Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 29th January, 2018, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. J. Wilkinson.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. K. Davies that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes:
4. Item 7b – sweeper still required for the Cwmnantymeichiaid area.
5. Correspondence:
6. Powys C.C. – General Dispensations – copy distributed to all councillors.
7. Montgomeryshire Village Awards 2018 – invitation to attend the launch, at Berriew Community Centre on the 23rd February, 2018. Cllr. Mrs J. Sisley advised that she would be attending as a member of the committee. Clerk requested to place a copy of the email on the notice board.
8. North Montgomeryshire Cluster CIC meeting on Tuesday, 6th February, 2018 – the Chairman, Cllr. A. Williams advised that he would not be able to attend this meeting. Cllr. G. Owen agreed to attend in his place.
9. Planning:
10. P2017/1369 & 1368 – Renovation, extension and change of use of redundant outbuildings into residential accommodation for the Tan y Fron Co-operative.

Cllr. A. Williams declared an interest.

Cllr. G. Owen advised that he had been to see the application site, and had two concerns with regard to the parking and the composting of the waste.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that the application be supported, but with concerns regarding the availability of parking for nine cars and the fact that vehicles are currently being parked on the side of the A495, and the suitability of the waste system (composting) for the number of residents, and it was hoped that
this proposed development would not mean an increase in the number of
residents. All agreed.

1. P2018/0020 – Conversion of building to form single dwelling unit – Old School Hall, Meifod.

Proposed by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones that this be supported on the grounds that it would greatly improve the appearance
of a prominent building in the village, and prevent further
deterioration. All agreed.

1. P2018/0014 – Erection of an affordable dwelling, creation of access, installation of septic tank and all associated works – land off Lluest Lane, Cwmnantymeichiaid.

The Chairman reported that the County Cllr. J. Wilkinson had advised that he had been to have a look at the site and there might be some problems with the proposed access but this could be sorted out with the Planning Authority.

Proposed by Cllr. W.G. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones that this be supported on the grounds that it was for a young local family and in the rural settlement of Cwmnantymeichiaid. All agreed.

1. Letter from Roger Parry & partners, advising of a proposed application at Ystym Colwyn, Meifod for an extension to an intensive poultry installation and requesting comments.

Clerk requested to forward a letter to the Planning Authority advising of the feeling of the Community Council that this area had now reached saturation point with regard to the number of poultry sheds. All agreed.

1. Finance:
2. Invoice from Mary Ronnie – 2nd January to 26th January, 2018 = £108.00. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. K. Davies that this be paid. All agreed.
3. Payment of donations to:

Meifod Playgroup = £200.00

Maen Cemetery = £150.00

Cllr. A. Williams declared an interest.

Bwlchycibau Churchyard = £250.00

Cllr. W.G. Jones declared an interest.

Meifod Churchyard = £350.00

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones declared an interest.

Proposed by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. K. Davies that these be paid. All agreed.

1. Highways and Footpaths:
2. Clerk to advise Powys C.C. Highways of pot holes on the Trefnanney to Geuffordd road and opp. Entrance to Lower Fawnog Farm.
3. Cil Road – the gabions that were put in some years ago, are eroding.
4. Allt y Gader, Cwmnantymeichiaid – following the extraction of timber, the road has been left in a very poor condition.
5. A490 at the bottom of Bwlch Bank – sign needs straightening/realigning as it is blocking the entrance to a field.
6. A490 by the Llanfechain turn – the sign for Llanfyllin has been knocked off.
7. Website:

Cllr. J. Williams expressed concern that the website was not being used to its full potential, and there was not enough information on it e.g. from other organizations locally.

Cllr. G. Owen advised that the website was developed following an instruction from the Welsh Assembly Government and a grant that was available for this.

The instruction asked that details of the town/community council (councillors, contact details etc.) together with agendas and minutes were on the website, and this instruction has been fulfilled.

To develop the website further would involve some knowledge of website development, and time, of which both are of short supply to the Clerk and fellow councillors.

Proposed by Cllr. W.G. Jones and seconded by Cllr. J. Morris that, unless suggestions come forward as to how to develop the website further, then it be left as it is, for now. All agreed.

1. Any other business:
2. Pentrebeirdd Notice Board – it has been noted that this notice board is in a poor state of disrepair and dangerous. Cllr. T.A. Hughes agreed to remove the timber and glass as soon as possible.
3. Clerk requested to send a card to Mr & Mrs David Breeze and family, wishing them well on their forthcoming removal to Alberbury.

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

Signed: ………………………………………………………………………………

Date: ………………………………………………………………………………..