Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Monday, 30th June, 2014, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

Cllr. A. Williams(in the Chair), D.F. Breeze, P. Mace, Mrs R.H. Jones, Mrs E. Jones, W.Evans, G. Owen, W.G. 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: Cllr. J. Wilkinson.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that they be signed by the Vice- Chairman. All agreed.

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

1. Matters arising from the Minutes:
2. Severn Trent Water – site meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 1st July, 2014, between Carl Hobbs(Site Manager), Awi Williams and David Rowe (Powys C.C. Highways), Jonathan Wilkinson and Mrs E. Jones (Meifod C.C.) to discuss the works required to the highway.
3. Planning:

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

1. P2014/0449 – Erection of two poultry units, 6 feed bins, construction of hard standing, formation of vehicular access, construction of an access track and formation of passing bays together with landscaping and associated works at Gaer, Meifod.

Cllr. J. Wilkinson reported, via the Vice-Chairman, that he had received no objections to the proposals from local residents.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that the application be supported. All agreed.

1. P2014/0612 – Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use, namely - use of land for siting of a residential caravan at Little Cefn Pentre, Maesmawr, Welshpool.

Cllr. A. Williams reported that no objections received, and the caravan was not visible.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. G Owen that the application be supported. All agreed.

1. P2014/0296 – Erection of a single wind turbine, hub height 30.5m, with height to blade tip 45.8m, erection of a control box and all other associated works at land at Allt Goch (Penllwyn Farm), Llanfyllin.

Cllr. Mrs E. Jones declared an interest and left the meeting.

Two letters read out.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the main area of concern was the size and location of the turbine.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. W.G. Jones that the application should not be supported, due to the prominence of the structure, and its visibility from a wide area. All agreed.

1. Correspondence:
2. Powys C.C. – letter from Rosie Davies, Schools Policy Officer, asking if the Community Council were aware of any organization in the area who would like to have the piano that was at Trefnanney School. Clerk to advise that Bwlchycibau Recreation Ass. Might be interested.
3. Powys C.C. Highways – advising of the “Ranking Scheme for Undertaking Minor Works”. Contents noted.
4. Powys C.C. (Chris Lloyd) – re: prohibition of waiting at all times, on the A495 by the Old Village Hall, which is to go to the Shire Committee on the 2nd July, 2014.
5. North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum – minutes of the meeting of the 3rd June, 2014.
6. Ombudsman Annual Report 2013/14.
7. One Powys Plan 2014-2017.
8. Mid Wales Health Study – survey regarding Shrewsbury/Telford Hospitals. All members of the community urged to complete the survey, if they have received treatment in the last twelve months.
9. Finance:
10. Payment to Internal Auditor – proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that a payment of £50.00 be made. All agreed.
11. National Eisteddfod 2015 – All agreed that it be considered in the precept as is usual with donation requests.
12. Severn Trent Water donation offer (£5,000.00) – all agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, so that members can consider how this money can be spent. Cllr. J. Williams suggested that one option could be the repairs to the Church Clock.
13. Highways and Footpaths:

Update sent by email, from Awi Williams, Area Support Officer, Highways, Powys C.C. advising that temporary works will be done by Bentley on the junction of the Cefn Road with the A490 at Bwlchycibau, and then permanent works will take place when their work has been completed.

Resurfacing works on the Clolyn road (U2171) and now been completed.

1. Meifod Website:

The Clerk reported that the “dummy” website had now been emailed to her and some of the last six months’ minutes had been placed on there. Request made for any photographs that members might have online, to be sent to her for inclusion on the website. No details of when the site is to go live, or when the training will be undertaken, have been issued as yet.

1. National Grid: No further updates at present.
2. Any other business:
3. Update on the Trefnanney School Field – members of the community are currently in the process of obtaining the field from Powys C.c. and are going to plant an orchard on it. The promise of a number of fruit trees has been made by some local families.

A draft sales document is currently being produced by Parry Lowarch for the sale of the School building.

1. Local Council Forum – Cllr. G. Owen reported that he attended a meeting, where the “Williams Report” was discussed. This report discusses the “clustering” of local town and community councils to facilitate the delivery of some services such as possibly the mobile library. Welshpool Town Council have offered to take the lead on the “clustering” as they have the staff and the facilities.

Cllr. G. Owen expressed his concerns regarding a letter recently sent by County Cllr. Barry Thomas, where he stated that “



Clerk to write to Cllr. Barry Thomas advising of the concerns of the Community Council.

1. Cllr. W. Evans expressed concern regarding the way that the refuse from Glascwm is picked up. At present, all the refuse, which is individually recycled by the householders , and then placed in a communal bin, is placed into one lorry together, but the recycling lorry passes the same communal bin within a matter of feet – why could the recycling lorry not pick up the refuse – the items would then get recycled properly.
2. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of main contents of meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

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Date: .............................................................................................................