

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Phil Hughes, Judy Evans, Rex Turner, David Corfield and Fiona Warburton.

We would like to welcome FW back to TCC.

1815 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Rob Breakwell and County Councillor Amanda Jenner. Josh Bennett and Colin Jenkins, our two new TCC members have work commitments tonight, so were unable to attend. Councillor Peter Davies was also not in attendance.

1816 Minutes of the Meeting from 21st June 2022 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st June 2022 to now be signed by GC and approved. Proposed by DC, seconded by JE

1817 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

DC and GC declared an interest in Broad Energy. JE and GC declared an interest in Middletown Village Hall.

1818 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None

1819 Playgrounds

Overgrown hedge outside the School is still an issue, AE to send a follow up email to Mr Jenkins.

Dog Foul in play area bins

We have been notified that the bins in the play area are being used for dog foul again. It was thought that if we invest in dog foul bins, this might encourage dog walkers onto the School grounds. It was agreed that AE would put more signs up and ask Sue Davies to monitor the situation going forward.

1820 Highways

The hedge below Maesfron, Trewern is still overhanging and the white lines on the Cefn Bridge are yet to be addressed.

The hedge going up passed JE is overgrown and the salt bin can no longer be seen. No update from works on the top row of Mt. Pleasant. The quarrying time in Middletown is within limits.

CCAJ has received a reply from Andrew Jones in relation to the below issues:

1. The 30mph temporary sign may have been left out by Maesfron as a way of further highlighting the bend.
2. National speed limit signs over grown and not that visible between Trewern and Middletown, this will be added to the next Patrol and b/f works as necessary.
3. The Ditch by main road in Buttington opposite the quarry entrance was last cleared back in 2017 and is now looking quite overgrown again. Residents have asked whether it can be cleared again, Andrew Jones has confirmed an instruction will be issued to get this cleared.

4. Signs causing visibility issues outside the Green Dragon, owner has already been spoken to but Highways will pay another visit to them.
5. Pavement along by The Green Dragon heading east, Highways are putting together a list of similar footways for potential additional funding and this length is on that list.
6. The blocked drain outside Trewern Villa, Trewern has now been cleared.

The hedge is overhanging on the quarry side of Cefn Bridge and is obstructing the visibility of the 50mph sign. AE to add this issue to our spreadsheet and highlight this to Andrew Jones. We feel this overhanging hedge all along this stretch of road is a major Health and Safety issue, especially when larger oncoming lorries have to drive over the white line and into the middle of the road to avoid the overhanging hedge.

ACTION: AE

The road by Llwyn Meyln is still poor, it is thought that it has not been jetted. AE to email Dave Gardener about the issues along this road.

ACTION: AE

1821 County Councillors' Report

None

1822 Planning

Broad Energy

The Planning Inspectorate recommended that this application be refused, in which the Minister has also agreed. If you would like a copy of the report and the full reasons of why the application has been refused, please email TCC.

22/0595/DIS - approved

22/0519/HH - approved

22/0804/FUL - ongoing highways issues

21/0232/RES – application ongoing

1823 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £17,561.54 in the accounts at the end of June 2022. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by RT and seconded by PH

Payments

Clerks Salary – £234.10 (20hrs for June) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Sue Davies - £100 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

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

Payments proposed by PH and seconded by RT

Online banking

'See Financial Regulations Update'

Financial Regulations Update

HSBC have sent through a new mandate form to complete. Before we can submit this, we need to also update TCC Financial Regulations. GC reads out updated mandate, all happy to accept. Proposed by GC and seconded by JE.

1824 Correspondence

Broadband for Village Halls

Thank you to JE for all your hard work on obtaining a grant and organising/setting up the hybrid meeting equipment for the Middletown village Hall. We appreciate everything you have done – thank you. JE has also organised Broadband for Middletown village Hall, which is £420 a year. It is thought TCC should contribute to this and we will add it to our budget in January. If JE can provide us with the costs and as a council we can decide how much to contribute. This grant has now closed but other grant is available, FW, PH and JE will discuss this further for Trewern Community Centre. Could bring in more revenue for the Village halls and needs lots of promotion too.

ACTION: AE/JE/FW/PH

1825 Any Other Business

Burgess land trust

Burgess Land Trust would like us to nominate two Councillors, FW will nominate herself, along with PD.

Grow in Powys Funding Opportunities

We have received an email about Grow in Powys Funding Opportunities, there are four different funding opportunities, each with different criteria's and closing dates. FW will have a look through all the funding opportunities and see if there is anything that we can apply for. If anyone thinks of anything, let FW know.

ACTION: FW

We have previously had a request for another baby swing to be fitted into Middletown play area, GC spoke to Ray Parry but he has confirmed there is no room for any other equipment in that area.

Co-option of Councillors

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

1826 Date of Next Meetings

20 September 2022 at Trewern Community Centre and via MS Teams.