

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023

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

1917 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Rob Breakwell and Fiona Warburton.

1918 Minutes of the Meetings from 16th May for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 16th May to now be approved and signed by GC.

Proposed by PH, seconded by JE.

1919 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.

1920 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1921 Playgrounds

Wootton Tree Services have completed the work on the the tree within the play area in Trewern.

Grounds maintenance/grass cutting contract

We have received three quotes for the ground maintenance work. For two years, CA Bowen have quoted £5,220, however he will only charge for the work he has completed. Ashley Davies quoted £8,400 and Dan Turner quoted £3,687.20. The quotes were compared and it was proposed by JE that we would continue with CA Bowen, as we are satisfied with his work. It was also noted that when we accepted a quote from an alternative contractor in previous years, we had a lot of complaints from local residents. Continuing with CA Bowen was seconded by GC. All Councillors in agreement. AE to let all applicants know the outcome.

ACTION: AE

School grounds cost

We have received an email from the school regarding the grounds maintenance cost. In previous years the school have paid 44% of this cost and PCC have paid the remaining 56%, however since COVID and due to restructures within PCC, this data has been lost. PCC advised that TCC were responsible for the 56% of the cost. This email was discussed and it was agreed that TCC are not responsible, we have only ever been responsible for the play area as per our agreed lease with PCC. It was thought that the confusion may have arisen as the dept within PCC that paid this portion was called the Community Dept. CJ specifically remembers the 55% of the ground's maintenance was invoiced to the Community Department within PCC, the gentleman in charge at the time was called David Hall. AE to respond to email.

ACTION: AE

BTCP School 70th Anniversary

We have received an email regarding the BTCP School 70th Anniversary, they have secured two successful grants and have enlisted the expertise of Hilary and Graham Roberts to work with a class

of children to make glass for an oak and glass sculpture. The school have contacted us to ask our thoughts on the location of this sculpture. We agreed by the entrance to the school reception would be a good place. We would like to be kept up to date with the progress and see photos too. AE to respond to email.

ACTION: AE

1922 Highways

Last month AE sent an email to Clive Jones regarding the issues on the road in front of Llwyn Melyn, however we are confused by Clive's response, as he mentions a bridge. There are three major issues that we have been discussing and reporting within the Ward, the road in front of Llwyn Melyn, the verge that has slipped into the brook on the way to North Barn and Far Heldre Farm and the issue on Heldre Lane by Min Y Nant. Agreed AE will send maps to Clive and clarify the areas reported. AE to also write to Jackie Charlton, Portfolio Holder, to request a meeting to show her the roads we have been continually reporting around the Ward.

ACTION: AE

Some of the drainage issues up towards Mount Pleasant have been dealt with, however the top row is still blocked. CCAJ has previously reported this issue including sending photos, it is not sure if it has been missed or it is has blocked again.

CCAJ asked Russell Georges office to write to the Minister, as we have not heard back about a Pedestrian Crossing in Trewern and Middletown. CCAJ has asked Russell George to make a case with Active Travel, as it easy to navigate around towns whilst walking, but it is difficult to safely cross the A458 in Middletown and Trewern.

JE has received complaints about noise of the A458 in Middletown again due to loose manhole covers. AE to report the manhole cover by the bus shelter, by the telephone box and the one outside the Hollies in Middletown.

ACTION: AE

CCAJ hasn't heard back from the NRW after the meeting at the cottage by the bridge in Trewern. PCC said the resident could apply for funding for them to put in flood prevention. GC and CCAJ will email Andrew Jones and will also ask about the footpath by Smithy again, the signage on the roads that cannot be seen due to overgrown hedges and the signs outside the Green Dragon.

ACTION: GC/CCAJ

PD has enquired about the old cast iron Buttington sign and would like it to put in the Museum.

1923 County Councillors' Report

CCAJ has received a compliant about the noise in the quarry in Middletown. CCAJ will send over a link to make a noise complaint with PCC, if the noise is very bad.

ACTION: CCAJ

Requested CCAJ to write in the Border Gossip about the rules of having a bonfire.

ACTION: CCAJ

1924 Planning

[23/0691/FUL | Erection of 5 dwellings, to include infrastructure and all associated works | Land Adjacent West Of Penyfoel Farm Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DG](#)

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we are still concerned 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. Therefore, we would like to reiterate the comments made by the Highways in regards to this junction and ask that their guidelines are strictly adhered to.

22/1953/FUL | Erection of 17 affordable dwellings, formation of a vehicular access and associated works | Land Adjoining The Wallers Trewern Welshpool SY21 8SZ

The access for this application has in principle already been approved in an earlier application. CCAJ called this application in to ensure highways looked at the impact again without considering this application in isolation and also taking into account the potential new access design if the planning application adjacent to the school was developed. The Trunk Road seem to have satisfied themselves that the access design is ok, CCAJ is considering cancelling the call in to planning committee; as she really wants to see this development happen and understands that there is a time sensitivity due to Welsh Government funding on the affordable dwelling side of things. Taking this to committee could risk the funding. TCC all agree with CCAJs decision.

Ivy house planning applications, Middletown

Richard Edwards has agreed to a site visit to discuss this application, entrance to estate opposite that is not shown on the plans and the location etc. It has been noted that there is a new entrance being made with access off the A458.

Priory Cottage development

A complaint was made to planning regarding obstruction on road by contract workers and working on days/hours outside the agreed times. Planning officer came out on day when they were meant to be working and found no obstruction on road.

A planning enforcement has been submitted for the top row of Mount Pleasant, where a car park has been made, the ground has been completely altered and privacy for house on end has been lost.

1925 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £29,408.85 in the accounts at the end of May 2023. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PH and seconded by DC

Payments

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

GloverSure (website hosting) - £162 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

PAYE – £383 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Proposed by PD and seconded by GC

Audit

AE went through audit paperwork and it was sent to the Internal Auditor. GC and AE to now date and sign audit forms. Audit and Government statement discussed and checked. Proposed by PH and seconded by PD to accept the annual return for yearend 2022/23 and confirm it has been audited by internal auditor as of 15th June 2023. AE to post audit paperwork before 1st July 2022 and also put up audit notice on Noticeboards and websites.

1926 Correspondence

The Breidden

AE requested to meet with the Brewery, as the advert does not mention the right of way and implies the play area, fully equipped is also included within sale. JE has found an old letter from Duncan Reed from Harrisons stating, 'lease not been excluded for landlord act 1974', therefore there is a possibility that the lease could carry on after it has expired. It was agreed to wait and see what happens with the new owners.

Request for land to play football

We have received a request from a local resident looking for the use of some land that would be suitable for kids to play football. Therefore, it was agreed AE will send out some letters to some of our local residents in the hope that permission could be given for use of a piece of land.

ACTION: AE

1927 Any Other Business

DC has replaced the broken glass in the noticeboard outside Trewern school. AE to add the invoice to next agenda.

ACTION: AE

The defibrillator is being moved from the Cefn Chapel and relocated near to the entrance to the school hall/community centre. This will be moved on the 6th July at 4pm and be reinstalled on the 7th July at approx. 8.30am.

1928 Date of Next Meetings

18 July 2023 at Middletown Village Hall and via MS Teams.