Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 24th April, 2017, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

Cllrs. A. Williams (in the Chair), Mrs E. Jones, W.G. Jones, J. Wilkinson, W. Evans, J. Williams, J. Morris and K. Davies.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs. G. Owen, Mrs R.H. Jones and T.A. Hughes.

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. J. Wilkinson that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

1. Matters arising from the Minutes: None.
2. Correspondence:
3. Letter received from Cllr. Mrs Rhiannon Jones – wishing members all the best for future, and particularly thanking County Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and the Clerk. The Chairman and members expressed their sincerest appreciation to Cllr. Mrs Rhiannon Jones for her unstinting and valued service to this Council, and warmly wished her well for the future.
4. Email from Cae Post – advising that they are able to provide the community with a 1100litre wheeled container with a slot lid, for the Car Park, to collect plastic film e.g. carrier bags, bread bags, vegetable bags. The bin would be provided free of charge, but there would be a small charge (to cover vehicle and driver costs) of £8.50 + VAT per bin per lift. All agreed that this offer be accepted on a trial basis.
5. Village of the Year 2017 competition notification. All members agreed that entry into this competition would not be appropriate at this time due to the condition of some properties in the village. Clerk requested to contact Powys C.C. Conservation Officer, Debra Lewis, with regard to the condition, in particular, of the Kings Head Public House.
6. One Voice Wales – New Councillor Induction Training – cost of £60 to non-members (bursary available to eligible councils) – 30th May, 2017 at Machynlleth. Clerk requested to find out if a bursary would be available to this Council, and whether the training would be appropriate to members who had been councillors previously.
7. Planning:

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

1. P2017/0007 – Erection of an extension to an egg production unit to include silos and associated works (part-retrospective) – Dolobran, Pontrobert. Additional information received from Planning Services.

Following consideration of the information received, it was proposed by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones that this be supported. All agreed.

1. P2017/0282 – Conversion of chape (D1) to a dwelling (C3), creation of new access and all associated works – Chapel Ebenezer, Bwlchycibau.

The Chairman advised that he had looked at the site and did not see any problems with this application, apart from the siting of the parking area to the corner of the cemetery.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones that this application be supported, provided that the relocation of the headstones was undertaken sympathetically and that there were no burials in close proximity to the proposed parking area. All agreed.

1. Finance:
2. Mary Ronnie – Invoice 54 for 22.03.2017 to 18.04.2017 = £144.00. Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Morris that this be paid. All agreed.

Cllr. K. Davies advised that he had checked the electricity readings on a regular basis, and the amount of the next bill should show a considerable decrease in cost.

1. Approval of accounts (copy distributed to all members present).

Proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. J. Morris that they be accepted. All agreed.

1. Appointment of Internal Auditor – Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. J. Morris that Mr Roy Jones be approached to undertake the audit. All agreed.
2. Highways and Footpaths:

Clerk requested to notify Powys C.C. Highways of the following:

1. Mingwern Road – update required on whether the NRW have been approached with regard to compensation for damage to the road.
2. Starving Castle – have works been done to complete operations in this area.
3. C2126 by Lower Hall, Meifod – when are these works to commence?
4. Grwnamlwg to Bwlchycibau road – timber hauling out of Peniarth Wood – inspection of the road required by Tynyrwtra.
5. A495, Ceunant corner – email to Derek Price, with regard to works on the trees – have the landowners been approached and when will the works commence?
6. Cluster:

Email read out from Cllr. G. Owen who attended the last meeting, advising that an explanation was given as to the role of a director etc.

Email received from Powys C.C. regarding future service delivery with regard to grounds maintenance and street cleaning – “There will be changes (reductions tbc) to the extent and frequency of grounds maintenance at some amenity sites this season.”

“The street litter bin maintenance operation is currently under review too, so this could see a reduction in the number of street bins/frequency of emptying, but the overall service aims to remain the same.”

Members agreed that the quotation received by the Cluster for Meifod CC was far too expensive, and that a quotation should be sought from Mrs Rachel Bumford, provided that she has the necessary insurance cover etc.

Clerk requested to ask Cllr. G. Owen if he would be able to attend the next Cluster meeting on the 2nd May, 2017, in order to gain further information. Cllrs. A. Williams and J. Wilkinson not able to attend.

1. Any other business:
2. Clerk to request an additional garden waste bin for the Car Park, from Powys C.C.
3. Concern expressed regarding the number of days that Potters, Welshpool is now open, and the type of vehicles that are allowed to take material there. Clerk to contact Powys C.C. for details and to express concern.
4. Clerk requested to contact Keith Beddoes, Powys C.C. to arrange a further site meeting at Bwlchycibau to discuss the disabled ramp.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

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