

# MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2020

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

## **1630 Apologies**

Apologies received from Rob Breakwell and Stephen Novick

## **1631 Minutes of the Meeting from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by PD, seconded by RT

## **1632 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.

## **1633 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1634 Playgrounds**

### Re-opening the Play areas

We still are yet to receive the RoSPA reports and all agreed we shouldn't reopen the play areas until the RoSPA reports have been completed, especially as the play areas have not been used since March. AE to continue chasing RoSPA.

**ACTION: AE**

### Allotments

No update.

### On-going work

We have not heard a date for commencing work on the noticeboards and benches from Ben Sims yet. AE to continue to chase. PD has done work repairing the Hope noticeboard and will submit an invoice.

**ACTION: AE**

## **1635 Highways**

GC has still not heard from Highways yet, email sent two months ago, but no reply received yet.

CCAJ emailed Andrew Jones about the flooding to the houses by Buttington Trewern CP School, as they had been flooded twice recently. Environmental Health said they will clear the brook, CCAJ confirmed this work had been completed. However, if anyone sees/hears anything that could cause the houses to be flooded again, please let CCAJ or Andrew Jones know.

### Fixed speed cameras

At the last meeting, CCAJ discussed applying for a fixed speed camera in both Trewern and Middletown. Llandysilio Community Council were able to arrange for someone from GoSafe to join their remote meeting to discuss fixed speed cameras. AE to contact Clerk of Llandysilio Community Council to see how to best organise the same for one of our next remote meetings.

**ACTION: AE**

Again, at the last meeting, CCAJ discussed how the speed limit varies between Welshpool through Trewern and Middletown to the border. The Welsh Government have recently completed a review of the speed limits on this section of road, (taking into consideration other engineering works planned or undertaken to improve road safety) and that they will be progressing the current speed limit of 40mph through Trewern to be extended to include the Cefn Bridge. It was agreed that this new amendment to the speed restrictions does not take into account the speed of the traffic going from Middletown down to Trewern, as this can be quite a dangerous stretch of road with the entrance to Fox Lane and the off-camber bend at the bottom of the Garreg Bank also being very hazardous. AE drafted a letter to send to Diane Jones and Russell George on behalf of Trewern Community Council, so it can be taken forward to the Welsh Minister. All happy for letter to be sent.

Russell George sent out a Transport Survey for the A458, this has been the most completed survey that has been done since CCAJ started working in Russell George's office. There is concern for the safety of road. When asked what can be done to improve the A458, the most popular opinion was a bypass and a significant number of people also talked about the Cefn Bridge. Russell George will now be looking at the speed limits along the road and now he has data to say that a bypass is wanted, it has given him a view on what to lobby for.

Dave Gardener came out to look at various pot holes in the Ward and classed them in certain categories, so they now have an obligation to fix these in 2 months.

CCAJ has confirmed that the road in Parc Caradog that has pot holes is not adopted, she has now spoken to the resident and said she would need to form a group with other residents, so the issue is now in their hands.

There looks like some pot holes have been temporarily been filled on Pentre Gwyn. FW will have a quick look tomorrow and update CCAJ.

**ACTION: FW**

CCAJ has asked everyone to have a quick look at the salt bins in the area, CCAJ will then send a list of road names and numbers to PCC of any salt bins that need filling.

**ACTION: GC/DC/FW/PH/SH/HB/CCAJ/AE/RT/PD**

The drain by the Chapel on Sale Lane, GC and CCAJ have shown Highways and nothing has been done. They agreed it was so bad that they would look at it for resurfacing and the drain desperately wants doing, when it floods it comes straight into main road.

PCC have done the flooding work by ham and eggs.

RT has spoken to Criggion Quarry about the lorries travelling up the Moel Y Golfa road. CCAJ thinks we should have a 'No entry to quarry' sign, but Highways have said that is an illegal sign. If anyone happens upon a stuck lorry, take a photo and call police, as they are breaching the highway code as they should not be going up that road. RT will speak to the quarry office again.

**ACTION: RT**

Speed are having 22 more extra lorries and if plans for the Buttington incinerator go ahead there will be even more lorries travelling to and from the Buttington Quarry along the A458, so there is a concern we will have an awful lot more of traffic on the road. Speed are operational 24hrs a day, it is worth highlighting this in the letter to Russell George.

CCAJ has been voted to be the Chair of Powys' Health and Care Scrutiny Committee and will take up this position from December.

PCC has received funding from the Welsh Government for 100 new posts (please see CCAJs Facebook page for info) to help with its contact tracing work. PCC has been directed to carry out the work by the Welsh Government after emerging as the local authority with the best performing Test Trace Protect team in Wales.

### **1637 Planning**

#### Broad Energy

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

Broad Energy are hoping to get this application in before Christmas, but this hasn't yet been confirmed. CCAJ put the question into Welsh Government on how long the application will take to process etc.

#### 20/1619/HH | Erection of a domestic outbuilding | Long Meadow Bacheldre Lane Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EG

This planning application was discussed and decided that we would object due to the purpose and size of the building. Taking into consideration that it will include a Porch, Garden and Reading Room, Office and Drawing Room, Storage and WC, we feel it is far in excess of a 'domestic outbuilding' and in our view this represents a new dwelling.

AE to draft a response for planning.

**ACTION: AE**

### **1638 Finance**

#### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £20,668.56 in the accounts at the end of October 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 PH

#### Payments

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

Welshpool Printing Group - £72.00 plus VAT under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Payment proposed by PD, seconded by SH

#### Budget/precept

RB suggested to add an extra £1,000 onto play/open spaces /ground maintenance for 'COVID contingency', just in case we need to buy any cleaning products or employ someone to clean the play areas etc, as Government rules and regulations are changing frequently. It was agreed that we would wait until we receive the Multiplier from PCC as we would like to keep the amount paid by households in Band D the same as last year, which was £31.44.

Once we have the RoSPA reports back, we can create a timetable of when we would be doing the work to the play areas, such as the surface area in Trewern. There will also be more trees and hedges to be cut back in Trewern in the coming year too.

### **1639 Correspondence**

#### Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

A copy a COVID Risk Assessment for the Play Areas 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 adopt it.

AE will upload this onto the website as soon as we reopen the play areas.

Proposed by SH, seconded by FW

Call for expression of interest for broadband support and advice

CCAJ is looking to find out what is happening with Broadband in our area as there is a grant from the Rural Development Fund, if there are isolated communities. It is noted that Fibre Optic has been installed up to the border of Middletown Hill and as far as PD is aware, Hope seems to be okay too. Think they need about 20 odd houses where Broadband is not available/internet is poor in order to go ahead with this, everyone to let CCAJ know if there is anywhere like this in our area.

**1640 Any Other Business**

None.

**1641 Date of Next Meeting**

19 January 2021 via MS Teams.