Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Tuesday, 26th August, 2014, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

Cllrs. J. Wilkinson(in the Chair), A. Williams, Mrs R.H. Jones, P. Mace, D.F. Breeze, J. Williams and G. Owen.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Mrs E. Jones, W.G. Jones and W. Evans.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes:
4. Item 6a – the Church Clock was omitted from the list of possible recipients for a donation.
5. Correspondence:
6. Powys C.C. – Summer Ambassadors – Notes for Town and Community Councils. Members generally felt that we were not equipped to undertake this work, and that it was a possible strategy to pass down responsibilities gradually, to town and community councils. Clerk requested to obtain a copy of the C.D. that is available.
7. Letter from County Cllr. Barry Thomas. Contents noted.
8. Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum – next meeting at Welshpool Town Hall on the 2nd September, 2014.
9. Planning:
10. P2014/0679 – Section 73 application to vary Condition No. 12 (vehicular access) of planning permission P/2012/0569 at Plas, Cwmnantymeichiaid.

Members were informed that Cllr. W.G. Jones had looked at the plans and visited the site, and there did not appear to him to be any problems with the application that would improve the access.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this application be supported. All agreed.

1. P2014/0803 – Provision of a grey water wetland drainage system at Tanyfron, Meifod.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that the same comments as were submitted for the previous application, be forwarded – Members did not feel that they had sufficient knowledge of the system proposed, to comment, but did want to reiterate the need for the neighbouring property and the adjacent highway to be protected from any “run-off” or alterations made to the land.

All agreed.

1. Finance:
2. Severn Trent Donation:

Following discussion, it was agreed that there were, at the moment, six potential projects which might benefit from a donation from the fund of £5,000.00 which is being made available by Severn Trent. The six being:

New toilet facilities for the Village Hall.

Replacement Interpretation Board for the Car Park.

Upgrade of kitchen facilities in the Church.

A seat for the village.

Flower containers for the village.

Upgrading of the Church Clock – to make it visible from the village, and to possible electrify it, if there was sufficient funds available.

Cllr. Mrs Eldrydd Jones had provided documents for the claiming of a grant from Powys C.C. towards the Interpretation Board, which would require two estimates, and these would be sought in time for the next meeting.

Councillors were also requested to consider the six projects and prioritize them, for the next meeting.

Cllr. J. Williams stated that in his opinion, a replacement Interpretation Board was a waste of money and that it would be more cost effective just to remove the current board, and the church clock was more of a priority as it needed upgrading and was last done about 20 years ago.

1. Highways and Footpaths:
2. Wern Lane – now that Pontscowrhyd Bridge is closed, more traffic is using the Wern Lane, which is not suitable for 2-wheeled traffic. Clerk to request appropriate signage from Powys C.C, and to also write to the A.A. and RAC to see if sat. navs. Can be changed.
3. Entrance to Cae Robert, Meifod – large conifer on the right hand side which is hampering visibility on exiting the estate. Councillors requested to have a look at the tree and report back to the next meeting.
4. Water leak by Dyffryn Farm, Meifod – the Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Severn Trent on a number of occasions in the last two weeks.
5. Local Development Plan:

Meifod Site:

Cllr. Mrs Eldrydd Jones is fully supportive of this site and all relevant documents supporting the site, have been submitted.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. P. Mace that this site be supported, as there are no other identified sites within the village. All agreed.

Bwlchycibau Site:

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones is fully supportive of this site.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. P. Mace that this site be supported, but that it be noted that there should be access from the current site to this proposed site, and onto the A490. All agreed.

1. Any other business:
2. Severn Trent Works – Clerk requested to obtain an update from Carl Hobbs. Works have not moved on as promised, and the Car Park is yet to be resurfaced. The schools start back on the 3rd September and it would be in the children’s best interest for the work to be completed before that date.
3. Streetlight ME49 at Troedyrhiw is not working.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

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Date: …………………………………………………………………………………………