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

Present:

Chairperson: S Runnett.

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

Minutes: S Milligan Clerk

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr: R Crane, D Robinson, E Gadd.

CCllr: J Lewis

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

These were accepted as a true record by Cllr Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr Mason.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

No update.

b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

D Sainty provided quote for cost of extra power points at PCs.

Cllr Kind to contact Darren to discuss exact requirements.

Fundraising events due – 12th April, Duck race 2pm start. Inter village quiz at Meidrim Hall 28th March 7.30pm. Teams of 4-6 people.

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. C/F.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

Meeting due 27th March. Teacher advises all ok.

Mrs Tess Sinden updated that Ti a Fi is still going strong, averaging 12 on the register, with about 7 or 8 able to turn up each week

(d) One Voice Wales.

Clerk provided dates of upcoming training and to share.

Section 6 reports – Clerk attending 9th April 2025.

Asbestos awareness – Clerk attending 30th July 2025.

**5. Matters Arising:**

**Vending machine**

To visit premises in Pontardulais in April. C/F.

**One Planet Wales.**

Planning permission previously refused. Photographs sent to enforcement.

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:**

Agreement signed 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 PC gents drain and he needs to pull it apart to clean it.

Cllr Kind to deal and put in some flexible corrugated piping.

**Environment Working Group:**

Environment working group to meet 6.30-7.30pm on 29th April prior to next meeting.

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:**

Contractor retired, need to re tender for cutting schedule. Environmental group to deal – Chair and Clerk to meet to discuss prior to Environmental Working Group meeting.

Chair to let Clerk have details of who may help with first cut and Clerk to contact.

Agreed that Clerk to let Cllr Gadd know to go ahead with Community Space to Plant & Pause Together competition.

**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.

Issues in Pandy area highlighted to Jason Lawday. Tom Eckley dealing and work currently on the “to do” list.

Agreed that Clerk should ask Cllr Gadd how bad the problem is and council to discuss if MCC could arrange for the work to be completed and pay for it.

**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. C/F/

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

MCC members profile for website.

**Councillor vacancy**

Vacancy advertised.

Matthew Barnikel has volunteered to manage litter picking and public footpaths on behalf of MCC and this was agreed.

**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.

Chair to consider policy. C/F

**YnNi Teg visit**

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

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllrs Mason and Thomas – Welfare Committee.

**7. Finance:**

PC maintenance £125.00

OVO electricity - £57.06

Translations - £210.00

CCC PC rates - £363.52

Accountant costs - £47.40

CCC Energy & lighting charges - £1695.84

Clerk stationary expenses - 268.52

J Harland repair to information board - £150.00

Up to date OVO bill received as above.

National Grid – new cheque received for £525.00 and Clerk to pay into account.

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

PL/06401 – Lee Pen Marie field. Letter of objection sent previously. Under consultation - Partial Discharge of Condition 1 on PL/06401 [Ecology biodiversity pre commencement condition]

**9. Correspondence.**

SSAFA forces charity.

**10. Any other business:**

Cllr Fitzpatrick updated that the deck area at the top bridge was damaged

Cllr Kind to deal and make safe. .

 **Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 29th April 2025.

**Appendix 1 – Correspondence from One Voice Wales. March 2025.**

Green GEN Tywi Teifi Consultation Launched

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report 2025

Draft diversity and inclusion guidance for registered political parties – summary of responses to the consultation

Senedd Review Final Determinations

Child Poverty Innovation and Supporting Communities grant fund

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Wales’ Regional Transport Plans

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