Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 27th February, 2017, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

1 member of the public present, who was 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. Mrs R.H. Jones and J. Morris.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes: None.
4. Correspondence:
5. Email from Manafon Community Council, via Cllr. J. Williams, advising that they are looking for support in their quest to obtain better mobile signal in the Rhiew Valley and beyond. Clerk to forward the support of this Council and to request that we be kept informed of any meetings or developments.
6. Email from Russell George A.M. – invitation to send a representative to a Montgomeryshire Broadband Summit meeting in Newtown on the 20th March, 2017. Cllr. J. Williams will attend.
7. Letter from Mr Phil Arton, Wrexham, regarding the inaccessibility of the footpath from Maesyllan up towards Dyffryn Hill. The letter also praised the “well appointed facilities in the village – Village Hall, fine Church, public car park with information and welcome board lovely clean toilets, school etc”. Clerk to forward copy of letter, together with a request for work to be done, to Powys C.C. Rights of Way.
8. Email advising of a meeting arranged by Powys C.C. to discuss the Powys Electoral Review 2017, on the 8th March, 2017 in Welshpool – Cllr. J. Wilkinson will attend.
9. Planning:

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

1. TEL/2017/0003 – Proposed base station installation at Manor House Farm Meifod.

Members were advised that there had been verbal objections to this application, made to councillors, but none received in writing.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Wilkinson that this should not be supported.

Counter-proposal by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. K Davies that the application should be supported in principle, but with a less intrusive structure, more suited to this site.  
There are a number of dwellings in the vicinity that will be visually affected by this mast, and a smaller structure would be more appropriate.

Two votes for the first proposal.

Three votes for the second proposal – the second proposal is carried.

1. P2017/0181 – Erection of one detached dwelling, with all associated works, land adj. Llwynderw, Bwlchycibau for Lady Linlithgow.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this should be supported as part of a development within the village. All agreed.

1. P2017/0007 – Erection of an extension to a free range egg production unit including silos and associated works at Dolobran Hall, Pontrobert for J.M Evans and Partners.

This application has been brought back to the Community Council following information received that it is within this Council’s boundary.

One letter of objection received, which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Petition received and contents noted.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. K. Davies that this application should be supported, but there were concerns raised.  Conditions associated with the initial approval needed to be met; failure to do so is not acceptable.  Members also felt that the Agent needed to address concerns raised in the objection letter i.e. figures in the manure management plan (stock numbers, nitrogen produced etc.) and the silly errors such as birds are released from dusk to dawn.  The Authority also needs to have regard to the petition.  The Community Council would expect the application to be severely tested by the Authority.

Counter-proposal by Cllr. J. Williams that this application should not be supported, on the grounds that this application was not correct, and should be thrown out. No seconder to this proposal.

All agreed to the first proposal with one abstention.

Meeting addressed by Shan Mayor, who gave an outline of the work that has been and is in the process of being undertaken on the Montytrax project. She was thanked by the Chairman for attending the meeting.

1. Finance:
2. Invoice from Mary Ronnie for the period 25th January 2017 to 21st February, 2017 = £108.00. Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. K. Davies that this be paid. All agreed.
3. British Gas invoice for the period 29th November, 2016 to 28th January, 2017 = £260.19. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.
4. Steve Adams – invoice for a brush and mop = £21.82 incl. VAT. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that this be paid. All agreed.
5. Paddock Electrical – invoice for upgrading the electrics in Meifod Toilets, including the installation of a water heater = £1026.54 incl. VAT. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Wilkinson that this be paid. All agreed.
6. Proposed by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that this be paid. All agreed.
7. Meifod Playgroup – donation request. Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that a payment of £100.00 be made in line with the decision made when calculating the precept. All agreed.
8. One Voice Wales – membership invitation. Following discussion, it was agreed that further information be obtained from other town/community councils before a decision is made.
9. Highways and Footpaths:

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

1. Damaged culvert by Bronymaen, following recent accident.
2. Starving Castle – when will the drainage work and clear up be completed.
3. Abandoned car in lay-by at Cwmnantymeichiaid.
4. Fence at the back of the Car Park, Meifod needs repairing.
5. Stiles along the footpaths in the area in need of upgrading.
6. Thanks to be forwarded to the staff who were involved in the clear up of trees/debris, following the recent bad weather.
7. Clustering:

Email from Jonathan Bellingham advising that the next meeting will be on the 8th March, 2017 and advising that they require the names of any directors that the Community Council wish to nominate.

Proposed by Cllr. G Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Wilkinson that the Chairman, Cllr. A. Williams’ name be put forward. All agreed.

Clerk also requested to place, on the Notice Board, a request for expressions of interest in undertaking street cleaning and grounds maintenance services. Clerk to find out if any of these duties are “statutory” by Powys C.C

1. Local Development Plan:

A representative is required to speak at the forthcoming hearings, on behalf of Meifod Community Council.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that Cllr. J. Wilkinson be nominated. All agreed.

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones expressed concern that there was not enough information with regard to the search areas.

1. Any other business:
2. Clerk to send the congratulations of Meifod Community Council to the organizers of, and the participants in the Meifod Pantomime, who raised over £2,500.00.
3. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9.05pm

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

Date: ……………………………………………………………………………….