiting the Pantybrodyr TRO as soon as they have finished with the 20mph work.

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

Washer/dryer in disabled toilet is broken. Electrician has had a look and thinks it’s the sensor. He has contacted the supplier and awaiting response.

Cllr Kind has looked at the notice board which remains difficult to open. Will swap notices onto other notice board which is easier to open.

Riverside bench needs to be replaced – Cllr Kind looking into this for new season.

**Environment Working Group:**

Carry forward – Ongoing.

**Village Green:**

Cllr Runnett to speak to CCllr Lewis regarding the issue of “effect Equality Act has on access to Green”. Highlight public Question Time slot at meetings, where residents can attend to raise any local issues with MCC.

No cars seen on Village Green over past 3 months.

**Public footpaths:**

Cllr Robinson has secured the bridge.

53/37 Riverside Walk ongoing.

Good work by Dan Rosemeyer on the Pandy path. PRoW to install new gate at Pandy end and bridge further down. PRoW to progress 2nd February.

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

Cllr Crane advised that there is some trash to clear in the area.

**Sec. 106:**

Clerk applied for remaining funds, which have already been allocated. Clerk has chased and will check next bank statement to see if funds have been received.

**Yni Teg Funding:**

Cllr Barnikel asked at previous meeting if some funds could be used to clear footpath at Tripp end. Cllr Barnikel to meet with Dan Rosemeyer to discuss quote for work.

More YnNi Teg funds available after February 2024.

**Litter Picking:**

Ongoing and lots of interest by residents.

**Dangerous driving – agricultural vehicles:**

Local police unable to attend January meeting. Clerk to write back to highlight concerns and disappointment at non-attendance. Invite to February meeting.

**Japanese knotweed.**

Environment Group to look at situation April/May and any other issues within the village.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllr Mason – Welfare Committee.

**7. Finance:**

CCC replacement lanterns - £708.90

HB Enoch and Owen accountants - £13.80

Clerk wages - £769.60

Clerk admin expenses - £62.60

Pre-cept received - £4166.67

Full vote to keep pre-cept at £12,500 for 2024/25.

Agreed to have 3 members, inc Clerk, as signatories for cheque payments.

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

No update on One Planet or Travel site.

**9. Correspondence.**

Bus Shelter Maintenance

Y Cardi Bach

Self Watering Planters.

**10. Any other business:**

Clerk to contact Glyn from Village Hall Committee to see if MCC can put in a key box so as not to be locked out of hall.

**Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 27th February 2024.

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

Wales Climate Week - starts 4 December

Vacancy -- Public Appointment

Vacancy: Government Lawyer - Public Law

Vacancy: Litigation Assistant x2

Vacancy with Llanedi Community Council

Countryside Code update December 2023 - to NAFW

2024 - TRAINING DATES BY MODULE - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

Older People’s Commissioner for Wales December Newsletter

Vacancy: Senior Interaction Designer

Guest blog: Working together for an Age-Friendly Wales

New consultation: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales

Consultation: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations

FREE WEBINAR: Interactive self-guided tours for villages, towns

**Appendix 1 – Correspondence from One Voice Wales. Jan 2024.**

Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru--Non Exec Director Board Opportunities - Welsh Government

2024 - TRAINING DATES BY MODULE - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

Online Event - Buglife Cymru January 31 2024

Cost Of Living Crisis Survey 2023

Community Speed Watch

Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2018-2033 - Revised Delivery Agreement

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Supports Register my Appliance Week

Fee Scheme 2024-25 released today

Vacancy -- Public Appointments

Strategic Development Plans Training

JOINT EVENT ONE VOICE WALES AND PLANNING AID WALES – THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 2.00PM (REMOTE)

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties Respond by 16 February

Free Places - Use of IT, Websites and Social Media Training

One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 27 March 2024

 Buglife Cymru - New resources