Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Tuesday, 26th May, 2015, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

Four 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: Cllr. D.F. Breeze.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes:
4. Item 4c – Clerk to contact Carl Hobbs – the wall in the Car Park has still not been repaired.
5. Item 7d – Clerk to contact Housing.
6. Corespondence:
7. Mr Gordon Evans, Plasiolyn, Bwlchyciibau – letter confirming that Powys C.C. have undertaken works to the Cefn Lane.
8. Tracey Frost, Chairperson of Meifod Playgroup – thanking for donation of £200.00.
9. Planning:

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

1. P2015/0402 – Installation of a wind turbine with blade tip height of 48.01m and 30.5m to hub height together with associated control box and access track – land at Lower Bryn y Groes, Meifod, for D & G Andrew.

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones declared an interest.

Cllr. G. Owen reported that one of the main concerns with an application for a wind turbine would be the visual impact on the surrounding area. In this case, the impact is not so great, in that the turbine has been sited so as to minimize this impact.

No objections received to date.

11 letters of support read out.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones that this application should be supported, with the following comments:

Meifod Community Council have agreed to support this application. There was some concern about the visual impact, but felt that the applicants had done as much as they could to minimize this. Members also felt that as the energy produced would be going into the existing grid, it would not compromise the ongoing discussions with National Grid with regard to the siting of pylons down the Vyrnwy Valley.  
There was also a question asked as to whether this development would have any effect on the nearby television mast, and whether the bridge over the River Banwy (by Newbridge) (which is on a tight bend), would cause problems to the vehicles bringing in the turbine components.  
Finally, the Community Council would request that a condition be attached to the decision, requesting that, at the end of its lifetime, the turbine be removed and the landscape be returned to its original state.

All agreed.

1. P2015/0432 – Section 73 application to vary condition no. 1 attached to planning permission P2010/0459 in order to extend the time limit in which to commence development of two dwellings for a further five years – land adj. The Stumble Inn, Bwlchycibau for Mr Martin Dyer.

Cllr. W.G. Jones reported that no objections received.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be supported. All agreed.

1. P2015/0435 – Extension of existing garage to form an annexe with construction of a retaining wall together with change of use of agricultural land to form additional curtilage (revised proposal) at Brynfa, Cwmnantymeichiaid.

Cllr. A. Williams expressed disappointment regarding the Planning Officer’s opinion that the first proposal was too big. Following perusal of the current plans, members felt that these revised plans made the accommodation far too small for the applicant’s needs (eg. Where would visitors sleep?).

Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. P. Mace that the application be supported, but not in its current form – the revised plans are far too small for the needs of the applicant. It is also believed that these revised plans have now created highway issues, which have to be addressed by the applicant. All agreed.

1. VAR/2015/0017 = Discharge of Section 106 Agreement attached to planning approval M23286(occupancy restriction) at Tynywern, Pentrebeirdd, for Mr & Mrs Parry.

Cllr. A. Williams reported that this dwelling had been purchased about five years ago, and to discharge this restriction would increase the value of the property.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this should not be supported. These restrictions were placed on dwelling for the benefit of local needs and to remove these would take away that facility for local people. All agreed.

RESULTS:

P2013/0835 – Installation of wind turbine etc. Land north of Pantmawr, Meifod – full planning permission granted.

1. Finance:
2. Aon Insurance - premium renewal £787.18. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.
3. Highways and Footpaths:

Clerk to contact Highways Dept. Powys C.C. to request a site visit on the A495 at Ceunant corner, where there have been a number of accidents recently.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Keith Rowe, who has retired as Highways Manager, recently.

1. National Eisteddfod:

Chairman reported that he had spoken to Elfed Roberts regarding the letter sent re: sponsorship by RWS, and had been advised that the sponsorship was much needed by the Eisteddfod, but had given his assurance that they were aware of the delicacy of the situation, and would bear this in mind when advertising the sponsorship.

Concern was also expressed by members regarding the background picture that had been used on a leaflet advertising the events on at the Rugby Club – the front of the leaflet showed hills in the background with wind turbines! Clerk requested to contact Cymdeithas yr Iaith and advise.

1. Clustering:

Cllrs J. Wilkinson, J. Williams, Mrs E. Jones, Mrs R.H. Jones and D.F. Breeze together with the Clerk, attended a meeting at Llanfyllin, where this was discussed. Agreement was given, In principle, to joining with Llanfyllin, and a request was made that we advise them as to which services we might require in the future. Following discussion it was agreed that grounds maintenance, street scene(3/4 litter bins), mobile library and car park might be services that we may have to take on in the future.

1. Any other business: None
2. Press Release: Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9.25pm.

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

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