Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 26th September, 2016, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

Cllrs. A. Williams(in the Chair), Mrs E. Jones, Mrs R.H. Jones, J. Williams, G. Owen,

W.G. Jones, K. Davies, J. Morris and W. Evans.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. J. Wilkinson.

2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office: Completed by Cllrs. J. Morris and K. Davies.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that these be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

a) Items 5a and b – these have been given consent.

5. Planning:

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

1. P2016/0884 – Siting of temporary accommodation to serve the existing free range egg production unit, and associated works – Rhosyglascoed, Meifod, for Mr J. Davies.

Cllr. A. Williams advised that he had looked at the application and can see a need for this accommodation, and had not received any verbal objections. One letter of support read out.

Proposed by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that this application be supported on the grounds that rural enterprises should be encouraged and should be given the chance to prove their viability. All agreed.

6. Correspondence:

a) Invitation to “Best Kept Village in Montgomeryshire Competition 2016” presentation event on the 30th September, 2016. Cllrs. Mrs E. Jones and K. Davies advised that they would be attending.

b) The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Initial Proposals. Clerk requested to place on agenda for next meeting. Information is available on the website but a paper copy will be sent out to anyone who does not have access to this.

c) Email from Colin Edwards, Powys C.C. re: Public water stand at Meifod, advising that he has tried to contact Severn Trent Water, but as yet as not received a response. Will advise further if more information received. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

d) Email – Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026 – public consultation to commence on Monday, 10th October, 2016 for six weeks regarding “Further Focussed Changes”. Further details to follow.

7. Finance:

a) Invoice from Mary Ronnie for the upkeep of the toilets - £144.00 for the period 24th August to 20th September, 2016. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.

b) Invoice from British Gas for the period 28.05.2016 to 28.08.2016 = £250.89 incl. VAT. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that this be paid, and the consumption of electricity be investigated as the bills are too high. All agreed. Clerk stated that an estimate had been received from Martin Pearce for an upgrade to the lighting/heating of water, but an attempt to receive financial help from outside sources had been unsuccessful to date. Clerk requested to obtain two further quotes and to place on agenda for next meeting.

c) Clerk’s salary April to September 2016 - £1250.00 together with petty cash of £121.53. Clerk requested to leave the meeting for discussion to take place regarding the amount of salary payable. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones that the salary and petty cash be paid, together with an honorarium of £300.00 in this instance. All agreed.

8. Highways and Footpaths:

Clerk to report the following to Powys C.C. - A490 Bwlchycibau Bank and outside North View, Bwlchycibau – poor road surface, and a new gateway has been constructed coming out onto the C2176

Email received from Derek Price, Powys County Council, advising of works to be done on the A495 at Ceunant – removal of some trees, realignment of the road and markings etc, following site meeting with Chairman and Cllr. Mrs E. Jones. Clerk requested to arrange a meeting with all councillors as soon as possible and to request a copy of the Ecologist Report.

Clerk to advise BT that there is leaning telegraph pole on the Corsydd road.

9. Any other business:

a) Appointment of three Trustees to the Griffiths Charity (Number 525727). Cllr J. Williams reported that three trustees require to be appointed, and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that the following be appointed:

1 year – Cllr. J. Williams.

2 years – Cllr. W. Evans

3 years – Cllr. K. Davies.

The Trustees are required to appoint the fourth trustee.

All agreed.

1. Trefnanney School – members advised that work was in progress to start up a private school on this site as of January 2017 under the Headship of Margaret Eaton. The ages of the children will be between 12 and 17, and will be a “day” school only.

10. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

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

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