

# **MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2022**

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Phil Hughes, Rob Breakwell, Judy Evans, Rex Turner, David Corfield, Peter Davies and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

One member of the community was also present.

## **1791 Apologies**

None.

## **1792 Minutes of the Meeting from 19th April 2022 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th April 2022 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by PH, seconded by RB

## **1793 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

DC and GC declared an interest in Broad Energy. GC and JE declared an interest in Middletown Village Hall.

## **1794 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None

## **1795 Playgrounds**

We have not yet received an invoice from Wootton Tree Services Ltd for the trees taken down in Trewern, however it was noted that the resident is very happy.

The hedge running between the play area and the D is still encroaching on the road. This has previously been the responsibility of the school contractor and FW did notify the school at the last School Governors meeting. AE to email the school to chase this.

**ACTION: AE**

The new Basket Swing play equipment is currently being installed at the play area in Trewern and should be completed in time for the Jubilee celebrations.

When PD checks the play areas each week, he also takes notes of any maintenance he does there. AE to print out more check sheets for PD.

**ACTION: AE/PD**

Bin at play area in Middletown needs emptying again. PH emptied after last meeting, DC will empty it this time.

**ACTION: DC**

## **1796 Highways**

County roads – CCAJ doesn't think there has been any work done on the issues that have been highlighted previously. When work has been done, CCAJ is not always updated. CCAJ has a meeting with the head of Highways and has an idea about a Countywide system, where Councillors can click on their ward and see list of jobs needing doing and the order of priority.

CCAJ has reported a few other things, as well as a huge pot hole up Moel Y Golfa.

CCAJ is going to be asking for a requirement to be written into Border Hardcore's permit, requesting them to make contributions towards the roads, as the road towards the quarry in Middletown is getting quite bad now.

Trunk road – CCAJ sent an email with a list of issues to PCC, still a temporary sign by Maesfron and hedges around the national speed limit signs are overgrown. The ditch opposite the Buttington quarry entrance was cleared in 2017 and is starting to get overgrown again.

CCAJ has asked for an update on Cefn Bridge white lines, Green Dragon signs and pavement along the Buttington stretch which is still covered in moss.

CCAJ will liaise with residents on Mount Pleasant regarding the ditch behind the top row, where work will begin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Border Hill Rally – Highways have approved the rally today. The rally starts quite far up Moel Y Golfa, the road will be closed Friday afternoon. It was agreed that if the Rally is successful, it could be a great event for the area. CCAJ will request that they write to all the residents to make sure they are aware of the Rally.

There are still concerns about the overhanging hedge below Maesfron.

AE to contact the landowner regarding the overgrown hedge going out of Middletown towards the Seven Sisters, as the hedge is encroaching on the footpath.

**ACTION: AE**

The grid on the pavement by Buttington Church is still missing. CCAJ sent a photo of this last Autumn and has reported it many times since to PCC. TCC have agreed to formally write to PCC, as this is a major health and safety issue and we will hold PCC responsible if someone hurts themselves.

**ACTION: AE**

### **1797 County Councillors' Report**

A Jubilee picnic has been arranged in Trewern for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The Community Hall has been hired and will be displaying work made by the school children and there will be a projector set up in the hall. Everyone is to bring a picnic and something to share. CCAJ has organised a bouncy castle. agrees that it would be good to advertise the event and will organise for flyers to be distributed.

It has been reported that the old Trewern Church is falling down and full of rats. However, Environmental Health haven't found any evidence of any rats and Building Regs will check if its stable.

CCAJ attended last coffee meeting in Middletown, which was well attended. CCAJ will try to help advertise the next one which is taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

It has been noted that there is new activity at Middletown quarry and CCAJ has received one compliant from a resident. Border Hardcore have won a new contract, which will be coming to an end again soon. However, Border Hardcore are really keen to keep quarrying now, as they have a licence. CCAJ has spoken with the Mineral and Waste expert. There will be digging out conditions and noise ranges. The Environmental Health could be sent out to see if they are keeping the noise in that range. CCAJ will let Border Hardcore know about the complaint.

## **1798 Planning**

### Broad Energy

None.

## **1799 Finance**

### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £27,933.29 in the accounts at the end of April 2022. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by RT and seconded by PD

### Payments

Clerks Salary – £234.10 (20hrs for April) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

GloverSure - £42.00 (PHP Upgrade) under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Middletown Village Hall - £25 (Hire of the hall) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Powys County Council - £144 (Annual play inspections fee) under L.G.A (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

CA Bowen - £360 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Zurich Insurance - £1,035.96 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Payments proposed by RT and seconded by PD

### VAT Return

AE has submitted a VAT Claim for VAT paid in 2021/22 for £1,205.27

### Online banking

AE contacted HSBC to chase online banking application and now waiting on a letter regarding an issue with needing two signatures per cheque. AE to ask HSBC about dual access to online banking.

**ACTION: AE**

## **1800 Correspondence**

### Jubilee Event Donation

At the last meeting, we discussed a request from a member of the Jubilee Lunch Organising Group, asking if TCC would be prepared to make a grant available for Jubilee Lunch street parties as part of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend. As this is a private party only and not open to the whole community, it was agreed that it would not be feasible for us to donate to every private party that was taking place within the Community over the Jubilee weekend and for this reason we have decided not to make a contribution towards the event.

## **1801 Any Other Business**

JE and AE to work together to look into Broadband options for the Village Hall. AE to check with other Community Councils too.

**ACTION: AE**

The Bridal Path from the Coppice down the green lane has a gate on the one side of the path and a fence on the other. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a gate the other instead of a fence to climb over.

## **1802 Date of Next Meetings**

21 June 2022 at Trewern Community Centre and via MS Teams.