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

Present:

Chairperson: S Fitzpatrick.

Councillors: D Mason, B Thomas. E Gadd, R Crane

CCllr: J Lewis.

Minutes: S Milligan Clerk

**1. Apologies:**

Cllrs: M Barnikel, S Runnett, D Robinson, S Kind.

**2. Minutes of the meeting 25th June 2024.**

These were accepted as a true record.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

CCllr Lewis wished to express condolence to Sue for her loss. Also, congratulation to the Welfare team on an excellent fun day.

Cllr Runnett had asked what % of county council staff still work from home and CCllr said she would find out. C/F

Cllr Runnett raised the issue of potholes in the village and asked if CCC would look into how these are being filled and the roads maintained. C/F.

BT and Welsh government had a meeting about digital transformation – switching 2027 instead of 2025. No more land lines.

Riverside planning application – agricultural buildings, gone to appeal – no update.

One Planet – CCllr to obtain update.

**PL/08051**- Variation of Condition 2 (amended plans) on planning permission. Bwlchgwynt.

**PL/03717 –** Cllr Lewis suggested Clerk write to Planning to ask for contribution towards new climbing frame for children’s playground.

(b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

Cllrs Mason and Thomas explained that it was a very successful fun day, raising £2,900. It was good to have the temporary entrance in the fence and everything has been put back to normal.

Cllr Mason explained that there were some problems with power overload and asked if some extra points could be put in to remedy this.

Clerk to ask D Sainty and obtain quote for cost.

New gate clasp at park entrance gate obtained by Cllr Crane and has been put in.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

Inspection report received. Standard of teaching was found to be brilliant though the report was based on new rules coming in next year, and the school fell on special measures. This is a technicality. The school is now working with CCC to address the issue, which is a good help.

(d) One Voice Wales.

Clerk to share any relevant information when appropriate.

**5. Matters Arising:**

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

**Broadband:** C/F. No update.

**TRO- Traffic Regulation Order**: C/F.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. No update.

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

Disabled toilet dryer has been repaired.

Cllr Thomas explained that Glyn has reported an issue with the car park drain and he needs to pull it apart to clean it.

Clerk to ask Cllr Kind if he can have a look and possibly put in some flexible corrugated piping.

**Damaged fence** – Cllr Kind to have a look and repair of possible. Also, information board frame in car park is damaged. C/F.

Clerk to chase.

**Environment Working Group:**

Environment working group – need to retender contract for cutting schedule. C/F.

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

**Village Green:**

No action.

**Public footpaths:**

Pen-y-bont Farm, Meidrim 53/37 Riverside Walk ongoing and path available to the public. Not yet registered, Jason Lawday to follow up. MCC to keep an eye on situation. C/F.

Riverside Walk entrance – steps are damaged - Clerk has chased again with J Lawday and maintenance team. C/F as not repaired yet.

**Yni Teg Funding:**

Funds received.

**Litter Picking:**

Clerk to chase with CCllr Lewis to see if planning permission is required for deterrent litter signs to be put up. Already agreed that signs can be purchased.

Cllr Barnikel to update CCllr on what is happening with this. No update C/F.

**Japanese knotweed:** Carry forward by Environment Group.

**Website**

Cllr Gadd has done a lot of work to progress this with IT group – Cllrs Runnett, Barnikel and Gadd.

Cllr Gadd to set up initial meeting and look into costs and suppliers.

**MCC members profile for website** raised by Cllr Barnikel.- defer to next time.

**Funding from PL/06282**

Cllr Crane stated that she is working with Ruth Morris to apply for lottery funding to pay for a replacement climbing frame for the children’s play area. C/F

New housing contractors have said that there is £17,000 available.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllrs Mason and Thomas – Welfare Committee.

CCllr Lewis – Planning.

**7. Finance:**

Clerk wages - £720.00.

HB Enoch and Owen - £14.40

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

**9. Correspondence.**

None.

**10. Any other business:**

Wi-Fi in hall would be beneficial but down to funding.

Cllr Crane to look into vending machine issue.

**Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 24th September 2024.

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

 Community Transport Councils Connect Session

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