Minutes of the meeting of Meidrim Community Council held on Tuesday 25th February 2025

Present:

Chairperson: S Runnett.

Councillors: S Fitzpatrick, D Mason, R Crane, D Robinson, E Gadd.

Minutes: S Milligan Clerk

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr: M Barnikel, apologies not received.

Cllr: B Thomas, S Kind.

CCllr: J Lewis

**2. Minutes of the meeting 28th January 2025.**

These were accepted as a true record except point 4(a) which should read - CCllr to take back to CCC issue of Business rates and commercial property purchases by CCC, plus other purchases.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

No update.

b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

Clerk met with D Sainty and is awaiting quote for cost of extra power points at PCs.

Clerk to chase Darren.

Cllr Crane provided details of current account for Welfare Committee. A new climbing frame is required plus annual insurance is due to be paid.

Fundraising events due – 12th April, Duck race (prob 6pm start) and 24th July Fun Day.

All to consider sources for reasonably priced chocolate for the events.

All agreed to donate £2100 to Welfare to support funding of new climbing frame and park insurance. This is community funding for village families. Prepare cheque for April meeting.

Clerk to copy funding opportunities to Ruth Morris.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

No update.

(d) One Voice Wales.

Clerk to query if she can attend OVW online AGM.

**5. Matters Arising:**

**Vending machine**

To visit premises in Pontardulais in April.

**One Planet Wales.**

Planning permission previously refused. Photographs sent to enforcement previously.

CCllr Lewis following this up.

**Road repairs.**

CCllr and Chair to meet with Highways inspector.

“Run offs” from fields in Pandy area are a problem

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

**Broadband:**

Agreed Clerk can sign agreement with Voneus

**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. No update C/F.

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

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

Cllr Kind agreed to look at this and put in some flexible corrugated piping. C/F.

**Environment Working Group:**

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

Clerk to check if Elite Haven can provide grass cutting services.

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 at present but Environment group will consider what work needs to be considered.

**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.

Other issues in Pandy area discussed. Cllr Gadd to provide details to Clerk to highlight to Jason Lawday.

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

**Website**

Proposal by Cllr Gadd to move to Aubergine agreed and Cllr Gadd to provide Clerk with details to progress.

Agreed to keep agendas and minutes on website for 3 years.

**MCC members profile for website**

Clerk to write to Cllr Barnikel.

Advertise vacancy

**Warm Hub**

No power in village for 3-5 days following storm Darragh.

Going forward – Chair to look at best way to support residents, should similar event occur again. C/F.

**Windmill Grants**

This had been queried by Chapel Elders in order to secure funding to provide improved disabled accessibility to the Chapel.

Clerk to query how much this would cost.

Chair to consider policy. C/F

**YnNi Teg visit**

CCllr, Chair and Cllr Fitzpatrick to meet with Jon Townend.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllr Mason – Welfare Committee.

**7. Finance:**

OVW fees - £118.00

J Harland repair to information board - £150.00

Clerk to query electricity bill supplied by OVO and based on estimates. Obtain new bill. C/F

National Grid – awaiting new cheque.

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

**9. Correspondence.**

Stacey Hames mural artist.

Carmarthen Stroke Club.

Elite Haven

**10. Any other business:**

**Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 25th March 2025.