Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 23rd February, 2015, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

Five members of the public present who were reminded that this was not an open meeting, and comments could not be made, and secondly, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, it is unlawful to make a tape recording of this meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. P. Mace and W.G. Jones.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Clr. W. Evans that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the meeting:
4. Item 9a – this has been done.
5. Item 5a – more information still awaited from the developer.
6. Planning:

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones does not vote on planning issues.

1. P2015/0016 – siting of two holiday log cabins with all other associated works at Lower Gwernycil, Meifod.

Cllr. G. Owen reported that when he visited the site, there was no one present, but he did not see any problems with the application. Diversification in the locality would encourage tourism.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that this should be supported. All agreed.

1. P2015/00089 – erection of an affordable dwelling with detached garage and installation of a sewerage treatment plant, at land adj. to Clolyn, Meifod.

Cllr. G. Owen reported that this was an application made by local young people, who should be encouraged to stay and build in the area. The proposed dwelling would not be visible to near neighbours, and complies with policy.

Proposed by Cllr.G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this application should be supported on the grounds listed above. All agreed.

1. P2015/0080 – extension of existing garage to form an annexe and construction off a retaining wall together with change of use of agricultural land to form additional residential curtilage at Brynfa, Llanfyllin.

Cllr. A. Williams reported that this application was necessary to provide accommodation for members of the family involved in the farm business, and did not envisage any problems from the development.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that this should be supported. All agreed.

RESULTS:

P2014/0296 – Erection of a single wind turbine etc. at Allt Goch, Llanfyllin – full planning permission refused.

P2014/0128 – Erection of a detached dwelling etc. at Spring Bank, Upper Sarnau – outline planning permission granted.

P2014/1065 – Reserved matters etc. for erection of affordable dwelling at Spring Bank, Upper Sarnau – reserved matters approved.

P2014/1177 – Reserved matters etc. for erection of a dwelling at Clwydyronnen, Guilsfield – reserved matters approved.

1. Correspondence:
2. Powys C.C. with North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum – Council clustering to deliver local council services. Cllrs. Mrs E.Jones, Mrs R.H. Jones, D.F. Breeze and the Clerk, attended a meeting in Llanfyllin where an outline of the possibilities of clustering were explained by the Chair of Llanfyllin Town Council. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that Meifod C.C. should express an interest to join up with Llanfyllin Town Council. At this stage, this does not commit the Community Council to any agreements. All agreed.

Cllr. G. Owen reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Forum, where Local Government Reform and the Local Government of Wales Bill was discussed. There is support for Powys C.C. remaining as it is, and the importance of the role of town and community councils needs to be emphasized, especially in the years to come.

1. Email from Ian Taylor, Pant Du, Bwlchycibau, advising of the poor state of Cefn Lane, Bwlchycibau – email had been forwarded to Powys C.C. Highways on the date of receipt.
2. Letter from Gordon Evans, Plasiolyn, Bwlchycibau, regarding the state of the adopted road leading to Plasiolyn (copy of letter sent to Powys C.C.) – Clerk to acknowledge and pursue with Powys C.C.
3. Meifod Rec. Ass. Letter – thanking for the donations of £1,000.00 and £350.00
4. Two letters from the National Eisteddfod – thanking for the donation of sponsorship for three competitions and a reply to the letter sent following the last meeting. It was agreed that the reply to the letter sent, did not address the issues raised, and another letter should be sent advising of this.
5. Meifod Parochial Church Council – thanking for the donation of £400.00.
6. Finance:
7. One Voice Wales – invitation to re-join at a reduced fee. All agreed that no action to be taken at present.
8. Highways and Footpaths:
9. A490 – poor state of the road in parts – Pentrebeirdd Bank and along Happy Valley, in particular. Clerk to find out who decides on the specification for the quality of materials used in re-surfacing/repairing the roads, and how long is the work guaranteed.
10. Clerk to report to Powys C.C. that there is a bad pot hole by the Fferm (A490), and there are blocked gullies by Trefedrid and on the Coedcowrhyd road up from Dyffryn Farm.
11. Thanks to be forwarded for repairing the bridge wall by the entrance to Upper Hall.
12. Meifod Toilets:

Letter received from Mark Johnson with a number of questions regarding his forthcoming employment – members agreed that the post will be flexible with regard to days/times that the toilets will be cleaned. An invoice is to be submitted monthly. Point of contact to be Cllr. Mrs R.H Jones and the Clerk, and the Clerk to obtain quotations from Steve Adams and B.J.S. Oswestry for supplies.

1. Meifod Website:

Clerk reported that she had attended a training session at Gloversure, together with Cllr. G. Owen. Some further work required to re-size the photographs, but the website is now nearly ready for “going live”.

Cllr. G. Owen felt that it might not be wise to include links to other websites, as it might leave the Community Council open to legal issues.

Cllr. J. Williams expressed dismay and concern that the website had still not “gone live”, after over twelve months of work, and the fact that there may not be “links” included within it. He requested a copy of the agreement that was signed by the Chairman.

Clerk advised that she would forward a copy of the agreement, and would make enquiries regarding “links” on the website.

1. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………….

Date: ……………………………………………………………………………..