Minutes of the meeting of Meidrim Community Council held on Tuesday 29th April 2025

Present:

Chairperson: S Runnett.

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

CCllr: J Lewis

Minutes: S Milligan Clerk

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr: E Gadd.

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

Clerk highlighted that she had typed 28th January in error at point 2. It should read 28th February 2025.

**3. Public Question Time.**

No one present.

**4. Reports:**

(a) Report from County Councillor.

Motorbikes were witnessed at Pantybrodyr last weekend. Green lane is looking rough. Mr Iwan Thomas has reported the situation for a TRO process to commence.

CCllr will chase by the end of the week if there is no response.

b) Meidrim and District Welfare Committee.

Next meeting Tuesday 6th May. 120 applications for lottery grant, waiting to hear.

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

Cllr Kind to meet Darren to discuss exact requirements, this week.

Duck race raised £800 and quiz raised £105.

(c) Ysgol Meidrim.

One teacher has resigned. The school has cover for the summer term and new full time teacher to be recruited.

(d) One Voice Wales.

Next meeting 1st July at Carmarthen.

**5. Matters Arising:**

**Vending machine**

To visit premises in Pontardulais, CCllr to arrange. Cllrs Crane, Thomas and Runnett to go.

Cllr Kind to speak to a farmer neighbour.

**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.

**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.

Also see CCllr report at 4a.

**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.

**Village Green:**

First cut been done.

Advertise for quotes from contractors for Village Green maintenance contract – 2 weeks.

**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**

No applications so now go to co-option.

Cllr Crane stated that Ruth Morris is interested. Chair to speak to Ruth.

**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.

Clerk to ask Jon for available dates and request this year’s funding.

**Bridge deck repairs**

Cllr Kind to look at this.

**6. Declarations of Personal Interest.**

Cllrs Mason and Thomas – Welfare Committee.

Cllr Runnett – Environment Working Group.

CCllr Lewis – planning.

**7. Finance:**

V Green cut - £570.00

Clerk wages - £1011.89

HMRC - £252.80

Community support Welfare - £2100.00

OVO - £68.64

**8. Planning Matters.**

Ongoing. Cllr Robinson to monitor applications.

**9. Environment Working Group.**

Clerk updated on the meeting.

Cllr Kind Chair.

Public meeting to be arranged for Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Youth Hall, to gather ideas from residents of Meidrim. Initial thoughts for discussion include:

* Village planters.
* Pollinator friendly scheme.
* Verges mowing scheme. CCC currently do this.
* Tree planting.
* Hare and leveret population support.
* Promote community orchard.
* Japanese knotweed issue.

Clerk to prepare notice and advertise public meeting.

Orchard:

Cllrs Runnett, Fitzpatrick and Thomas to prune trees and mulch the area. Re visit new trees.

**10. Correspondence.**

None.

**11. Any other business:**

None.

 **Proposed Date of Next Meeting:** 27th May 2025 at 7.00pm following AGM at 6.30pm.

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

Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant

Motions for 2025 Annual General Meeting

One Voice Wales E-Bulletin

Independent Audit Committee Member Sought

Cost of Living Crisis Project - Information and Resources

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