

# **MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023**

Present: Councillors Judy Evans (Chair), Nicola Dyson, Amanda Jenner, Peter Davies, Rex Turner Rob Breakwell and Fiona Warburton.

## **1929 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors Gill Corfield, David Corfield, Phil Hughes and Colin Jenkins,

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair the first matter on the agenda will be the election of an appropriate Councillor who will chair the meeting. All in favour of JE chairing tonight's meeting. Proposed by RB and seconded by PD

## **1930 Minutes of the Meetings from 20th June for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 20th June to now be approved and signed by JE.  
Proposed by PD, seconded by RT

## **1931 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.**

AE declared an interest in the planning application 23/0812/OUT.

## **1932 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1933 Playgrounds**

Huge thank you to Wootton Tree Services Ltd, who have completed the work on the tree at the Trewern play area and are kindly not charging us for this work. AE to send an email to thank them.

**ACTION: AE**

## **1934 Highways**

Jackie Charlton has agreed to a meeting and we are waiting for her to confirm a date.

CCAJ and GC met with Andrew Jones, he will make sure the newly created entrance onto the trunk road from Ivy House will not be used. If anyone sees anything, we can call 101 to report and email CCAJ.

Andrew Jones is going to find out where the old Buttington sign has gone.

It has been reported that there is a footpath overgrown between the Church at Buttington which links across the road, walkers use it. There is a whole section of verge where there is no path. PD will find out more, and who uses it. We can then go back to Andrew Jones with this further information.

**ACTION: PD**

CCAJ has chased the work to be done under bridge by Brook Cottage, Trewern. Highways will be looking at that to see where they can clear.

U2252 (road towards Middletown Farm from bottom of Garreg Bank) closed 24th July for utilities work for a few days.

CCAJ previously raised with Andrew Jones and Russell George's office to go to the Minister for feasibility study on pedestrian crossings in Middletown and Trewern. Russell George's office has received a response from Minister and officials will contact Community Council to understand the location on which the assessment should focus and where it would be of greatest benefit. It was agreed that we would draft a response now, rather than wait for them to get in touch with us.

**ACTION: GC/CCAJ/AE**

Patching work has been started on the road around Llwyn Melyn, but looks unfinished. It was agreed that the drains are really wet there.

### **1935 County Councillors' Report**

CCAJ had a call with the footpaths office Calum Carr, he has 22k to improve the footpaths in the area and will be doing a project on improving Middletown and linking Middletown Hill and Moel Y Golfa. He has RBs report with pictures and steps up to Middletown Hill, the steps are now quite dangerous. Calum wants to speak to landowners and the NRW. Calum would also like to get a team of volunteers, looking to do work in autumn. If everyone is in agreement, we can put it in our joint Border Gossip update and on Facebook. CCAJ will ask Calum for some basic info on what will be required of the volunteers.

**ACTION: CCAJ**

### **1936 Planning**

23/0691/FUL - Trewern Community Council have previously submitted comments on this application to raise our concerns about the road narrowing considerably outside Llwyn Celyn, as well as the access onto the main A458 highway. Although there are plans to improve accessibility at this junction, this is already a dangerous road without the added increase in traffic from this proposed development. However, we have been disappointed to learn that planning public notifications were not erected until after our submission and therefore at the time of commenting on this application, local residents were not aware of this application and were not able to put their comments to us. Local residents also share our concerns above and therefore we would like to reiterate the comments we have previously made and that of the Highways in regards to this junction and ask that their guidelines are strictly adhered to.

23/0844/FUL | Conversion of barn to a residential unit and all associated works | Llwyn Melyn Bachelde Lane Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EG

We have not received any objections, however we do not wish to make a comment at this time.

23/0812/OUT | Outline: Erection of an affordable dwelling and garage, to include all associated works (some matters reserved) | Land At Sandiacre Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DA

Trewern Community Council have considered this application and always like to support local need dwellings. We have not received any objections, however we do not wish to make a comment at this time.

### **1937 Finance**

#### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £27,658.96 in the accounts at the end of June 2023. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

JE to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PD and seconded by RT.

#### Payments

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

Bank Farm Caravans – £11.20 plus VAT (Replacement plastic for noticeboard) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Time Release - £217 (Internal Auditor) under Audit Commission Act 1998 s2.

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

Sue Davies - £100 (annual payment for emptying bins) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Proposed by PD and seconded by FW

### **1938 Correspondence**

None.

### **1939 Any Other Business**

The trodden down fence at the bottom of the green lane bridle path, in Middletown was discussed and whether we could ask Calum Carr to replace it with a style. However, as this is not the official right of way and there is a gate further down the field that should be used, it was agreed that we shouldn't be establishing a new right of way on somebody else's land.

A request has been received from a local resident for a mobile post office to come to the area after the Post Office closed in Halfway House. AE has submitted a request to the Post Office.

After having the trees surveyed at the school, it was agreed that the trees by the car park in Middletown should also be looked at. Two branches have already fallen and one is looking like it will. All agreed to ask Wootton Tree Services Ltd to take a look.

### **1940 Date of Next Meetings**

4 September 2023 at Trewern Community Centre and via MS Teams.