

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2023

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

1953 Apologies

None.

1954 Minutes of the Meetings from 4th September for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 4th September to now be approved and signed by GC.
Proposed by PH, seconded by DC.

Note: At our previous meeting, we discussed the recent tree survey that was done on the ancient Oak Tree near the school. The tree specialist had asked for a notice to be put out to say if the weather is windy/stormy, for pupils and residents not to stand under it to shelter, however this notice was the responsibility of the resident who carried out the work and not the responsibility of the school or TCC.

1955 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.

DC and GC declared an interest in The Breidden Hotel, Middletown.

1956 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1957 Playgrounds

Trees and land maintenance by Breidden car park, Middletown

The work on the trees is due to commence shortly. As soon as this has been completed, GC will obtain a quote from CA Bowen to trim/tidy up the bushes underneath.

ACTION: GC

BTCP held an event to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the school, which was well attended with fantastic photos, painting and poems. The glass sculpture is still being worked on and has not yet been erected.

The Breidden Hotel, Middletown

TCC have received a letter from the new owner of the Breidden relating to the lease of the play area in Middletown, however this letter refers to another letter that had been sent to Middletown Village Hall. AE to respond to letter stating that any letter sent to the Village Hall Committee does not come under the jurisdiction of TCC and could the new owner clarify their safety concerns specific to the play park only, as this is the sole aspect of the site for which TCC has responsibility. Without knowing these details, TCC cannot give informed consideration to the terms of the lease, which the new owners have kindly proposed.

ACTION: AE

1958 Highways

There has been work done on the road below Llwyn Melyn, but this is unfinished and there are still lots of pot holes and standing water.

GC has chased the whereabouts of the old cast iron Buttington sign with Andrew Jones, but has had no response yet.

CCAJ has reported drains down Fox Lane, work has been done on them earlier in the year, but they are now full of silt again.

CCAJ walked Sale Lane, this road was really bad during the recent flooding, but the drains look okay otherwise. Work on the pot holes has been completed but the road is still quite rough.

We emailed Clive Jones last year requesting for three areas in our Ward to be added to the Capitals Grants list, however these areas did not make the cut. It was agreed that we should request for these areas to be again added to the list for this year. AE to find the previous email chain and forward to CCAJ and GC again.

There is a nasty pot hole down Criggion Lane.

It was agreed that we need to look at our Highways spreadsheet again to go through the list of work that has been reported in previous months. AE to forward updated Highways spreadsheet onto CCAJ and GC.

ACTION: AE

AE to respond to Jackie Charlton's email and send photos/videos of the worst areas in the Ward, that have been reported multiple times to PCC.

ACTION: AE

1959 County Councillors' Report

The issues with the bin collections seems to have improved recently.

CCAJ has had an update from Calum Carr on the improvements to the footpaths in the area. He is planning to speak to various landowners and volunteers will need to fill out an application form, as well as, completing an induction.

CCAJ has had a meeting with some residents from Middletown Residential Park who are still very concerned about what the future plans are for the residential park since it has a new owner. Ccaj thinks there could be some lobbying work that could be done to make some things more transparent, such as, the electricity bills etc.

PD has received a request from a resident for a weight limit to be added to the road up passed The Smithy in Buttington, as there has been several lorries going to the egg farm and then getting stuck, the resident then has to pull the lorry out. The lorries should be going from the Westbury direction instead. CCAJ will get in touch with the resident to follow up on this request.

ACTION: CCAJ

1960 Planning

23/1434/HH | Demolition of existing lean-to and construction of new single storey linking sun room between house and swimming pool including adjustments to terrace to increase space | Keepers Cottage Bryn Lane Hope Leighton SY21 8JD

TCC have considered this application. We have not received any objections, therefore we do not wish to make a comment at this time.

CCAJ has received a lot of comments about the new Invetek building in Buttington, which looks very large as you drive over the railway crossing in Buttington and for the residents living opposite the building. It was agreed that next 8th we have plans to view for that size of building, we could look at the dimensions on the plans for the Invetek building to compare.

The planning application by Penyfoel, Middletown have had a Highways response, objecting to the plans.

22/1661/FUL - planning application approved.

23/0840/OUT - planning application approved.

23/0844/FUL - planning application approved.

1961 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £29,493.53 in the accounts at the end of September 2023. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PD and seconded by RB.

Payments

Clerk Salary £261.05 (September payment) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

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

Mr Sault - £40 (fence installation) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Proposed by PH and seconded by RT.

1962 Correspondence

Nuclear shelter

We have received an email from a resident asking where is the nearest Nuclear Fallout Shelter is and/or is there are any plans being made to create one. It is thought that the nearest Shelter to our Ward is Montgomery.

1963 Any Other Business

Middletown Village Hall Broadband

When the BB was first installed at the Village Hall, it was agreed that TCC would contribute 50% towards the cost for the first 12 months. It was agreed that we would again contribute 50% towards this cost this year too, as the BB in the Village Hall is a real asset to our TCC monthly meetings.

Proposed by PH and seconded by PD.

Bus Shelters

There is a some roofing fascia panels still behind the bus shelter in Middletown, however the Bus shelters themselves are not in bad condition.

We have received a complaint from a resident about some youths speeding in their cars towards the Black Bridge in Middletown. The resident may report these youths to the Police if they continue driving at speed.

AE has chased the Post Office regarding our request for a Post Office Mobile Service Van to visit the area. However, we have had a response to from the Post Office to say, that due to the current

economical uncertainty they have made the decision to suspend any new outreach locations at this time.

PD attended the recent Burgesses Land Trust meeting, the next meetings will be held on the 4th January and the 4th June. FW will try to attend the meeting in June, as PD is unavailable. There are some new grants that can be applied for, we will add this to the FB page and TCC website as soon as we have more information about them.

RT will speak to Anna Griggs about the light outside the school, it is thought that is it still very bright when driving passed at night.

ACTION: RT

1964 Date of Next Meetings

21 November 2023 at Trewern Community Council and via MS Teams.