Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 22nd June, 2015, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

Two 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 D.F. Breeze.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. G Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting: Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that the two members of the public present be allowed to speak on Powys C.C. Transport Consultation.

1. Matters arising from the Minutes:
2. Item 5a – this was proposed by Cllr. P. Mace and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones.
3. Item 9 – this meeting was also attended by Cllr. G. Owen.
4. Powys County Council Transport Consultation Document:

Cllrs. Mrs E. Jones, J. Wilkinson and Mrs R.H. Jones attended a meeting in Llanfyllin chaired by John Forsey, Powys C.C.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Powys C.C. expressing the concerns of the Community Council – members felt that North Powys seemed disproportionally affected compared to the south of the county, where there were no areas that seemed to end up with no transport facilities whatsoever.

Members of the public who were allocated social need housing in towns and villages outside of Welshpool, were advised that there were transport links into the town, for shopping, doctors etc. What are these people to do if this transport facility is taken away?

Money was spent on dropped kerbs (Welsh Assembly money) – this would now be a complete waste of tax payers money, if the bus service was removed.

The removal of this service would have a major impact on the life of many members of the community.

A petition, currently with over 700 signatures, is being circulated and as many people as possible are urged to sign it.

The suggestion was also made that perhaps the “cluster” group would be able to take on this service, if Powys C.C. did make a final decision to remove it.

1. Correspondence:
2. Email from David Hall, Chairman MCRA re: The Montgomeryshire Villages Project. Contents noted.
3. National Eisteddfod 2015 Community Competition – Clerk to place on Notice Board.
4. Email from Nick Morgan, Planning Officer, in response to application P2015/0435 – copy forwarded to the applicant.
5. Email from Cymdeithas yr Iaith, In response to email sent regarding the leaflets produced to advertise events that are to be held at the Rugby Club during National Eisteddfod week. The picture on the front of the leaflet, showing hills and pylons was not a specific picture relating to Meifod, and was just a general picture! The producers of the leaflet have been made aware of the delicacy of the situation relating to pylons.
6. Planning:

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

1. P2015/0433 – Removal of conditions 3,4 and 5 of permission P2012/0047 relating to the requirement for the Code for Sustainable Homes at development adjoining to Llwynderw, Bwlchycibau.

Cllr. G. Owen advised that there was no evidence to support the statement in the application that the Code for Sustainable Homes legislation has been repealed/amended.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this should not be supported – homes should be made more energy efficient and sustainable, not have the code repealed/amended. The Planning Authority should also be made aware that condition 14 relating to the access has not been complied with. All agreed.

RESULTS:

P2015/0432 – Section 73 application to vary condition 1 attached to planning permission P2010/0459, land adj. The Stumble Inn, Bwlchycibau – full planning permission granted.

P2015/0198 – Erection of a single storey extension etc. at The Poplars, Sarnau – full planning permission granted.

1. Finance:
2. Invoice from Mark Johnson for 28.04.2015 to 20.05.2015 – 22hrs @ £9.00 per hour = £198.00.

Proposed by Cllr. G Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be paid All agreed.

1. Payment to Internal Auditor, Mr Roy Jones - £50.00.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. W Evans that this be paid. All agreed.

1. Highways and Footpaths:
2. Clerk to advise Powys CC Highways that there are a large number of weeds around Broniarh Bridge, and also generally around the village that need spraying.
3. Uneven pavement by Broniarth View on the A495.
4. Newbridge – pillar has come off the end of the bridge and there is a tree growing very close to the central pillar.
5. Local Development Plan:

Cllr. J. Williams declared an interest.

1. Pentre works, Meifod – Proposed by Cllr. G Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that the same comments be submitted as previously. All agreed.
2. Bwlchycibau – site adj. to Llwynderw – Proposed by Cllr. A Williams and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that the same comments be submitted. All agreed.
3. Rural Settlements – Cwmnantymeichiaid, Geuffordd, Trefnanney, Pentrebeirdd, Rock-Cil and Maesgwyn. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that these settlements be put forward. All agreed.
4. Meifod Toilets:

The contract has been received from Powys C.C. but a map of the exact area taken over by the Community Council is awaited.

Clerk to pursue the problem of no keys for the main toilet doors, and to email Carl Hobbs again about the wall at the entrance to the Car Park.

1. Clustering:

No further information available.

1. Any other business:
2. M.A.P have a stand at the National Eisteddfod, for which volunteers (especially welsh speakers) are required.
3. Mid Wales Connection – update given by the Chairman. Changes in government/government policy mean that the development of wind farms is less and less likely.

Glyn Davies MP is writing to National Grid requesting a statement.

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones thanked the Chairman for all his work.

1. Cllr. Mrs E. Jones reported that she had received an email advising that the Westwood Day Centre would be taken over by Welshpool Town Council as of the 1st July, 2015. Assurances had been given by County Cllr. Darren Mayor that this would not affect members of the public who attended the Centre, from surrounding areas.
2. Schools Reorganization Meetings:

30.06.2015 – Llanfyllin.

24.06.2015 – Welshpool

08.07.2015 – Caereinion.

All meetings between 6.00 and 9.00pm

1. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………

Date: …………………………………………………………………………...