

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2024

A minutes silence was held at the beginning of the meeting in memory of Mrs Ida Hughes, who served on Middletown Parish Council and on Trewern Community Council for over 35 years.

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Judy Evans, Fiona Warburton, David Corfield, Phil Hughes, Rob Breakwell, Rex Turner, Amanda Jenner, Colin Jenkins, Peter Davies and Nicola Dyson.

1977 Apologies

None.

1978 Minutes of the Meetings from 21st November for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st November to now be approved and signed by GC.

Proposed by PH, seconded by DC.

1979 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, renewable energy, membership of voluntary organisations, school governors, school modernisation and school transport.

None.

1980 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1981 Playgrounds

RoSPA reports

Trewern play area had some high risk issues, Robert Wyn Jones and Son, Welders in Buttington have now completed the work needed and we are awaiting their invoice. DC has also sorted out the protruding bolts and other work required here too and will bring an invoice to cover the cost to our next meeting.

Trees and land maintenance by Breidden car park, Middletown

Given CA Bowen the go ahead to complete the work on these bushes, however at the moment the weather is too wet. Also instructed CA Bowen to cut the hedge within the play area at Middletown, as well as, power wash the play area in Trewern (due to receiving a complaint from a resident regarding the play area).

The Breidden Hotel, Middletown

It was agreed that it was nice to see the Breidden open again. PD to bring maintenance check sheets for the play area for AE to file.

ACTION: PD

1982 Highways

Since the fatality along the A458, Middletown in December, there have been other incidents. A resident got in touch with CCAJ and she suggested everyone to write on mass to Russell George, so he could then go to the Welsh Government and the Police. Russell George has written to the Police

and they have made recommendations to the Trunk Road Agency, to refresh lines and various other things to consider, such as, extending over taking lines, reduction in speed, no overtaking signs or fixed speed cameras. CCAJ will let us know when the meeting with the minister will be, not sure if it will be a public meeting.

Pot hole work has been done on the road up towards Middletown Hill and Mt Pleasant. Pot hole just off the A458 in Middletown by the phone box has been done. Pot hole by Llwyn Melyn has also been done. The bridge towards the Old Mill, (left down the hill from Middletown farm) is getting very narrow.

It has been reported that there is a nasty pot hole along Criggion Lane, there is also issues with flooding too. A resident is in the process of sending some photos to CCAJ.

CCAJ will request an update from the Head of Highways, to ask if work will be done on Hope Road, as PCC have received money to improve National Cycle Routes.

CCAJ suggests another drive around to highlight the work that still needs to be completed in the Ward, so it can be inputted on the PCC portal and we can decide what work is urgent.

The footpath running along the A458 towards Bank Farm Caravans has been dug up and widened slightly, its still quite uneven and the bollards are still there. JE will send over photos to CCAJ.

ACTION: JE

1983 County Councillors' Report

Housing - Recently, there have been two non-related burglary's on Mt Pleasant in Middletown, the police and the housing office have been out, suggested to have better lighting along path down the bottom of Mt Pleasant.

Parking issue - A parking issue has arisen on Mt Pleasant, Middletown, car in the way of rubbish bin collection. There are also continued parking issues on Pentre Gwyn, Trewern.

Budget – CCAJ has spent a lot of time going through the Social Services budget. CCAJ has concerns about some cuts to social funding. There is huge pressure on Adult services, it has left a lot of patients needing additional care, due to delays in their cases being dealt with.

CCAJ will ask Brook Cottage in Trewern for an update on the flooding situation.

TCC will be meeting (not a public meeting) with Russell George and Craig Williams on the 8th March to discuss the safety of the A458.

1984 Planning

[23/1689/RES | Reserved matters application \(appearance, landscaping, layout and scale\) in respect of outline planning permission 21/1621/OUT for the erection of a dwelling, access and all associated works | New Dwelling At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool Powys](#)

[23/1911/FUL | Application for a detached double garage not included on outline or reserved matters application 23/1689/RES and extension of residential curtilage to extend use of garden to existing fenceline | 1 Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EE](#)

Trewern Community Council have considered both of these applications. We are unclear and confused by the plans submitted on both applications, as they are not like-for-like. Therefore we are

unable to make comment at this time and would like to request further information to clarify what the proposed layout and plans will look like. Application number 23/1689/RES, also refers to a previous planning application 21/1621/OUT. The status of which is showing as 'unknown' on the online planning portal. Requested Planning dept to clarify the status of this application now.

1985 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £34,291.36 in the accounts at the end of December 2023. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order. GC to now sign bank statements.
Proposed by FW and seconded by PH

Payments

Clerk Salary £521.90 (November and December payment) under L.G.A 1972 s112.
Middletown Village Hall - £25 (Hall Hire) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).
The New Saints FC Ltd - £450 (Middletown play area rent) under L.G.A 1972 s111.
Wales Audit - £200 under L.G.A 1972 s111.
CA Bowen - £1053 under L.G.A 1972 s111.
PAYE - £195.80 under L.G.A 1972 s112.
Proposed by FW and seconded by RB

Note: Cheque incorrectly sent to UBUNTU Holdings Ltd to cover the cost of the Middletown play area rent has been cancelled and instead a payment has been sent to New Saints Football Club.

Donation of £25 made in loving memory of Mrs Ida Hughes. Agreed that this is not something we normally do however this is an exception circumstance, as Mrs Hughes served on Middletown Parish Council and on Trewern Community Council for over 35 years.
Proposed by GC and seconded by DC.

Budget/Precept

AE has sent the updated budget to all Councillors. The precept for 2024/25 will be £23,691, which is £35.26 per Band D household. Everyone happy with budget/precept for 2024/25
Proposed by PH, seconded by PD

1986 Correspondence

None.

1987 Any Other Business

PD attended a Burgess Land Trust meeting, applications from the Welshpool area have been approved for £500 grants.

1988 Date of Next Meetings

20 February 2024 at Middletown Village Hall and via MS Teams.