

# MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2021

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), David Corfield, Peter Davies, Rob Breakwell, Fiona Warburton and Sasha Hart.

## **1654 Apologies**

Apologies received from County Councillor Amanda Jenner, Rex Turner, Phil Hughes, Harriot Bates and Stephen Novick.

## **1655 Minutes of the Meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to now be signed by GC and approved.  
Proposed by PT, seconded by DC

## **1656 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.

## **1657 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1658 Playgrounds**

We have received a complaint about the roundabout being dirty at the play area in Middletown, so CA Bowen has now been to pressure wash it clean. CA Bowen has also cleaned the tiles at the play area in Trewern, as they were really slippery. DC has fitted buffers on the gates in both play areas and has also put moulds on the protruding bolts under the play area in Trewern.

### Quotes for Wet Pour

The below quotes have been requested to replace tiles under three areas, (Swing 2 Cradle Seats, Springy and See-saw) at the play area in Trewern with EDPM Wet Pour (soft edge) Safety Surfacing. The new soft edge does away with the need for any edging, which in turn removes the risk of a gap appearing between the edging and wet-pour over time. The basic principle is that the Wet Pour is extended into the ground so no shrinkage will appear on the surface.

### RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd

Trewern - (To Remove 15.3 l/m x 200mm Wide Band Repairs And Install New Black Wet Pour) - £4526 excluding VAT.

Middletown - (To Remove 15.3 l/m x 200mm Wide Band Repairs And Install New Black Wet Pour) - £650 excluding VAT.

At the last meeting, we discussed GC, DC and AE meeting with RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd (who originally laid the Wet Pour in Middletown). As there was only a band of Wet Pour laid around the edges, and when RTC are undertaking overlays, or butting up and sealer to existing safety surfacing, they are unable to guarantee the bond between the old and new wet pour, this is due to the old and new wet pour expanding and contracting at differing rates, which can lead to separation over time. However, they were able to offer us a discounted price as a good will gesture to replace part of this.

### GL Jones Playgrounds Ltd

Trewern - (Replace tiles with Black EPDM Wet Pour (soft edge) Safety Surfacing under Spring 2 cradle seats, see-saw and springy) - £6115 excluding VAT.

Cost includes 'soft edge' method for installing the wet-pour.

#### Ray Parry

Trewern - Black EPDM Wet Pour Safer Surfacing laid to a depth of 40mm over the existing tiles and trenched into the perimeter, which will alleviate future shrinkage and be more economical as we will not need to remove the existing tiles - £3375.00 plus VAT. Additional Cost to remove the existing tiles - £450.00 plus VAT.

It was agreed that the new 'soft edge' method of Wet Pour would be the best option and less of a trip hazard if shrinkage does happen. Everyone happy to go ahead with RTC for Middletown and Ray Parry for Trewern, however, before formally accepting the quotes, GC will clarify whether the 'soft edge' method has been used in each quote and will send an email to everyone to confirm.

**ACTION: GC**

#### On-going work

Bens Sims has taken the Noticeboard in Middletown to repair and paint, work on this will be completed before the end of month. He will start work on the benches at the beginning of March, when hopefully the weather will have improved for the paint to dry properly.

#### **1659 Highways**

Gc sent emails to Dave Gardener and Andrew Jones again. GC has asked CCAJ to set up a Zoom meeting with Heulwen Hulme (Portfolio holder for PCC Environment dept]. Heulwen Hulme came around a year ago to see all side roads and she thought they were in an appalling state.

Sale Lane coming back to Heldre Lane is absolutely desperate, drains on both sides of the road were blocked and the roadway is covered in mud. CCAJ will give GC a contact for the police to report the issue.

#### Fixed speed cameras

Susanne Davies from Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership agreed that she would join us at tonight's meeting, however due to email issues this has not been possible, we will try to rearrange this for the next meeting in March.

**ACTION: AE**

There has been a sheet of ice across the A458 road, as you go out of Middletown towards Shrewsbury, possibly water leaking or where water comes off the hill. Sand bags have been put down, but GC will make a note of it to send to Highways.

#### **1660 County Councillors' Report**

CCAJ has emailed an update.

Hope Road – CCAJ will try to get an update this week on the pot holes. The Jet Patcher tends to be off the road during the winter months.

Drains – A few drain issues have been looked at recently, which are still ongoing. This includes the Leighton road and Criggion Lane. The Out of Hours Highways teams have looked at drains near Pigeon House a few weekends back and work has subsequently been scheduled.

A458 - road safety and Cefn Bridge - Russell George has raised this directly with the Minister in the Senedd a few weeks ago and has received a written response. GC reads out this letter. Russell George is slightly concerned that this letter reads more into Middletown bypass questions rather than the Cefn Bridge issue, so he will go back to the Ministers to clarify.

Broad Energy - no update. CCAJs petition is still being considered by Welsh Parliament petitions committee. CCAJ has been in ongoing discussions with them and they're going back to the Welsh Government Minister for more information.

Planning (Trelystan Chalets) – CCAJ knows there is lots of concerned residents, who are concerned about highways access and the landscape impact. Therefore, CCAJ has called it in for discussion by Committee and intends to object to the application.

Council tax increase – it has been in the press about a possible increase of 3.9%. The question was asked if we would want to make a comment to CCAJ on whether or not we want her to vote for/against this? It is noted that Council Tax money does also go towards funding children in Powys care and Schools providing resources, such as laptops etc to families that do not have these and require them during the pandemic for home-schooling. However, PCC have also had more money allocated to them this year by the Welsh Government, so it was decided that GC would send CCAJ an email and let her know what we discussed, and request that the lower the Council Tax is kept the better.

## **1661 Planning**

### Broad Energy

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

20/2128/FUL | Erection of 4 holiday chalets, including improvements to existing access road network (C2162 & U2475) including junction improvements and the provision of 1 passing bay, installation of a package treatment plant and other associated works | Rhos Farm Trelystan Leighton SY21 8JB  
An update on this application as received from CCAJ (see County Councillors report), therefore TCC will keep an eye on this application.

21/0076/HH | Build a small single storey bay window on front of the house | Brithdir Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

21/0150/HH | Erection of new porch. 2x side extensions and internal alterations. | Pentre Mill, The Wain House Buttington Welshpool SY21 8HN

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

20/0005/RES – application approved

20/1616/REM – application withdrawn

20/1962/RES – TCC have received another objection to this application from a local resident, however the application is currently on hold until a planning officer can do a site visit.

## **1662 Finance**

### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £26,069.20 in the accounts at the end of January 2021. 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 SH

### Payments

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

Border Gossip - £600 under L.G.A 1972 s137.

Payment proposed by FW, seconded by SH

It was noted that due to the continuing coronavirus restrictions, Border Gossip do not know whether they can publish and distribute a hard copy magazine this month. However, it was decided that we would not delay our annual donation to them, as we may need them to print extra pages in future as we engage further with local residents if the Buttington Incinerator application goes ahead.

### **1663 Correspondence**

#### Save a Life Cymru

At the last meeting, it was agreed that we should upload the SaLC training video onto to our TCC website, this has now been done.

The Role and Responsibilities document for the CPR Community Champions is being drafted and will be a few more months under SaLC are ready to launch.

GC has registered the defibs with the Ambulance service, who now know where the defibs are located and the code too. If anyone needs the defib, they can ring the Ambulance service.

#### NHS, Social Care & Frontline workers Day 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

GC has spoken to Colin Jenkins about organising a competition where the children in Trewern School design a flag for this occasion, Mr Jenkins is very keen for the School to be involved.

It was suggested that maybe we could look at the cost of having a flag pole installed for the winning flag to be displayed on, splitting the cost of this between TCC, Trewern Community Centre and Buttington Trewern CP School. GC and AE to get quotes. Everyone happy to go ahead.

**ACTION: GC/AE**

#### Urdd National Eisteddfod

A letter was received from Urdd National Eisteddfod requesting donations for their annual fundraising appeal. It was agreed that we will not be able to help this year. AE to send a response.

**ACTION: AE**

#### Keep Wales Safe

We have received an email from Golley Slater Communications (on behalf of the Welsh Government) regarding the Keep Wales Safe campaign. TCC have been asked to share images across our social media accounts, e.g Facebook and our TCC website. The latest image is specifically aimed at tackling the known scams regarding requests for payment for the vaccine. The Keep Wales Campaign plan to now share an image a week based on guidance from Welsh Government and their priority messaging.

Everyone happy to go ahead with this.

**ACTION: AE**

North West Relief Road (NWRR) dam proposal has now been dropped from the project.

### **1664 Any Other Business**

An email has been received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, they are planning to do a review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils. Everyone happy to take part. AE to respond to email.

**ACTION: AE**

#### Community Garden

A £5,000 grant has now been awarded to build a Community Sensory Garden outside Trewern Community Centre. FW has ordered a lot of finger mazes, cow bells and totem poles. FW has also bid for a grant of up to £3,000 to be spent on plants and seeds for the Sensory Garden and is waiting

for a response. We may need some members of the community to volunteer with landscaping, planting and watering the plants.

#### Allotments

TCC has been offered some land to rent to create allotments within our Community, and as discussed previously, there is a grant to help in setting up the space. FW has carried out some research, the form that needs to be completed is also very detailed. FW has also been looking at the option of setting up as a community garden to grow produce, as this might be a simpler process. The current deadline for applying for lottery funding is the 31st March 2021 and other funding applications may be required beyond that date. FW happy to continue researching this further, although would need some assistance. It was agreed that we would put a notice on the local Facebook page and on TCC website to ask at least one volunteer to help take this process forward.

**ACTION: FW/AE**

#### **1665 Date of Next Meeting**

16 March 2021 via MS Teams.