

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024

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

1989 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Rex Turner, Gill Corfield and David Corfield.

1990 Minutes of the Meetings from 23rd January for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 23rd January to now be approved and signed by PH.
Proposed by FW, seconded by PD.

1991 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.

None.

1992 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1993 Playgrounds

Trees and land maintenance by Breidden car park, Middletown

No update yet, as the weather has been too wet to cut the bushes, work will commence as soon as possible. CA Bowen has also been to clean Trewern play area.

1994 Highways

Some pot holes have been patched up along the road by Llwyn Melyn, however they only lasted a week before the tarmac came out of the holes again and water is still pouring down the road. It was agreed that the road is in a very bad state. CCAJ has reported this road again and sent photos again.

CCAJ has an update from Andrew Jones, (Trunk Road Agency) regarding the tarmac footpath that runs along the A458 from the Breidden towards Bank Farm, Middletown. They are planning to resurface it and the work should be completed before the end of the financial year. The footpath beyond the tarmacked footpath, through the gate, the fence here is also in a bad state. This would be the responsibility of the landowner. CCAJ will email Calum Carr.

ACTION: CCAJ

CCAJ still chasing PCC regarding funding for Hope Road.

PD tries to keep the drains up Hope Road clear, however they are full of silt and need clearing properly.

CCAJ in touch with PCC about the flooding that is happening continuously along Criggion Lane.

The bridle path near the Dingle Farm in Middletown has been made wider and has 3/4 Wild Boars along there. Keeping Wild Boars on a Bridle Path does not comply with the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, whereby any kind of animal that is potentially a Boar hybrid must not be kept in areas of public

assess. CCAJ has been in touch with Calum Carr (Footpath Officer for PCC), he will to speak with the landowner. It was agreed that the Wild Boars would be very dangerous if anyone was walking along there with dogs or on a horse.

Footpath update - Calum Carr (Footpath Officer for PCC) has been doing work up Middletown Hill, replacing steps. CCAJ emailed him to ask when he would like the help of the volunteers.

1995 County Councillors' Report

There is a deciding vote on Thursday for Council Tax, this could potentially increase to 7.5%. CCAJ has concerns about cuts to social funding and the education funding.

1996 Planning

24/0036/FUL | Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling in new position, installation of a new package treatment plant and associated works. | Old Mill Farm Tre-Wern Welshpool, Powys SY21 8ED

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

P/2017/0747 | Outline: Erection of 2 no. detached dwelling houses and garages, alterations to vehicular access and all associated works including demolition of stable | Land Adjoining Priors Cottage Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DF

A local resident has brought to our attention that construction work is taking place at 9am on Sunday mornings on the dwellings associated with planning application P/2017/0747. However, the planning conditions on this application state, *'No demolition or construction works shall take place outside the hours of 0800 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays and 0800 to 1300 on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Public Holidays'*. AE to draft a letter to send to planning enforcement to ask them to look into this further.

ACTION: AE

1997 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £33,343.26 in the accounts at the end of January 2024. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

PH to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by FW and seconded by ND.

Payments

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

Middletown Village Hall - £50 (Hall hire for February and A458 meeting in March) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Councillors Allowance - £120 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Proposed by PD and seconded by FW.

Border Gossip have found a new Editor, so will be starting to publish the magazine again. It was agreed that we would hold off on our annual donation of £600 to the Border Gossip until they properly start again.

1998 Correspondence

We have received a letter from The All Saints Football Club regarding the end of lease for the play area in Middletown. AE to add this to our agenda to discuss next month.

1999 Any Other Business

We have been made aware of a static caravan outside a property in Trewern. AE to contact the planning enforcement department to ask what the rules and conditions on static caravans parked outside of a home, who can reside there and for how long?

ACTION: AE

2000 Date of Next Meetings

19 March 2024 at Middletown Village Hall and via MS Teams.