

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2020

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

1618 Apologies

No apologies received.

1619 Minutes of the Meeting from 15th September 2020 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 15th September 2020 to now be signed by GC and approved. Proposed by PD, seconded by RT.

1620 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. SH declared an interest in planning application 20/0353/RES.

1621 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1622 Playgrounds

Re-opening the Play areas/PPE

AE had a call from Steve Geary (from PCC), he has spoken to RoSPA and they think that the report will be done around about the 9th Nov and probably not any earlier unfortunately. AE asked if we could meet him on site when he is conducting the report.

Allotments

FW and CCAJ decided they will need to meet to discuss this separately. There is future deadlines next year for Allotments as there is rolling funding opportunities. It was thought that this could also tie in with CCAJ's community garden idea, but would need to look at locations around the School.

ACTION: CCAJ/FW

Noticeboards and benches

AE obtained quotes from Welshpool Printing Group and Exhibition Trailor Hire for Play area signs which detail the Play Area COVID safety rules. It was decided that we will go with the quote from Welshpool Printing Group as they do not require a minimum order. DC is happy to put them on wood and fix them in the Play areas.

ACTION: AE/DC

AE obtained quotes for the painting of the Noticeboards and benches in the ward from Ben Sims, Gary Jones and Scott Jones. AE also obtained a quote from Ben Sims to repair the Noticeboards and benches and PD obtained a quote from Roy Evans for this.

It was decided that we would accept the quote from Ben Sims, as he was able to both repair and paint the Noticeboards and benches.

Proposed by PH, seconded SH

1623 Highways

GC has still not heard from Highways yet, however a lot of PCC are still working from home.

There is an issue by Ham and Eggs, where there is a ditch blocked and there is also flooding coming down Heldre Lane.

There is a lot of pot holes on the road up to Moel Y Golfa. There is also lorries still going that way to the Criggion Quarry. There is already two signs on that road to advise lorries, however the drivers are following the Sat Nav. RT has agreed to ring Criggion Quarry and ask them to pass on the directions to all their contractors and to also ask them if they would fund a 7.5 tonne weight limit sign, to discourage drivers from using that road. In the meantime, Chris Lloyd has agreed to arrange for the "Unsuitable for long vehicles" sign (that the HGV driver claimed was confusing) to be replaced by an "Unsuitable for HGVs sign" to match those signs located at the two nearby trunk road junctions.

ACTION: RT

CCAJ raised the issue again about the unadopted road at the back of Parc Caradog, it has a huge pot hole in the road. It was suggested that the residents there would need to firstly check their house deeds to see if there is details about the upkeep of the road and if not, the residents would then need to club together to get the work done themselves. PCC will then likely take on the unadopted road if it meets their criteria, as this is the norm for unadopted roads.

A resident has complained about an overhanging tree on private land which is very dangerous, SH knows the land owner and will speak to them.

ACTION: SH

There is also another tree overhanging another resident's land (and a footpath) on Garreg Bank. AE has already written to the land owner to request that they arrange for the tree to be cut back so that it is safe.

CCAJ has been in contact with the Minister in regards to the safety of the A458 Trunk road, where between the short distance of Welshpool to the border, the speed limit varies where it goes 60, 50, 20, 40, 20, 40, 60, 50, 40, 60. The Welsh Government have recently completed a review of the speed limits on this section of road and will be progressing the current speed limit of 40mph through Trewern to be extended to include the Cefn Bridge. CCAJ is not satisfied with this response and everyone has agreed that they would like CCAJ to take this up on behalf of the Community Council.

CCAJ discussed applying for a fixed speed camera in both Trewern and Middletown, and asked if anyone had any views on this. It was agreed that the deadline for submitting any views to Amanda would be the 17th Nov (date of next TCC meeting).

ACTION: GC/FW/SH/HB/SN/RB/DC/PD/RT/PH

The houses by Buttington Trewern CP School have been flooded twice recently and the drains there are thought to still be blocked. Environmental Health have said they will clear the brook but no date has been given to carry out this work. CCAJ will look into this and find out who is dealing with it.

There are some signs that have been moved, one sign on the Cefn Bridge, one on Heldre Lane and another on Watery Lane. GC will add it to her Highways list and send it to Andrew Jones.

Motocross at Pool Quay

CCAJ has posted the latest update on Facebook. The planning dept have opened a case into this to investigate the permitted use of the site. Decided to leave it with PCC as we have had no further complaints.

Lighting concern at Offas Dyke Business Park

At the last meeting we looked at planning application 20/0302/FUL, and it was decided that we would like to highlight our concerns about the amount of lighting on that estate at night time, as it can be very dazzling. However, the planning dept responded and unfortunately this isn't within the remit of planning. Therefore, it was agreed that we would write to the business and ask them to consider the impact of leaving these lights on has on the environment, as well as the safety issue for cars driving past at night time.

ACTION: AE

1624 County Councillors' Report

CCAJ gave an overview of the Circuit Breaker Lockdown rules that will be coming into force on Friday 23rd October at 6pm. Primary School and Year 7 and 8 High School Children will go back to School after half-term, along with any other Children doing exams. There will be no gatherings indoors or outdoors and there will no longer be 'extended households', unless there is a single adult or single parent living alone who will be allowed to join another household. All non-essential shops will be closed and no organised parties will be allowed to take place. CCAJ will also share the FAQ on the Circuit Breaker Lockdown.

CCAJ is looking into re-opening old footpaths in the area.

It has been noted that recently there has been a lot of litter up Middletown Hill, CCAJ has asked PCC if she can get more signs, there is currently funding for projects through the Welsh Government with regards to cleaning up areas. FW is happy to do a socially distanced litter pick and put it in the Border Gossip to deter people from littering up there. FW will take a photo of the litter and send it to CCAJ to share.

ACTION: CCAJ/FW

1625 Planning

Broad Energy

DC and GC declared an interest.

The planning application has not yet been submitted and is still in the consultation period. Buttington Incinerator Impact Group arranged a protest outside Trewern Buttington CP School, which was attended by approx. 100 people and plan to arrange future protests.

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 has declared an interest in this application.

This application is still ongoing and awaiting further info to resolve the issue of the access.

20/0327/RES – Application refused

1626 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £21,196.56 in the accounts at the end of September 2020. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by FW, seconded by RB

Payments

Clerks Salary – £216 (20hrs for September) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

PAYE - £162 under L.G.A 1972 s112.
Payment proposed by RB, seconded by PH

1627 Correspondence

None.

1628 Any Other Business

None.

1629 Date of Next Meeting

17 November 2020 via MS Teams.