Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 27th July, 2015, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

Cllrs. J. Wilkinson(in the Chair), A. Williams, G. Owen, P. Mace, D.F. Breeze, J. Williams, Mrs R.H. Jones, Mrs E. Jones 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. W. Evans.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Item 4 – the bus service has been saved. The petition finally raised over 1200 signatures, and the thanks of the community council were extended to all who worked so hard to save the service.
5. Item 10 – Clerk reported that she had been unable to obtain keys for the mens and ladies toilet from Powys C.C. Email received from Nicky Davies, Powys C.C. advising that we get new locks fitted and forward the invoice to them for reimbursement. All agreed that this action be taken.
6. Chairman reported that he had received an estimate for a new sign to be erected on the wall of the toilets, advising that they are being run by Meifod Community Council – from New Signs, Oswestry at a cost of £40.00. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that this be done. All agreed.
7. Planning:

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

1. P2015/0591 – Erection of a local needs dwelling and detached garage and installation of sewerage treatment plant at site adjacent to Clolyn, Meifod.

Cllr. G. Owen reported that applications for two dwellings adjacent to this site had already been supported. This application was for a local needs dwelling in a rural settlement.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. P. Mace that this be supported. All agreed.

1. P2015/0537 – Erection off a portal framed building to house machinery to produce wood chip for the use in biomass energy production, at Caebardd Sawmill, Pentrebeirdd.

Cllr. J. Wilkinson advised that this new building was to replace a previous one that was burnt down two years ago.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that this should be supported – to support a thriving local business. All agreed.

1. P2015/0585 – rear lean-to o sunroom/study/wc extension with associated decking and steps at Rhos y Glascoed Uchaf, Pontrobert.

Cllr. A. Williams reported that no objections received.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that this should be supported. All agreed.

1. VAR/2015/0021 – Discharge of 106 Agreement attached to planning permission M96/287 (occupancy restriction) at Old Oak Yard, Geuffordd, Guilsfield.

Cllr J. Wilkinson reported that the applicant would like to sell the dwelling and the lifting of the restriction would increase the number of possible purchasers. There were no objections received.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this application should not be supported, on the grounds that these restrictions were placed on an application for a purpose, and to remove them would go against this. All agreed.

1. P2015/0593 – Variation of conditions 2 and 12 (relating to vehicular access) of planning approval P2012/0569, to allow for a new access and driveway to the barn at Plas, Cwmnantymeichiaid.

Cllr. W.G. Jones reported that this application would provide a new access to the Plas, that would not require the purchase of land. No objections received, and it is understood that the Powys C.C. Highways are happy with this.

Proposed by Cllr. W.G. Jones and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be supported. All agreed.

1. Correspondence:
2. Llanfyllin Town Council – Llanfyllin Cluster – service transfer – copy of Powys C.C. Service Transfer Catalogue. Confirmation of agreement and willingness to continue required by the end of August. Clerk requested to forward a copy to all councillors – to be then discussed at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that whoever attends the next meeting in Llanfyllin in September, be given the mandate to vote on behalf of Meifod Community Council. All agreed.

1. Powys C.C. Traffic Order – advising of the temporary 30mph speed restriction to be implemented around the Eisteddfod site between the 28th July, 2015 and 9th August, 2015, and other traffic restrictions to be put in place.
2. Email from Powys C.C. advising of recent changes at the Newtown and Welshpool household recycling centres – contents noted.
3. Llanfyllin Group Practice Patient Participation Group – meeting arranged for Wednesday, 23rd September, 2015 at Llanrhaedr ym Mochnant Public Hall, at 7.00pm. to discuss “Future Fit”.
4. Powys C.C. Traffic Section – advising of road closure – A490 near Bwlchycibau, between 9.30am and 4.00pm – 17th to 24th August, 2015, for resurfacing works.
5. Email from John Forsey, Powys C.C. Transport Section, in response to email sent supporting the preservation of the bus service from Llanrheadr to Welshpool. Contents noted.
6. Email from Clive Jones, Powys C.C. Engineering Design, re: Newbridge, Meifod, in response to email sent regarding works required. There are programmed maintenance planned for the bridge, which involves underwater and stonework repairs to the foundation of the upstream cutwater.
7. Email from John Rose, Pontrobert Village Hall, advising that refresher defibrillator training is to be arranged for the Autumn.
8. Email received listing pending Montgomeryshire Wind Turbine Developments as at 21st July, 2015.
9. Public Toilets, Meifod – agreement received from Powys C.C. for signatures. Plan of the toilets received, which shows that the Car Park is not included within the area taken over by the Community Council. All agreed that Agreement be signed and returned so that the grant of £5,000 can be paid over.
10. Powys C.C. Local Development Plan – email received querying whether the Community Council would require Bwlchycibau be upgraded from a “small village” to a “large village”. Following discussion, where it was noted that only recently, the Community Council had fought for Bwlchycibau to be called a “small village” as oppose to a “hamlet”, it was agreed that it be kept as it was.
11. Finance:
12. Invoice from Mark Johnson – 01.06.2015 to 30.06.2015 – 30hrs @ £9.00ph = £270.00. Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. P. Mace that this be paid. All agreed.
13. Highways and Footpaths:
14. A495 by Ceunant – there have been a number of accidents recently on the corners, Meifod side of Ceunant. Clerk to request a site meeting with Powys C.C. Highways to discuss if anything can be done. There is also an on-going problem with the speed of traffic entering and exiting the village – could a Community Speed Camera be obtained? Clerk to contact Dyfed-Powys Police for information.
15. Interpretation Board:

Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from the Translation Unit at Powys C.C. that the information on the new Interpretation Board should be bilingual, and that if translation facilities are required, then Menter Maldwyn would be able to provide these at a “better cost” than Powys C.C. If a grant towards the cost of the new board is to be obtained from Powys C.C., then a bilingual sign would be mandatory.

The Clerk provided members with a draft of possible information that might be suitable to go on the Board – to be discussed at the next meeting.

1. National Eisteddfod 2015:

The Chairman thanked all members of the community who had helped to tidy up the village in preparation for the upcoming Eisteddfod.

Clerk requested to forward letters of thanks to – Tracey Frost, Christine Gillam, Mrs Glenys Gwalchmai and Mrs Vira Price.

1. Any other business:
2. Village Bench opposite Broniarth View – the Chairman reported

That this bench was in need of renewing/upgrading. The bench has currently been removed to Dyffryn for safe keeping due to its precarious condition.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that a

Quote be obtained for a new plastic bench. All agreed.

1. Schools Proposed Reorganization – County Cllr. Mrs E. Jones reported that fact-finding meetings had taken place at both Llanfyllin and Caereinion High Schools, and it had been made obvious that the members of the public who attended the meetings, had not been happy with the Consultants – “Spectrum”. They appeared to be rather biased in their attitudes.

Spectrum are now due to come back to Powys C.C. Cabinet on the 29th September, 2015, with points gained from the fact-finding meetings, and Powys C.C. will then decide the contents of the “consultation”

1. Members of the Council were advised that a caravan has been sited in a lay-by by Tyddyn yr Oen, Cwmnantymeichiaid for some considerable time. Clerk to advise Powys C.C. Highways and Environmental Health.
2. There have been a number of fly-tipping incidents – near Bronfedw, Clawdd, by Llyndu Cottage, and in the lay by between Tanygraig and Bron y Coed on the A495 – clerk to notify Powys C.C.
3. Car Park Wall – Clerk unable to obtain an estimate from a local builder, therefore all agreed that Cllr. A. Williams undertake the work, and forward an invoice to Severn Trent Water.
4. Car Park surface – it has been reported that the surface of the car park, near the tank at the far end, is sinking – Clerk to contact Severn Trent Water.
5. Press Release:

Clerk to report main contents of meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Signed: ………………………………………………………………………..

Date: …………………………………………………………………………