Minutes of the meeting of Meidrim Community Council held on Tuesday 28th January 2025

Present:

Chairperson: S Runnett.

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

CCllr: J Lewis.

Minutes: S Milligan Clerk

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr: M Barnikel, apologies not received.

Cllr: B Thomas.

**Broadband**

Visitors from CCC, Aled Nicholas and Voneus, Elliott Pearce attended the meeting and provided an in-depth description of the fibre broadband process being used by Vonues, to bring full fibre speed to the village. Open Reach to provide the fibre but Voneus will manage it.

One lamp near the school will be required for the infrastructure which is safe as the system will use non ionising radio waves from point to point.

Should be ready by April and will concentrate on the centre of Meidrim at the moment.

Agreed that the lamp at the school may be used.

More information to come.

**2. Minutes of the meeting 26th November 2024.**

These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Crane and agreed by Cllr Kind.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

CCllr Lewis highlighted the shortfall in government funding for 2025/26.

CCllr to take back to CCC issue of Business rates and unsuccessful property purchases.

b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

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

Tractor run on 28th December 2024 went well and raised approx. £1000.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

No update.

(d) One Voice Wales.

No update.

**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.

Cllr Gadd raised issue of “run offs” from fields in Pandy area.

Any further issues, send to Chair to take to Highways.

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

**Broadband:**

See above visit from CCC and 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.

* **Damaged fence**

Cleared and removed Glyn.

* **Information board**

Agreed to have repair carried out by James Harland at cost of £150.00.

Clerk to arrange**.**

**Environment Working Group:**

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

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.

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

**Website**

Cllrs Gadd and Chair have met to discuss.

Cllr Gadd read through proposal and will share with all members.

All to read prior to next meeting.

**MCC members profile for website**

Clerk to write to Cllr Barnikel.

**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.

**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.

**YnNi Teg visit**

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

Clerk to ask Jon for dates.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllr Mason – Welfare Committee.

CCllr Lewis - Planning

**7. Finance:**

Audit Wales fees - £200.00

PC and village maintenance - £245.00

CCC lighting charges - £708.90

SLCC Clerk joining fees - £118.00

Clerk wages - £898.19

HMRC - £224.40

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

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

**9. Correspondence.**

National Grid Payment.

Clerk to arrange for payment

**10. Any other business:**

Clerk to email Dan Evans re village flag.

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

**Appendix 1 – Correspondence from One Voice Wales December 2024 and January 2025.**

Community Survey

Pethau Bychain Nature Network

Green Heroes December Event: Help Spread the Word

INQUIRY LAUNCH: Community cohesion

Community Ambassador Role

Have Your Say 2024: A message to older people

Valuation Tribunal for Wales Membership Recruitment

You deserve an award!! One Voice Wales National Awards 2025

 Day and Respite Opportunities Questionnaire

Sharing NESO's consultation on the SSEP and linked methodologies

Review of deliberative engagement in Wales

Law Commission consultation on Burial and Cremation law reform

CONSULTATION: Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee - UK-Covid Inquiry Module 1 Report

REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES

Age Without Limits Day: Micro-grants for Age-friendly Communities

Consultation on Reforms to the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules

Celebrate the successful One Voice Wales event at the Senedd 27.11.24

Digital Guidance - Cloud Storage

Practice Development Note (9) Terms of Reference for Council Meetings

Publication of consultation papers - Planning resilience and preserving trees

 Long-term Thinking Sessions FGCW