Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Tuesday, 29th March, 2016, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. P. Mace and W.G. Jones.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams ad seconded by Cllr. G Owen that these be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes:
4. Item 5b – Cllr. Mrs E. Jones reported that the reason for the tree felling was that the roots of the trees were undermining the foundations of the /
5. The representative from Severn Trent Water was Meirion Turner and not Martin Turner.
6. Correspondence:
7. Email from Shan Mayor, giving an update on the cycle path project. Cllr. A. Williams attended the last meeting and reported that a bid had now been submitted for funding, and a further meeting will be arranged for May to discuss the outcome of the funding submission.
8. Planning:

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

1. P2016/0215 – Land adj. Y Bryn, Meifod – Erection of two dwellings, creation of new access and all associated works.

Cllr. J. Williams declared an interest and left the meeting.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded Fiwas within the village boundary, the dwellings were of an appropriate size to be affordable/starter homes and any concerns with regard to the electricity cable/sewerage pipe/rights of way, would be addressed by the Planning Officer.

All agreed.

1. Interpretation Board:

Update from David and Frances Ward – funding has now been secured from Powys C.C. for the cost of the Board, together with the leaflets - £1,000.00 towards the Board(to be made from Glass Reinforced Plastic), and £466.00 towards the leaflets.

Powys C.C. will have their logo on the board and leaflets, and require publicity for their contribution towards the project.

The first draft of the Board and leaflet are in place, and the production of the Board is to be done by Shelley’s of Shrewsbury, and the leaflets by Welshpool Printing Company.

Timescale – it will take approx. four weeks to produce the Board, and a launch event is to be held to promote the production and funding through Powys C.C. for late April/beg. of May.

David and Frances Ward were thanked for their continued efforts, which are greatly appreciated.

1. Finance:
2. Invoice from Steve Adams for supply of toilets rolls and graffiti cleaner - £43.50 +VAT £8.70 = £52.20. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.
3. Invoice from D.M. Johnson for cleaning the toilets – 29.02.2016 to 28.03.2016 – 17hrs @£9.00 ph = £153.00, Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.
4. Invoice from Severn Trent Water for the period 02.10.2015 to 19.01.2016 = £3231.27. This is an exceptionally high invoice, even though the information produced by Powys C.C. before the toilets were taken over, advised that the yearly water bill would be approx.. £700.00!

The Chairman reported that the water supply in the toilets had been investigated and it would seem that the water in the urinals were constantly flushing and the sensor sited on the ceiling above them, was not working. Tomi White had been contacted, and would replace the sensor as soon as possible. There had also been two water leaks from pipes in the store room, last week, and these had temporarily been repaired by Tomi White, who had advised that they could all do with renewing. A quote of £870.00 (before VAT) had been received and accepted, due to the urgency of the situation. The Clerk was also pursuing some reimbursement from Powys C.C. towards the water costs. Proposed by Cllr. G Owen and seconded by Mrs R.H. Jones that this be paid. All agreed.

1. Invoice from British Gas for the electricity supply to the toilets for the period 03.10.2015 to 28.02.2016 - £811.82 less the amount already paid in January 2016 £387.99. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that this be paid. All agreed.
2. Clerk’s salary – October 2015 to March 2016 = £1250.00 plus petty cash £189.27. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that this be paid. All agreed.
3. Highways and Footpaths:
4. Cllr. Mrs E. Jones advised that funding for road improvements to the A495 at Ceunant, had now come through from the Welsh Assembly Government – a share of the £350,000 allocated to Powys. Tests had been done to the road surface, and these had shown that there was not a problem with the road surface itself. The works would include a realignment of the road and then a resurface. Clerk to request additional signage on the corner, until the works commence. Clerk to also request that a 40mph speed limit be put in place, as far as the corner.
5. Letter received from Graham Griffiths, Allt y Maen, Meifod, requesting works to be carried out to clear obstructions to a footpath in the vicinity of the village. Clerk to forward the letter to Powys C.C.
6. Overhanging tree into the Car Park, Meifod, near the bus stop – it is proving to be an obstruction to members of the public who catch the bus by the Public Toilets – Clerk requested to inform Powys C.C.
7. Any other business:
8. The Chairman was congratulated on hosting a meeting at Dyffryn Farm, recently, in conjunction with the N.F.U., to discuss Rural Crime. This meeting was attended by Teresa May, Home Secretary.
9. Best Kept Village Competition – Clerk to arrange a public meeting, and to invite organizations within the village.
10. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9.50pm

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Date: ………………………………………………………………………...