Minutes of the meeting of MEIFOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 26th June, 2024 at Meifod Village Hall - 7pm

Not present – Clerk – Catherine Pritchard.

Present – Cllrs. J. Sisley (Chairperson); G. Owen, J. Wilkinson, A. Williams and

Minutes – Cllr. J. Williams. There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies – Cllrs. J. Morris, N. Pickstock, W. Evans & A. Hughes
2. Declaration of Interest - Cllr J. Wilkinson declared an interest in all planning items.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Wednesday the 30th May, 2024 were accepted after the following corrections and additions.
* Item 2 Delete ‘disclosed’ and add ‘declared’
* Jubilee Garden reply not received by K. Gilmour.
* 26th February, 2024 meeting validity as detailed in Minutes of Previous Meeting Monday 25th March, 2024 and deferred to April meeting had not been clarified so minutes remain unsigned.
* Meifod Toilet issue representatives – Cllrs. J. Wilkinson and G. Owen
1. Information Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

Clerk vacancy – It was agreed to spend £70 with an advert on ‘My Welshpool’.

Meifod Facebook and on the various notice boards around the community.

NRW Forest Management Review

Feed to the consultation :-

1. Condition survey be made of the highway surface and verges prior to timber harvesting operations and post. Reinstatement to original condition to be completed promptly.
2. Delegation of NRW footpath maintenance to Powys County Council is ineffective as they now have very minimal resources to carry out regular maintenance resulting in public footpaths on NRW land becoming overgrown and impassable.
3. Designated Hardwood planted areas are unmanaged and no formative early years pruning or thinning is carried out to obtain quality specimen hardwood trees
4. Any conifer regrowth removal in designated hardwood planting areas is not carried out – totally neglected.
5. Correspondence
6. An email request had been made by a Councillor to the Clerk Catherine Pritchard for a copy of the Meifod Community Council Income and Expenditure for the past 12 months. An end of May reply received “I am finalising this for year end and will be circulated to all prior to signing off at the June meeting”. A further email sent on the 25th June, 2024 requesting a copy of the Community Council Income and Expenditure for 2023/24 had not received a response. It was proposed by Cllr J. Wilkinson and seconded by G. Owen that within a few days Cllrs. J Sisley, J. Morris and J. Williams check the financial documentation now overdue from the clerk.
7. The primary HSBC account named person was the clerk who had retired several years ago. The current clerk has applied to be the primary account holder
8. The Chairperson had received notification that the Jubilee Garden had been sent a reply on the 8th April, 2024 and another copy had been emailed and received.
9. Finance

R. Williams - £240 approved

C. Pritchard - £270 approved

1. Highways
2. Meifod village A495 East end traffic speed concerns by residents of the Cae Daffydd estate – Cllrs Jonathan Williams and Joy Sisley to notify the Police and Powys County Council.
3. Geuffordd to Trefnanney – Pot holes.
4. A490 / A495 junction Ystym Colwyn very rough surface.
5. Meifod village drains need clearing.
6. Planning
7. 24/0803/FUL - Support
8. 24/0817/HH - Support
9. 24/0748/HH – Support
10. BUTE Energy – a verbal update.
11. Severn Valley Water Management Scheme – no update available.
12. Meifod Toilets – the brush had been replaced. Paper roll holders were on the shopping list.
13. Councillor Vacancy – Notify on the Meifod Facebook page and request applications within a month.
14. Youth Member Committee – Cllr. Sisley to prepare a description of purpose for 2 applicants in the 18-26 age group.
15. Website – it was noted this requires updating..

Next meeting - Monday the 29th July, 2024 – 7pm