

The September meeting was held on 26th September 2017 at the village hall at 8pm with Cllr Meurig Griffiths in the chair.

Members Present

C.Cllr Eirwyn Williams, Cllrs. Elsbeth Jenkins, Pat Racher, Kevin Davies and Lynne Jones

Apologies

None

1. Minutes of the meeting held 19th June 2017

Minutes were accepted as a true record which was proposed by Pat Racher and seconded by Elsbeth Jenkins

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Lynne Jones and Clerk Amanda Jones declared their interest in the clerk's salary

3. Matters arising from minutes

1. The manhole down by the Felin has been fixed
2. Hedge by Quarry seems to have been trimmed but not enough. C.Cllr Eirwyn Williams has notified relevant department but following a recent accident involving a member of the parish, C.Cllr Williams to speak to them again
3. Council have been out and laid poison with regards to the Rat problem in Castle Terrace. Council have noted that there was an issue with rubbish and they are keeping an eye on the situation
4. Cllr Meurig Griffiths has been in contact with Sion (Davies) with regards to the mess left at Trehelyg. It was down to the housing department and Sion was going to look into the matter
5. It was proposed by Elsbeth Jenkins and seconded by Pat Racher to co-opt Sion Williams back on to the council. Having advertised 2 vacancies for councillors following the departure of Glyn Davies and Gareth George, interest was shown by 4 members of the public; Rhys George, Charlie Kingman, Wendy Orson and Rhys Green. After a show of hands, Rhys Green and Rhys George had the majority of votes. Clerk to contact all concerned to thank them for their interest and advise them on the council's decision
6. Clerk Amanda Jones and Cllr Lynne Jones left the room for the remaining councillors to discuss the clerk's salary. On returning to the room, it was agreed by all councillors that the clerk was to be paid £2000 p.a Clerk thanked the floor on their decision
7. No written confirmation has been received yet, but clerk has been informed that all was well with the audit, but they just needed a signature on the audit form. Clerk agreed to sign the form
8. The new bench has arrived. Meurig Griffiths and Lynne Jones to arrange a site visit and a convenient time to replace bench. Elsbeth Jenkins offered the services of her husband, Mansel Jenkins

4. Correspondence

1. Invoices from Marmax Recycled Products (£412.80) and membership for One Voice Wales (£29.50)
2. Thank you card from previous clerk Janet Phillips thanking the council for her gift
3. Requests for financial contribution from:
4. Llandovery Community Sports Association – declined

5. Carmarthenshire YFC – declined as we support local club Dyffryn Cothi
6. Homestart Dinefwr asking if Llansawel would benefit from scheme and requested information
7. One Voice Wales – Agenda for next Carmarthenshire Area Committee
8. Carmarthenshire County Council – permission for seasonal decorations. Letter given to Pat Racher to pass on to hall committee
9. Change of insurance broker to BHIB

5. Payments

1. Clerks wages (6 months) - £1000

6. A.O.B

1. Pat Racher requested another training night for use of defibrillator. Clerk to arrange. Also suggested a rota to check that defib is in working order. All councillors agreed that when passing they would check it
2. Someone approached Janet Phillips with regards to the picnic area down by the Edwinsford stating that it was overgrown and neglected. C.Cllr Williams to report to council
3. A problem with the drains between Angel and Court House, an awful smell coming from drain
4. Change of day for monthly meeting – revert to 3rd Thursday of the month
5. All councillors signed and dated the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'. C.Cllr Williams suggested Clerk to make bullet point list with regards to the code of conduct which will be adopted in next meeting
6. Parking – ongoing issue with car parked on co-op hill (opposite Arwel) and on junction of the Angel. Clerk to contact police to ask them to deal with the complaint

With no other business to discuss, the next meeting was arranged for Thursday 19th October at 8pm and Meurig Griffiths closed the meeting at 21.08.