

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2022

Present: Councillors Phil Hughes (Chair), Judy Evans, Rex Turner, Rob Breakwell, Colin Jenkins and Peter Davies.

Two of the site developers for The Wallers development, a representative from Roger Parry and one member of the public were also in attendance.

1827 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Gill Corfield, David Corfield, Fiona Warburton and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

Josh Bennett our new TCC member has work commitments tonight, so was unable to attend.

1828 Minutes of the Meeting from 19th July 2022 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th July 2022 to now be signed by PH and approved.

Proposed by PD, seconded by RT

1829 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

RT declared an interest in Trewern Community Centre.

1830 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

JE has cut the overgrown hedge around the salt bin in Middletown, so this can now be seen/used if needed.

1831 Playgrounds

The overgrown hedge between the play area in Trewern and the road on the D outside the school has been previously cut by the school grounds person, however it is not actually in the ground persons contract and therefore the new school grounds person sticks to the exact contract. AE to contact PCC to ask them to cut this.

ACTION: AE

1832 Highways

It was thought that when travelling over the Cefn Bridge (from Welshpool direction), if those trees were cut down, it would make it easier for lorries coming towards each other would be able to see each other more clearly. RT will find out who owns the trees and TCC can then send a letter requesting for these trees to be cut.

ACTION: RT

CCAJ has submitted a number of issues over the Powys website, many of which have been reported previously, some of the main issues are as follows:

1. The condition of the Hope Road and safety concerns given the rough condition, pot holes etc as it is a national cycle route
2. The condition of the U2237 which comes down from Middletown quarry is very rough
3. The condition of road by Llwyn Melyn, which is along Bacheldre Lane SY21 8EG
4. Pot hole reported by my residents in March - Pothole, Cartref, Parc Caradog, Trewern SY21 8DS

The road up to Middletown quarry is now very poor, RB has taken photos. AE to email CCAJ to chase this up.

ACTION: AE

Concerns about the Green Dragon signs on the footpath were again highlighted. RB will speak to the owner.

ACTION: RB

AE to contact CCAJ for an update on the work that is due to commence behind the top row of Mount Pleasant and to check which salt bins need topping up again this year.

ACTION: AE

There is no update on the overhanging hedge in Cefn wood (going from Cefn bridge in the Welshpool direction).

CCAJ will be submitting a full motion to Council on 13th October regarding drains and bringing forward priority work to clear drains which cause localised flooding.

Work has now been completed on the utility strip that had sunk across the road towards Leighton from Buttington.

CCAJ has been asking the Council Leaders a lot of questions and trying to ensure that they are addressing the cause of the issues with recent bin collections.

1833 County Councillors' Report

CCAJ will be holding a surgery with Russell George in the Green Dragon on 14th October between 4pm and 6pm. If anyone would like to attend please book an appointment with Russell's office.

1834 Planning

18/0599/RES | Reserved matters application in respect of outline planning consent P/2017/0333 for up to 9 dwellings with garages, formation of a vehicular access & associated works (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) | Land East Of Golfa Close Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EZ
TCC have previously submitted a response to this application.

22/1242/OUT | Outline application for erection of a rural enterprise dwelling including access works, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works (some matters reserved) | Land At Heldre Hillside Heldre Buttington SY21 8TE

We have not received any objections and therefore we would like to support this application.

Pre-application Consultation - Full planning application for the proposed residential development of up to 19 dwellings and associated works at Land at The Wallers, Trewern, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8SZ

Two of the site developers and a representative from Roger Parry came to discuss this application with TCC. There is already planning permission approved for 5 larger houses on this site, this new application is for 19 affordable local needs homes instead. TCC have discussed this proposed development and would like to support this application for affordable housing for local people. However, we have highlighted our concerns about the increased amount of traffic it may generate onto the main trunk road, as well as, the possibility of flooding within the development.

Pre-application Consultation for the New extensions to production and warehouse buildings, Invertek Drives Ltd., Offa's Dyke Business Park, Powys SY21 8JF.

We have not received any objections and therefore we would like to support this application.

1835 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £24,687.04 in the accounts at the end of August 2022.

Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

PH to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PD and seconded by RB

Payments

Clerks Salary – £561.23 (20hrs for July and 20hrs for August) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Middletown Village Hall - £25 (Hall hire for October) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

CA Bowen - £794.50 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Middletown Village Hall - £2,100 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Trewern Community Centre - £2,100 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Time Release – £200 (internal audit) under Audit Commission Act 1998 s2.

PAYE - £205.60 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Payments proposed by RT and seconded by CJ

Online banking

No update. AE to chase this with HSBC.

ACTION: AE

1836 Correspondence

A458 Maes Fron Hall & Gardens - Stakeholder Consultation

Mott MacDonald have been commissioned by North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent (the Welsh government body responsible for maintaining trunk roads in North and Mid Wales) to carry out a safety study/review of the traffic signs and road markings in the vicinity of the A458 outside Maes Fron Hall and Gardens. As well as reviewing the carriageway itself and immediate surroundings to establish if any improvements can be made to reduce the likelihood of a collision occurring. AE has already responded highlighting our concerns over the overhanging hedge and the speed of the traffic through this section of road. AE to send a further email as the tarmac on this corner has started to sink down.

ACTION: AE

Zebra Crossing Request, Trewern

TCC have had a request from a resident on Pentre Gwyn for a zebra crossing (or similar) to be made over the A458, as they find it dangerous each morning crossing the road as they are taking their children to and from school. The visibility crossing back over to Pentre Gwyn is poor, it is difficult to see the around the corner. They have spoken to PCC and they have advised them to get in touch with the Highways, but then the Highways refer the resident back to PCC. Everyone in favour of requesting a pedestrian/pelican crossing, especially as there are new estates being built in this area. AE to email CCAJ to ask for further support for this request.

ACTION: AE

Parking issues, Pentre Gwyn, Trewern

Deferred until the next meeting.

An email has been received from a resident requesting a review and reduction of speed on the fastest sections of the A458. This will be deferred until the next meeting.

TCC have received an email regarding the campaign to stop the closure of the Wales Air Ambulance Welshpool base, asking us to please lobby the Community Health Council to request a full public consultation on the matter before deciding whether to support the base closure. Everyone in agreement to support this campaign.

ACTION: AE

The Breidden have announced their closure. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to register/nominate the Breidden as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Everyone in support of this. AE to organise this and also look at the lease terms for the land where the play area in Middletown is located.

ACTION: AE

1837 Any Other Business

Gates from Parc Caradog that lead onto the school grounds. School have spoken to PCC several times and FW has wrote to the Safe Guarding lead for PCC but have had no reply.

AE has had a response from Calum Carr regarding the request for another kissing gate to be installed instead of the trodden down fence along the Green Lane/Bridle Path, however the footpath actually continues through the field towards the second kissing gate and not over the trodden down fence and through the stream.

It has been noted that the two sets of steps up towards Middletown Hill have started to disintegrate. AE to send an email to Calum Carr.

ACTION: AE

Concerns were again raised about the footpath on the way out of Middletown towards the Seven Sisters, the hedge and verge is starting to encroach on the footpath, obstructing part of the footpath, which we feel is dangerous for any pedestrians walking along that route. AE to contact Highways again.

ACTION: AE

There is a really bad pot hole up Hope Road near Stonehouse entrance.

Concerns were raised about overgrown hedges which are obstructing the visibility of the some speed signs in the Ward, as well as, some signs that have been hit and have twisted around. AE to contact Highways about this issue.

ACTION: AE

Co-option of Councillors

Declaration of Acceptance forms were signed and given to the Clerk.

1838 Date of Next Meetings

18 October 2022 at Middletown Village Hall and via MS Teams.