

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Stephen Novick, Rob Breakwell, Harriot Bates, David Corfield, Fiona Warburton, Peter Davies, Rex Turner and Sasha Hart.

1607 Apologies

Apologies received from Phil Hughes and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

1608 Minutes of the Meeting from 21st July 2020 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st July 2020 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by FW, seconded by DC.

1609 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

GC and DC have declared an interest in Broad Energy. GC declared an interest in Middletown Village Hall. RT declared an interest in Trewern Community Centre. SH declared an interest in planning application 20/0353/RES.

1610 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1611 Playgrounds

Re-opening the Play areas

AE spoke to PCC last month and they are planning to do the RoSPA report at some point in September, AE to continue chasing them regarding this.

AE has also spoke to Shrewsbury Town Council, who have given us a copy of their COVID Risk assessment and signs that we can use too, AE will amend these and send to all Councillors for approval.

It was agreed that we cannot open the play areas until the RoSPA report has been completed, as the play areas have not been inspected since the start of lockdown.

AE to draft a notice for our website and for Facebook to keep the Community and residents updated on the plans to re-open.

ACTION: AE

The area that has had fly tipping on Criggion Lane belongs to PCC Highways Dept. GC will check with CCAJ to see if there is a further update on this.

ACTION: GC

Allotments

FW has done some research and sought funding advice from The Nation Allotment Society. Six separate families need to make representations for an allotment, PCC will then need to take these on board and have 5 years to respond, however they are not duty bound if there is no available land for allotments. FW will contact CCAJ to see what else can be done.

ACTION: FW

1611 Highways

GC has not had an input from Highways yet, however the hedge on Garreg bank has now been done. It has been noted that there is a huge pot hole on the road up towards Rodney's Pillar, SH will get the name of the house close by, so GC can add it to the list for the Highways dept.

ACTION: SH

There is a tree overhanging another resident's land (and a footpath) on Garreg Bank. PCC Highways suggested that the Community Council write to the land owner to request that he arranges for the tree to be cut back so that it is safe. AE to draft a letter.

ACTION: AE

Motocross at Pool Quay

CCAJ received the below update from PCC regarding the noise:

"The noise on the weekend of 2nd Aug was from a large event involving approximately 150 riders. I have been in contact with the organiser who says that events such as this are the exception and that apart from another planned event on the bank holiday weekend there will not be any more of these this year.

He does however intend to continue operating the track for practice on Wednesdays between 10 am and 3pm, and also to offer practice sessions alternate weekends with the track in Castle Caereinion. He intends not to use the track over the winter months. I will continue to monitor the situation as a potential statutory nuisance. I will also be pursuing whether better communication can be achieved between the track operator and local residents in order to keep everybody informed and aware of the planned use for the site.

I understand that a case has been opened by my colleagues in the Planning department to investigate the permitted use of the site, however I have not received any update from them directly yet."

It was decided that we will keep this on the agenda for next month for any further updates.

1612 County Councillors' Report

None.

1613 Planning

Broad Energy

Info has been sent out to local residents by post. This application is still in pre-app process.

20/0327/RES | Reserved matters application for details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale in connection with proposed 2 no. dwelling houses approved under permission P/2017/0747 | Development At Land Adjoining Priors Cottage Middletown Welshpool Powys
TCC have previously submitted comments on this application.

20/0353/RES | Reserved matters application for details of scale, appearance, siting and landscaping in connection with 5 dwellings approved under outline planning permission P/2016/0067 | Land Adjoining To Severn Oaks Garreg Bank Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EA
SH declared an interest in this application. Application still ongoing. GC will ask CCAJ if she has an update.

20/0302/FUL | Erection of new research and office facility with associated car parking and secure compound | Land At Offas Dyke Business Park Fisher Road Buttington Welshpool Powys SY21 8JF
We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application, however we would like to highlight our concerns about the amount of lighting on that estate at night time, as it can be very dazzling.

20/1284/FUL | Erection of agricultural storage shed and improvement to existing field gate (part retrospective) | Fox Farm Cottage Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EH
We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

20/1291/FUL | Siting of 2 holiday lets, associated parking and track, formation of new vehicular access and installation of sewage treatment plant | Old Hope Hope Road Hope Leighton SY21 8HF
We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

20/1313/HH | Erection of an extension, to include the removal of a conservatory | Oak Grange Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DD
We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

20/0817/OUT – Application approved
20/0005/RES – Application still pending.

1614 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £26,656.79 in the accounts at the end of August 2020. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.
GC to now sign bank statements.
Proposed by RB, seconded by FW.

Payments

Clerks Salary – £432 (20hrs for July and 20hrs for August) under L.G.A 1972 s112.
Middletown Village Hall – £2,300 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).
Trewern Community Centre – £2,300 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3)..
Audit 2017/2018 – £203.50 under Audit Commission Act 1998 s2.
Payment proposed by FW, seconded by RB.

Independent remuneration panel for wales – Annual return

It is a statutory requirement for all Councils to submit the annual return to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales by no later than 30 September, 2020.

1615 Correspondence

2020 Payphone Consultation

It was decided that the phone box is still required in our area, therefore AE has re-sent the comments that were made last year, which stated the following reasons for keeping the phone box:

- a) There is extremely poor mobile phone coverage in this area.
- b) We are a rural community and therefore the telephone box is required for assistance if someone's vehicle has broken down.
- c) The telephone box is located near a defibrillator and needs to be kept for those emergencies.

Therefore, we hope that on consideration of the above reasons, you will be persuaded to keep the telephone box in full working order please.

1616 Any Other Business

Noticeboards and benches all need staining. GC to ask C Bowen for a quote and AE to ask Scott Jones.

ACTION: GC/AE

1617 Date of Next Meeting

20 October 2020 via MS Teams.