

# **MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2022**

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Phil Hughes, David Corfield, Colin Jenkins, Judy Evans, Rob Breakwell, Colin Jenkins and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

## **1839 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors Josh Bennett, Rex Turner, Peter Davies and Fiona Warburton.

## **1840 Minutes of the Meeting from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by JE, seconded by CJ

## **1841 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

GC declares interest in MVH.

## **1842 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1843 Playgrounds**

Concerns were again raised regarding the hedge on either side of the D outside the school and the hedge directly opposite the entrance, which is now quite over grown. The visibility is poor for parents with prams and the cars going in and out of the school grounds and therefore may lead to further Health and Safety issues. AE to send a letter to Head of school to request for this area to be cut on a regular basis by the school contractor.

**ACTION: AE**

## **1844 Highways**

We are still very concerned that we are not getting responses, feedback or updates from PCC on issues we have been reporting to them. It was agreed the road from Middletown quarry is deteriorating and each month we seem to be discussing the same recurring issues and it's very frustrating to not be getting feedback or a timeline of when these issues will be resolved by PCC. AE to send a letter expressing concerns to Chief Executive of PCC. Ideally, we would like to be able to have access to the system that PCC use so we could see what the priority scale is or who actions the high priority work. We would also like to see a copy of the Capital programme, which has been requested three times by CCAJ. Hope Road pot holes is also a concern, as it is a National Cycle Route. AE to also request Hope Road be put on the Capital Funding Programme. We are also very concerned that no preventative work is being carried out in the area, such as, drains being jetted/cleared to prevent flooding in areas known to flood. CCAJ would like to prioritise the residents that are at risk of localised flooding, such as Llwyn Melyn, Heldre Lane and Sale Lane.

**ACTION: AE**

CCAJ has requested an update from PCC regarding the work to be carried out on the ditch behind the top row of Mt Pleasant. PCC have confirmed this work was completed some time ago. GC to speak with residents to double check.

**ACTION: GC**

Bins by Brunant Cross roads on Heldre Lane/ Sale Lane have been deteriorating, PCC will be replacing them.

Concerns have been raised again regarding the signs by the Green Dragon which are still blocking the footpath on either side. CCAJ will contact Green Dragon with these concerns.

**ACTION: CCAJ**

#### Pedestrian Crossing

We have recently received requests from local residents for a Pedestrian/Puffin crossing (or similar) across the A458 in both Trewern and Middletown. We have many parents who currently walk to school, as well as residents using the bus service that have to cross from their homes over the busy A458 several times a day. There is also plans for further housing developments within the local Ward and we would like to continue encouraging residents to walk/cycle to school. It was agreed that we would request a meeting with a Highways representative to further discuss this request. CCAJ will forward the contact details for AE to send this request to.

**ACTION: AE/CCAJ**

### **1845 County Councillors' Report**

See 'Highways'

### **1846 Planning**

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

It was noted that at our previous meeting we discussed the above application and were led to believe the planning permission for the entrance had been approved, however approval for access onto the trunk road has all been pushed onto reserved matters. We are still very much concerned about the increased amount of traffic it may generate onto the main trunk road, especially since there is a planned new development on the opposite side of the road next to the school.

### **1847 Finance**

#### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £24,459.72 in the accounts at the end of September 2022. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by RB and seconded by PH

#### Payments

Clerks Salary – £261.05 (20hrs for September) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Middletown Village Hall - £200 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Trewern Community Centre - £200 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Payments proposed by CJ and seconded by DC

An error was made with the payment made to both TCC and MVH at last month's meeting. Last year we paid them both an annual donation of £2,300 each which is the amount we also budgeted for in 2022/23, however we only gave them £2,100 at the last meeting, therefore a further £200 was agreed to be paid to them at tonight's meeting.

#### Online banking

AE spoke to HSBC for an update, a registration form was completed again and will be sent to GC and PH to sign and validate.

### **1848 Correspondence**

#### Parking issues, Pentre Gwyn, Trewern

CCAJ has been raising this issue with the housing team. Pentre Gwyn is one of 15 estates that need additional parking, however the quote to remove the central green area would be approx. £55,000. CCAJ will ask for an update on this report. However, If residents are parking so other cars cannot get through, this would be a police issue and there would be nothing TCC could do in this situation. Defer to next meeting when JB can attend.

**ACTION: CCAJ**

#### Request review and reduction of speed on A458

An email has been received from a resident requesting a review and reduction of speed on the fastest sections of the A458. It was agreed that the speed of the A458 along this stretch is something that is always of ongoing discussion for us. AE to respond to email and confirm that we have previously raised this issue with Russell George's office and he has in turn spoken to the Minister. So this is ongoing and likely will be for some time. AE to also confirm to the resident that the body that this issue would need to be raised with is the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent (NMWTRA), rather than Powys County Council.

**ACTION: AE**

#### Request to cut back tree between school grounds and Hazel Close

We have received a request to cut back the large trees that align Hazel close particularly the largest one by the footpath gate. This request was discussed, however, it was thought that this was not a Community Council issue and the resident would instead need to ascertain who the owner of the tree is and approach them.

### **1849 Any Other Business**

At the last meeting, it was suggested that it might be a good idea to register/nominate the Briedden as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). However, the policy department within PCC have confirmed that the regulations relating to Assets of Community Value only apply in England. The Welsh Government has not yet made regulations relating to Assets of Community Value here in Wales. Therefore, there is currently no requirement for local authorities in Wales to keep a list of Assets of Community Value.

We note that the lease for the land in Middletown where the play area is located is due to expire within the next two years. AE to contact Ei Group to see if we could renew/extend our lease.

**ACTION: AE**

### **1850 Date of Next Meetings**

15 November 2022 at Trewern Community Centre and via MS Teams.