

# MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2022

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Fiona Warburton, Harriot Bates, Rob Breakwell, Judy Evans, David Corfield, Sasha Hart, Peter Davies and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

One member of the community was also present.

## **1755 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor Phil Hughes and Rex Turner.

## **1756 Minutes of the Meeting from 16th November 2021 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 16th November 2021 to now be signed by GC and approved.  
Proposed by PD, seconded by JE

## **1757 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

GC and DC declared an interest in Broad Energy.

## **1758 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1759 Playgrounds**

Ongoing issue with the overhanging tree between Parc Caradog and the school. The lease showed that TCC are only responsible for the hedge and therefore, the tree should not be our responsibility. CCAJ has emailed PCC again this week and copied in Cabinet Minister as well. CCAJ will take this to the head of Property, if she has not had a response back this week. However, if PCC legal dept say they are not responsible for it, we will then have to decide if we do the work or not.

## RoSPA Report

It was agreed we need to keep an audit sheet on repairs/work on the play area equipment, who has completed it, and when etc.

### **ACTION: AE**

The hedge running between the play area and the D is encroaching on the pavement. This has previously been the responsibility of the school contractor. FW to notify school at next School Governors meeting.

### **ACTION: FW**

It has been noted that there was dog mess and beer bottles in the bin at Middletown play area. There is a specific bin for dog mess in the Village Hall car park, and dog mess should not be put in the bin at the play area. AE to put up signs.

### **ACTION: AE**

It was also noted that the bin at Trewern has recently been overflowing, however that issue has now been resolved.

## **1760 Highways**

All salt bins have been topped up and salt located in other requested areas.

Pot hole work has been completed in Trewern and on Pentre Gwyn. FW will have a drive around Pentre Gwyn to double check. GC, AE and CCAJ to meet and go through Highways spreadsheet. The road over the brook near the Ford (between Middletown and Trewern), might be collapsing.

Fox lane – there was a lot of mud on the road, CCAJ has requested for it to be cleaned, as well as the drains. This has not yet been completed, CCAJ had previously sent it through as an urgent request.

At the last meeting, it was noted that there was a bad patch of road heading towards Leighton from Buttington, possibly a drain cut across the road, but the repair of the road has now dropped. CCAJ has reported this, however it is still being investigated. It was also discussed that there is a drain with a missing manhole cover towards Leighton, CCAJ has raised this 3 or 4 times, as it is a major safety issue.

We have previously discussed the overgrown hedge along the footpath on the way out of Middletown towards the Seven Sisters. AE to contact Highways again, due to it being a safety issue for anyone walking along the path.

**ACTION: AE**

The footpath opposite the Smithy in Buttington has turned green and is very slippery, CCAJ has previously reported this to Highways, but work has not yet been completed.

There has been another incident on Moel Y Golfa Hill, a lorry travelling to the quarry was completely wedged there for approx. 5 hours. CCAJ has previously requested a sign from Highways saying 'No Quarry Traffic', however Highways said like that would be illegal. CCAJ will ask Councillor Lucy (from the Llandrinio area) to ask the quarry to fund a sign and put it on the lane.

There is a lot of tree clippings and an oven has been tipped along Criggion Lane. CCAJ will chase this again. Council managed to prosecute the person who had fly tipped in that area previously, as there was paperwork in the rubbish.

### **1761 County Councillors' Report**

Busy in Council, preparing for next year's budget, Council Tax level and cost deficiencies. The paperwork is currently being finalised, it is thought that it will be well below inflation this year. Powys has received funding from Welsh Government but there is a huge amount of referrals for social care.

CCAJ held a Surgery in Middletown, which was well attended. CCAJ was asked if Community Council could put an update into each issue of the Border Gossip.

**ACTION: AE**

There is a possibility that the Welsh Border Rally might be organising an event in the area, with one section being around Moel Y Golfa. If any residents have any concerns, CCAJ has suggested we refer them to Russell George's office.

A couple of local residents who are tenants are awaiting housing repairs and have been waiting a while, so they have asked CCAJ to step in to put some pressure on to get it fixed.

There is a plan to potentially improve the parking on Mt Pleasant in Middletown and is awaiting consultation. There is a plot of land, but it was not sure who owned the land, GC will speak to a resident there for more information.

**ACTION: GC**

There is also a lot of water coming down from the Hill, but because the drains are blocked in that area, the water has nowhere to go. It was agreed that there needs to be a regular drain clearance program. With water on the road, it can be very icy and slippery this time of the year.

## **1762 Planning**

### Broad Energy

GC and DC have declared an interest in this application.

CCAJ and Buttington Impact Incinerator Group have both submitted further responses to the Planning Inspectorate. CCAJ has posted her response on Facebook if anyone wants to read it. There was a lot of work involved in the response, as this is the last chance before the hearing. There will not be an opportunity to bring any new points into the hearing that have not already been previously raised. CCAJ has not yet had any notification of when the hearing will take place yet.

### 21/2218/HH Single storey extension to dwelling White House Middletown Welshpool SY21 8ES

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

### 21/2322/FUL Provision of 180 car parking spaces for use by existing company, Vacant Plot At Offas Dyke Business Park Fisher Road Buttington SY21 8SS

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we would like to highlight our concerns about the increased amount of traffic it may generate onto the main trunk road, whilst also querying the number of cars originally allocated for this site when permission was first given to the development.

## **1763 Finance**

### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £23,554.18 in the accounts at the end of December 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 – £468.00 (20hrs for November and 20hrs for December) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

PAYE – £175.40 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Payments proposed by FW, seconded by SH

### Audit

We have now received the results of the audit, no issues. It was noted that AE has done an good job on the audit and it is really appreciated.

### Budget/precept

AE has sent the updated budget to all Councillors. The precept for 2022/23 will be £22,495, which is £34.21 per Band D household. Everyone happy with budget/precept for 2022/23.

Proposed by GC seconded by FW

## **1764 Correspondence**

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

AE has emailed the Councillors with all the information on the health and safety procedures and risk assessments that are needed for the event. It was noted that as there would be a lot of responsibility and procedures involved, it would need a sub-committee to the Council to run the event. Everyone in agreement that we should not be involved in that. CCAJ has received an email to apply for road closures during the Queens Jubilee event, to allow for street parties. Therefore, if

residents would be interested in doing this for their particular road/street, CCAJ will have the information needed.

#### Repair Café Wales

It was thought that it should not be a Community Council run Repair Café, however AE and GC will go through all the information to promote it on Facebook and find someone who would be willing to organise it. AE will find out when the next Repair Café will take place in Llanfyllin for AE and GC to attend.

**ACTION: AE/GC**

#### **1765 Any Other Business**

##### Community Survey

As we have recently secured funding for the Sensory Garden and the play area in Trewern, it was agreed that we survey the community to find out what they would like us to spend money on in the area, should any funding become available. AE to create a survey to put on Facebook page and TCC website.

**ACTION: AE**

#### **1766 Date of Next Meetings**

15 February 2022 via MS Teams.