

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2019

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Philip Hughes, David Corfield, Harriot Bates, Rob Breakwell, Sasha Hart, Rex Turner and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

1517 Apologies

Apologies received from Peter Davies and Ida Hughes.
Fiona Warburton was not in attendance.

1518 Minutes of the Meeting from 18th June 2019 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 18th June 2019 were signed by GC and approved.
Proposed by DC seconded by HB

1519 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

None.

1520 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

RT brought up the matter about obtaining signs for keeping dogs on leads, as there was an incident where someone was bitten by a dog. It was discussed that if it was a dangerous dog, then the incident should be reported to Police. RT to look into the matter further.

1521 Playgrounds

Ground maintenance – After accepting Andrew Evans Landscapes Ltd.'s quote for the two year ground maintenance contract, we realised he had not quoted for some things that were on the Tender this year. Therefore, we asked Andrew for a breakdown of what each item on his quote costs, for example, the cost for the hedge cutting, cutting the grass, cleaning bus shelters etc, as well as a quote for collecting the grass after it has been cut.

We have received a complaint from some residents that the grassed areas were not looking as tidy as they used to, as the grass is not being collected after it has been cut.

Andrew did not wish to quote for the grass collecting, therefore C A Bowen provided a quote for cutting and collecting the grass.

For cutting the grass (and not collecting) Andrew quoted £47 for Middletown and £47 for Trewern. C A Bowen has quoted £65 for cutting and collecting the grass in Middletown and £45 in Trewern. The tender given out two years ago was quite vague, therefore an updated Tender was given out this year. Andrews quote charges £90 to power wash the play area, however we are not sure this has been done over the past 2 years and we do not think the Noticeboards have been painted either, which was a requirement of the Tender for 2017-2019.

It was discussed whether or not to carry on with Andrew Evans Landscapes Ltd or give the grass cutting and collecting contact to C A Bowen. It was also agreed that we would get quotes on an ad-hoc basis for any other maintenance work that is required.

Everyone in agreement to give the grass cutting contract to CA Bowen. AE to write a letter to Andrew Evans Landscapes to let him know that we do not want the grass collected and therefore we will not be accepting his quote for the Tender this time.

Proposed PH, seconded DC.

Air glider handle has now been delivered. DC and RT to fix this on as soon as possible.

Scott Jones can start on painting the play areas in Middletown and Trewern at the beginning of August, weather dependant.

1522 Highways

A complaint about the cars in the field along Glyn Lane was received a while ago, this was sent onto Environmental Health, which was then forwarded onto the Planning dept. AE has chased this with the Planning Dept and this is still ongoing.

CCAJ met with Andrew Jones from Highways, the work on Cefn Bridge will hopefully be completed on Thursday night. CCAJ raised a few hedge issues and the sign people will come out, spend a week on the road putting up any new signs needed, straightening out any old signs and cutting hedges back around them. There is a request to have crossings and the pavement extended in Middletown and Trewern, however the pavement extension is a no go but a pedestrian crossings might be a yes, as they are trying to encourage kids to walk to School.

As mentioned at the last meeting, 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 nothing has yet been done about it. CCAJ compiled a list of pot holes that need filing and has passed this onto PCC, and trusts that they are on the priority list.

Someone has sprayed paint around the noisy manhole in Middletown, however it is not on the Highways list at all, even though a resident in Middletown had Severn Trent come out and take a look at it.

There is a give way line across the bottom of a road near Moel Y Golfa which needs re-doing, as it is getting quite bad. CCAJ will chase Chris Lloyd about this. Lorries are also still going up this road to get to Criggion Quarry, there are signs in place now, so these drivers are committing an offence by driving up that way. CCAJ has already spoken to the Management at the Quarry. The Quarry are happy to let the drivers know and give directions, but they use contractors that change contractors and it's all done through a call centre. AE to contact Ford Community Council to ask them to put pressure on Shropshire County Council to get signs put up in Ford.

Action: AE

1523 Burgess Land Trust

Nothing to report.

1524 County Councillors' Report

Estyn Inspection report for Powys will be coming out in the Summer.

The planning application for Mount Pleasant – the public notification sign has only just been put up, so there is still plenty of time for comments, however at the moment it is not looking favourable due to the amount of cars parked down there already.

CCAJ wants to gage interest with what to do with parts of the unused land around Middletown and Trewern, it's in awful condition, such as, the part between the play area and the road that's not used. Could it be used for raised flower beds or a nature garden? It would require fund raising. RB agrees it is a good idea. It was also suggested that part of the land could be used to extend the car park, however it would still not resolve parking issues at the School. It was a garden a little while

back created by the Brownies, however Brownies has since folded in Trewern. CCAJ will put it in the Border Gossip.

A meeting has been organised in Welshpool for the 1st August with Councillor Breeze in conjunction with the Police to discuss County Lines, which is something that is very much impacting us here. Drug gangs are trying to recruit younger people here for drugs, sexual exploitation, organised crime etc. CCAJ has shared this meeting on Facebook and has asked for everyone to share it with everyone we know, especially with younger people or Youth Clubs etc.

CCAJ has a meeting planned with Dave Gardener to discuss the path around the back of Pentre Gwyn, there are some trees hanging over but no one wants to take ownership.

1525 Planning

Broad energy

ECL, who are completing a Health Impact Assessment on behalf of Broad Energy will be sending out a questionnaires with the Border Gossip for residents to complete.

19/0968/HH Erection of detached garage & roadside wall at Plas Cefn, Wisteria Cottage Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX

We have received no concerns from local residents in relation to this application, however we cannot see what access there is to this proposed site and we would also like to re-iterate what the Welsh Government have already stated in regards to this application, which should include evidence that the required visibility splays, appropriate to the nature of vehicles exiting the site can be achieved. Therefore we would like to object to this application at this moment in time based on the above concerns, however if these concerns are addressed we would not have any objections.

The planning applications for Golfa close and Penyfoel have both received letters from the Welsh government – both letters read the same, planning permission is not granted until they have not provided sufficient information about access.

1526 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank statements show that there is £17,757.45 in the accounts at the end of June 2019 and the bank reconciliation on the financial report for June 2019 also matches this amount. Financial report checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC checked and signed bank statements.

Proposed by RT seconded by RB

Payments

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

Andrew Evans - £202.50 (for June) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

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Roy C Evans - £430.00 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

PAYE - £162.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Sue Davies - £100 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

All payments were proposed by RT seconded by RB

Cheque Signatories

Still ongoing. AE to continuing chasing HSBC.

ACTION: AE

1527 Correspondence

Website

A new page has been added to the website 'Community Information', which will have urgent or important information for on that we want to communicate with the local community. AE arrange a piece for the Border Gossip to advertise this.

ACTION: AE

Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

A copy of the Concerns and Complaints, Equality and Diversity Policy and Social Media Policy 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. Everyone happy to approve the Concerns and Complaints and Equality and Diversity Policy.

Proposed by HB, seconded by RB.

However, as we do not have any social media accounts for TCC, it was decided to hold off on the Social Media Policy for the time being.

At the previous meeting, it was also discussed that having a Health & Safety policy was a legal requirement. We have received a Health and Safety Policy from One Voice Wales which AE will adapt for TCC and it will be added to the Septembers agenda to discuss.

ACTION: AE

1528 New Data Protection Legislation, GDPR

Nothing to report

1529 Any Other Business

A request for a light to be put outside Buttington Trewern Community Centre to light up the path towards Parc Caradog was received a little while ago. AE obtained quotes from Paddocks Electrical, however it was discussed and agreed that although it may be useful for security reasons, it would be of very little benefit to the School and due to cost and from an environmental point of view, it was not feasible.

A request has been received from a resident in Buttington, the current Royal Mail post box is very often full and this resident frequently has to drive to the Post Office to send anything, therefore they are requesting that it is replaced with a larger post box. AE to get in touch with Royal Mail and see what can be done.

ACTION: AE

1530 Date of Next Meeting

17 September 2019 – Middletown Village Hall