

# MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Philip Hughes, David Corfield, Sasha Hart, Fiona Warburton, Rex Turner, Peter Davies and Stephen Novick.

GC welcomes SN to his first meeting as a Councillor for TCC.

## **1531 Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Amanda Jenner, Rob Breakwell and Harriot Bates.

## **1532 Minutes of the Meeting from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were signed by GC and approved.  
Proposed by FW, seconded by PH

## **1533 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

None.

## **1534 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1535 Playgrounds**

Scott Jones still needs to start the painting work on the play area in Trewern and finish the yellow paint work in Middletown, however due to the weather at the moment, he is unsure when this can be done. It was agreed that Middletown play area does look amazing now its been painted.

GC has asked if PD, RT and DC can get together at some point to sort out the few bits that need doing in the play areas, such as nuts and bolts that need tightening and rubber that needs to go on the gates, as per the RoSPA report. Agreed that Saturdays would be best for everyone, so GC will get in touch with them all to arrange a date for this.

**ACTION: GC**

PD has put a slab down in front of the Buttington Noticeboard, however as it isn't quite high enough, he has made a frame, which he will put down instead with some stone in.

## **1536 Highways**

### National Development Framework – Welsh consultation

GC read out the FB post from RG, relating to the draft Development Framework proposals and encouraging the local Communities to make their views known loud and clear before the consultation closes on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The link to the full post was forwarded to Councillors. CCAJ is willing to also meet with anyone who wants to discuss this further.

The consultation document was also forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting to look over, however it was agreed that it was really difficult to understand, but if anyone has any ideas to put it in writing and AE can send it over to CCAJ.

A decision was made to ask CCAJ if she could perhaps give advice on a draft response, then we could submit an official response to the consultation.

As CCAJ is not at tonight's meeting, GC asked her briefly for an update.

The Jetter is coming to the area, but is still on the truck road at the moment.

Someone has knocked the sign by Watery Lane in Trewern.

The culvert on Sale Lane has not been done yet, GC has it on her list for the Highways dept.

As mentioned in previous meetings, there has been some pot holes filled on the lane just off Garreg Bank towards the red bridge, however it has been reported that the quality of the work is not good and there is also a lot of water standing on that road too, however the water is now going in the ditch and flooding in another dip by the drain, so it must be blocked.

The drains on Criggion Lane have only been cleared part of the way, still need to go further .

The signs for lorries up Sale Lane still have not appeared.

The sign by Cefn Bridge coming from Welshpool towards Trewern, is still twisted.

Issue with parking at Parc Caradog – at the last meeting, it was decided that CCAJ would send a letter out to the School parents. CCAJ also received an email asking why the funding for double yellow lines outside Parc Caradog wasn't used, CCAJ explained that we were concerned that putting double yellow lines there would be more dangerous.

No news about the cars in the field along the Glyn Lane, AE to chase this with PCC.

**ACTION: AE**

Also, there is no news about having a larger post box installed at Buttington, AE to again chase Royal Mail.

**ACTION: AE**

PD is surprised that there is no chevrons on the Cefn Bridge, GC will ask PCC the question, as well as whether or not the Cefn Bridge will be resurfaced.

There are also drains that need clearing out up the Hope Road.

The issue of the Give Way line at the bottom of the Garreg Bank has still not been resolved, the road was resurfaced but the line was not put back. GC to add to the list for PCC.

A complaint was received regarding a night rally that was held in August, residents along the official route received a letter to warn them of the event, however, some residents received no notification. Some cars went passed the residents' house in error, instead of along the planned route. Although it was agreed that the Rally Club who held the event had followed the regulations by notifying houses along the planned route, it could have been very dangerous for the residents who received no notification, especially considering the speed in which the cars involved in the Rally were travelling. PH to find out who organised the event and AE will draft a letter to find out if we could have a copy of the regulations that we could address if we have any future enquiries.

**ACTION: PH/AE**

#### **1537 Burgess Land Trust**

Nothing to report.

#### **1538 County Councillors' Report**

See 'Highways'.

#### **1539 Planning**

The Planning application for 19/0968/HH, Erection of detached garage & roadside wall at Plas Cefn, Wisteria Cottage, Heldre Lane, Buttington has been approved.

## **1540 Finance**

### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £15,706.71 in the accounts at the end of September 2019. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC checked and signed bank statements.

Proposed by GC, seconded by FW.

### Payments

Clerks Salary – £216.00 (20hrs for September) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Angela Evans - £45.00 (Expenses) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

PAYE - £422.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Middletown Village Hall - £40 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

All payments were proposed by PD, seconded by RT

Society of Local Council Clerks Membership Renewal - £76.00 – It was decided that as we have not used this service over the last 12 months, we will not renew the membership this time, however we may look at it if needed at a later date.

### Cheque Signatories

PH is now a Cheque Signatory on the account, along with AE and GC.

## **1541 Correspondence**

### Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

A copy of the Health and Safety Policy, Grievance Policy, Sickness Absence Policy and the Disciplinary Procedure has been adapted for Trewern Community Council and was sent to all Councillors before the meeting for them to have a look through and make any amendments if needed.

All happy to adopt these policies.

Proposed by FW, seconded by PH

It was also proposed that we only re-visit the TCC policies every two years, instead of every year. AE to complete a Work From Home Health & Safety form, as per the TCC Health & Safety Policy.

### Phone Box Consultation

At the previous meeting, it was agreed that a phone box was needed in our area as we have bad mobile phone coverage and we are in a rural area, so if anyone does breakdown they can use this phone box to call for recovery. The phone box is also located near a defibrillator and needs to be kept for those emergencies. These comments have now been sent off to the consultation.

### Citizens Advice Bureau & other Charities

At previous meetings, it was discussed whether or not we should donate money to a Charity. However it was argued that we should not be using tax payers money to give to Charities, as it is a personal choice and not something the Community Council should decide. On the other hand a lot of people in the area do use services, such as the Citizens Advice Bureau etc, which may struggle to raise funds. Therefore, It was agreed that it would be a good idea to wait until any Charities ask and then we can look at each one on its own merit. We have now received a request from the Citizens Advice Bureau, and as there have been some local people in the area that have used this service, HB thought it might be worth discussing again. It was thought that we had previously given them a donation of possibly £50 quite a few years ago, however as we had quite a few requests for donations, we didn't know when to say yes and when to say no. It was suggested that we could have a designated Charity for that year or we could allocate some money to donate each year.

AE to find out from One Voice Wales how much money we can donate each year and also look at how much money we used to give to Charity, so we can discuss at the next meeting.

**ACTION: AE**

The big squeeze

At last meeting, we discussed the PCC budget cut. PCC have now created The Budget Challenge, which is an online budget simulator exercised to give residents a chance to express their opinions on service choices. GC advised for all Councillors to have a look at that on the PCC website.

Funding opportunities for community groups

An advice event to promote what funding opportunities are available for community groups will be hosted by local Assembly Member, Russell George, at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall on Friday, November 8 between 10am and 12noon. The event is totally free, please let any groups that might be interested know about this event. AE will also put the information onto the TCC website,

**ACTION: AE**

We have received a lovely Thank You card from Mrs Ida Hughes, she loved every minute of her retirement party. It was agreed that there was a very good turnout at the party too.

**1542 Any Other Business**

None.

**1543 Date of Next Meeting**

19 November 2019 – Middletown Village Hall