Minutes of the meeting of Meidrim Community Council held on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

Present:

Chairperson: Selwyn Runnett.

Councillors: D Mason, S Fitzpatrick, S Kind, D Robinson, B Thomas.

CCllr: J Lewis.

Minutes: Cllr Gadd in the absence of Clerk.

**1. Apologies:**

Cllrs: M Barnikel, R Crane, S Milligan.

Hefyn Davies, Whitland Police Community Support – attended to discuss issues with dangerous and irresponsible driving.

Cllr Runnett gave a summary of complaints and concerns from community and queried what can be done from a prevention standpoint?

Hefyn reported that it's a problem everywhere. Young drivers can drive at 16 – can drive a tractor with trailer. Can carry the same weight as a lorry (combined weight up to 31 tonnes).

Hefyn recommended reporting via Go Safe and to circulate the link for volunteers to report antisocial driving. Report damage with as many details as possible to 101. Gather evidence, if possible, using phone footage or dashcams.

Its suggested Chair could post something at the start of season on the FB page to highlight the above to the community.

**2. Minutes of the meeting 30th January 2024.**

These were accepted as a true record.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

 (a) Report from County Councillor.

Enforcement issue – resolved near pond.
CCllr Lewis to arrange a meeting for land with tractors and shelters by the river (planning application has been refused)

Council tax increase – 7.5%

4,200 respondents to the budget consultation.

Welfare Committee – CCllr Lewis organised Caroline Owen to visit to discuss grants.

(b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

Debbie Evans resigned as Treasurer. Katrina (Cllr Thomas’ daughter) has taken over. Someone has taken over the running of the facebook page. Easter Egg hunt planned. A meeting is planned to discuss summer events (Carnival etc).

MCC agreed to provide £2000 to Welfare Committee as part of community plan. Discuss when to allocate funds at next meeting.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

Governors meeting next month.

(d) One Voice Wales.

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

**5. Matters Arising:**

ENF/00863 - Land Opposit MinyrAfon.Ongoing. No update, CCllr Lewis has chased.

**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. No update.

**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. Parts no longer available and Electrician to see if he can repair. No charge if not.

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

Glyn to pressure wash the outside when weather improves.

**Environment Working Group:**

Carry forward – Ongoing.

**Village Green:**

Advice received on Equality Act, no further problems.

**Public footpaths:**

Pen-y-bont Farm, Meidrim 53/37 Riverside Walk ongoing. CCllr Lewis to follow up with Jason Lawday to see if the public footpath is registered.

Pandy – waiting for kissing gates.

Matt – getting quotes for more footpath clearing (update sent via email). It was questioned whether right of way can be cleared by respective landowners rather than using Community Council budgets (or at least try that route first). Walkers’ maps and trail info distributed by Matt to local businesses and holiday lets.

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

**Sec. 106:**

Remaining funds received £881.58.

**Yni Teg Funding:**

Cllr Barnikel asked at previous meeting if some funds could be used to clear footpath at Trip end.

More YnNi Teg funds available after February 2024. Clerk to request.

**Litter Picking:**

Chair has found deterrent signs are having some effect. Agreed that signs can be purchased. Litter becoming a problem. Local authorities not collecting. Advertise litter picking regularly.

**Dangerous driving – agricultural vehicles:**

As above, Hefyn Davies attended at beginning of meeting.

**Japanese knotweed:** Carry forward.Environment Group to look at situation April/May and any other issues within the village.

**King's portrait.**

Not appropriate as no building to put it in.

**Village maintenance.**

Glyn’s programme for the coming year. Roll over to next meeting.

**Village quiz**, now 12th April 2024.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllrs Mason and Thomas – Welfare Committee.

CCllr Lewis – Planning.

**7. Finance:**

One invoice for translations. Selwyn to sign cheque.

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

**9. Correspondence.**

Tess Sinden updated that Ti a Fi is currently well supported with 14 members. They will be using surplus funds (including the donation received from Ann Kent) to take the little ones on a trip to Folly Farm on 14th March.

Letter for playground equipment and benches – Clerk to keep on file.

**10. Any other business:**

None.

 **Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 26th March 2024.

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

Welsh Government -Secondment Opportunity - Job title - Programme Delivery Manager, Aspiring Board Members Programme - Anti-racist Wales Action Plan.

Vacancy -- Public Appointments

One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 27/03/2024

Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales - January 2024 newsletter

Local Hedge laying course

One Voice Wales - News Bulletin

Counter Terrorism Policing Wales Personal Security Briefings 2024

Gorslas Community Council - Clerk Vacancy

Pethau Bychain Next event

Event invitation - Community Assets: Policy and Practice in Wales - what's next?

Free Portrait of His Majesty The King for Community, Town and City Councils in Wales

The National Forest for Wales

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL - CHIEF OFFICER & TOWN CLERK

Free Event - Innovative funding and procurement

GWR Customer & Community Improvement Fund now open for bids

Comms Guide: Voter Registration Week

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE KING’S NEW YEAR HONOURS 2025

Coetiroedd Bach, Tiny Forest funding is open! 21st Feb – 8th May