Minutes of a meeting of Meifod Community Council, held on Tuesday, 31st May, 2016, in the Village Hall, Meifod.

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that they be signed by the Chairman. All agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes:
4. Item 3a – Clerk to forward copy of email from Severn Trent Water, to Cllr. Mrs E. Jones.
5. Item 8a – Clerk reported that a “dog bin” had been erected by Elms Garage, and a further one is to be erected by Troed y Rhiw, as soon as new stock is received.
6. Correspondence:
7. Powys C.C. – notification of proposal to temporarily close the U2179 at Bwlchycibau between the 27th June, 2016 and the 1st July, 2016.
8. Email from Jonathan Bellingham, Llanfyllin Town Council Clerk, advising that Powys C.C. is thinking of transferring responsibility for the town’s library to possibly the town council. Llanfyllin Town Council now asking whether the community councils, locally, would be prepared to contribute, in principle, to the running of the library, if this were to happen. Clerk advise to respond stating that we would be prepared to give the matter some consideration, in principle, but as Llanfair Caereinion Library is also under the same threat, then no commitment can be given, at this stage.
9. Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative – meeting at Llanidloes Community Centre on the 13th June, 2016.
10. Powys C.C. Local Dev. Plan – Examination of the LDP has been suspended for a period of 6 months to allow the Council to undertake additional work.
11. Planning:

P2016/0104 – development adjoining Llwynderw, Bwlchycibau – application withdrawn.

1. Finance:
2. Meifod Recreation Ass. – Invoice for Annual Fee for Hire of Billiard Room - £105.00. Proposed by Cllr. G Owen and seconded by Cllr. A. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.
3. D.M Johnson – invoice for cleaning of toilets – 25/04/16 to 16/05/16 = £81.00. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that this be paid. All agreed.
4. Mary Ronnie – invoice for cleaning of toilets 17th to 31st May, 2016 = 8hrs @ £9 p.h. = £72.00. Proposed by Cllr. W. Evans and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones that this be paid. All agreed.
5. Invoice from David Goodman for the design of the Information Board = £460.00. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that this be paid. All agreed.
6. W.P.G. – Invoice for printing of 5,000 leaflets - £379.00. Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be paid. All agreed.
7. Letter from Meifod Rec. Ass. Requesting a donation towards the costs of the Queen’s 90th Birthday Party celebrations, to be held in the Village Hall on the 12th June, 2016. Cllrs. Mrs E. Jones and G. Owen declared an interest. Proposed by Cllr. A. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. Jones that a donation of £100.00 be made All agreed.
8. Highways and Footpaths:

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

1. Two signs by Broniarth Bridge need replacing in position following a flood during the Winter.
2. A495 by Spring Gardens and Bronymaen – damage to road surface.
3. A495 – gabions by Tanygraig – they appear to be breaking up and there is a conifer growing from the top/to the side of them.
4. Interpretation Board:

David and Frances Ward advised that the Board and Leaflets are now ready for collection, and following discussion, it was agreed that the launch should take place on Sunday, 12th June, 2016, immediately before the Recreation Association’s event to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday. The Chairman of the Recreation Ass. Had been approached, and no objections had been raised.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Three members of the public joined the meeting.

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr. J. Wilkinson thanked all members of the Council for their assistance and support during the last twelve months, and in particular County Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and the Clerk.

County Cllr. Mrs E. Jones thanked Cllr. J. Wilkinson, A. Williams, the Clerk and members of the Council for their support and assistance.

Cllr. J. Wilkinson vacated the Chair, and the meeting was temporarily chaired by the Clerk.

1. Election of Chairman:

The Clerk reported that no nominations received.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs R.H. . Jones that Cllr. A Williams be elected as Chairman. All agreed.

1. Election of Vice-Chairman:

No nominations received.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Williiams that Cllr. W. Evans be elected as Vice-Chairman. All agreed.

1. Welsh Language Scheme:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. G. Owen that this be accepted and renewed. All agreed.

1. Freedom of Information Act:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that this be accepted and renewed. All agreed.

1. Policy on unacceptable behaviour by individuals:

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E. Jones and seconded by Cllr.J. Williams that this be accepted and renewed. All agreed.

1. Risk Assessment:

Proposed by Cllr. G. Owen and seconded by Cllr.W. Evans that no action required. Hi-Viz waistcoats used on all site meetings. All agreed.

1. Meeting open to members of the public:

Questions raised:

1. Concern expressed regarding potential flooding to the village – was there a plan in place, in the event of flooding, for pumps to be brought in etc.

The Chairman stated that Powys County Council did have an Emergency Plan, which would come into force in the event of any emergency event. Representative from Severn Trent Water and Natural Resource Wales attended a Community Council meeting in February, and it was noted that no feedback had been received following this meeting.

The Clerk was requested to take this forward and to send copies of any responses to Russell George A.M. and to the concerned residents.

1. The 30mph speed signs placed on the A495 by Ceunant, following the recent spate of accidents, and prior to works commencing on site, have disappeared from view amongst the overgrown vegetation.

Update given by Cllrs. J. Wilkinson and Mrs E. Jones on works to be done.

Clerk to contact Powys C.C. to get the vegetation cut back and the signs reinstated to view.

The possibility of Community Speed Cameras discussed and the Clerk requested to contact Dyfed-Powys Police for advice as to the possibility of their use.

1. A. member of the public questioned the current whereabouts of the old water pump that had been originally sited by the Almshouses in Meifod, and was advised by a member of the Council that it had been refurbished and had been due to be replaced at the beginning of the year, but due to family commitments, this had to be deferred and would now be done within the next month.

The proposed site of the refurbished pump was requested and it was stated that it would be replaced near to its original site - within the curtilage of Y Bryn.

This was questioned, as the original site was on the highway, but the Council were advised that on the highway would not be a suitable site for it, and that is why a place had been especially made for it, by a stone wall, where it would be safe. A member of the Council advised that the water pump had been disconnected a long time ago, and he had taken “custody” of it, and when planning permission was sought and granted in 1994, there were no comments made at that time about the pump, and the Community Council had not sought to claim the pump for the community during all this time. When asked as to whether he would give up the pump to the “community” – it was stated that he was the custodian of the pump and would not be willing to give it up to the community, but would be replacing the pump, close to its original site, within the curtilage of Y Bryn, within the next month.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. W. Evans that a letter be sent to Powys County Council Solicitor, Colin Edwards, for advice. All agreed with one abstention.

1. A member of the Council advised that he had been approached by a local resident, who had expressed concern about works that were taking place at the back of the Kings Head, Meifod. There was concern that damage was being done to the boundary by the play area, where a “bike park” was currently under construction. It was believed that Powys C.C. Environmental Health had visited the site, and had advised the tenant of the public house to cease all works until the Planning Authority had been contacted for advice.

There was also concern about damage to a building at the back where it is thought that asbestos was present. Clerk requested to contact the owners of the Kings Head to advise.

No further questions from the members of the public present, therefore the Annual General Meeting was brought to a close.

1. Any other business:
2. Members were advised that Mr Glyn Davies, Gaer, Trefnanney was standing down as one of the Trustees of the Deytheur Trust and as a consequence there was now a vacancy. His daughter, Helen Fielden would be willing to take his place, provided that the Community Council were in agreement with this.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Williams that Helen Fielden be allowed to take Mr Glyn Davies’ place and a letter be sent to this effect, and to also thank Mr Davies for his work. All agreed.

1. Press Release:

Clerk to advise of contents of meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

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

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