

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2021

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

1695 Apologies

Councillors Sasha Hart, Rex Turner and Phil Hughes were not in attendance.

1696 Minutes of the Meeting from 10th April 2021 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 20th April 2021 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by FW, seconded by PD

1697 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. FW declared an interest in planning application 21/0577/OUT.

1698 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1699 Playgrounds

Ongoing work

Wet Pour replacement edging was completed in Middletown on Sunday and new Wet Pour in Trewern has also been completed today.

It has been noted that the bin that had temporarily been put in the D outside the school was overflowing with litter at the weekend, with litter on the floor around the bin. It was decided that we would write a letter to the school to say that we have noticed that the bin has not been emptied and that we will have to remove the bin if it continues. The bin also looks damaged. There is also another bin within the school grounds that has also been over-flowing too.

ACTION: AE

The painting and repair work on the benches and noticeboards in the ward have now been completed.

Maintenance Tenders

We have received three quotes for the ground maintenance work. The quotes were compared and it was agreed that we would continue with CA Bowen, as we are satisfied with his work and we would be continuing to support a local business. It was also noted that when we accepted a quote from an alternative contractor in previous years, we had a lot of complaints from local residents.

Proposed by FW, seconded by SN

Quotes for Flag/flag pole

GC has met with Mr Jenkins at the school, it has been agreed that we would accept the quote from Welshpool Printing Group (as House of Flags were very expensive for installation and we would like to again support a local business). The cost will be split between Buttington Trewern Community Centre, Buttington Trewern CP School and TCC, it will be £177.33 each. It will be a wall mounted flag pole with weights in the flag, so we do not have issues with the flag wrapping itself around the pole. Mr Jenkins has sent out the competition information to all the school children and the winner will be asked to raise the flag. Judges will be a key worker, NHS worker plus one other person. Mr Jenkins

thinks a medal would also be a good prize for the competition winner and GC will organise these and pay for them with the Chairs Allowance.

ACTION: GC

1700 Highways

CCAJ and GC have sent lots of emails to the Highways dept, CCAJ has been chasing certain roads since last summer. Some jet patching has been completed but the worst patches have not yet been done, some residents have started to fill the pot holes themselves. CCAJ has been emailing them every 2 months. If nothing improves soon, CCAJ and TCC will write a letter to the Head of Highways. It has been noted that verges along Fox Lane, up to Moel Y Golfa and the road towards Middletown Farm are starting to disintegrate as drains have not been done.

There is an area in Middletown (opposite the Breidden pub), where there has been some flooding and the tarmac is starting to get rough, PCC came out and only cleared three drains. CCAJ has been highlighting this area to PCC for months.

1701 County Councillors' Report

Planning – the application for chalets at Trelystan is going to committee on Thursday, CCAJ will highlight that the residents in area are concerned about landscape impact and access during construction. Fletcher Homes are hoping to get their revised plans into planning by the end of the week, however the Trunk Road Agency have raised issues about access and visibility to the site. The Trunk Road Agency have completely objected to the planning application at Ivy house.

CCAJ has been re-elected as Chair of the Health and Care scrutiny committee.

The overhanging tree in Pentre Gwyn has now been cut.

1702 Planning

Broad Energy

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

AE and FW have made a start on getting TCCs response for this application. RB captured a lot of the headliners. It was agreed that we all unanimously oppose the application and confirmed that we have not received any comments from residents in support of the application. AE will send the response to all councillors for comments.

ACTION: AE

CCAJ has noticed that the Trunk Road Agency has said 'no comment' to this application, even though they have made comments on smaller planning applications in the area, such as Ivy House.

PCC have put together an impact report, which looks at whether or not there is a need for an incinerator in the area, health, noise and visual impact etc.

Russell George has written to the Minister regarding the moratorium on the development of any new waste incinerators.

CCAJ has requested an extension for commenting due to the lack of a physical application, the documents would usually be in the library, however the planning inspectorate rang CCAJ and said they would speak to Broad Energy to see if they can put the details in the town hall. CCAJ is still waiting for an update.

21/0577/OUT | Outline permission for the erection of up to 40 dwellings, formation of new school parking and access road and associated works | Land To The East Of Trewern School Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8TB

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we are concerned about the lack of additional parking allocated for the school within the proposed plans. At present, we already have issues with inadequate parking for the parents at school drop off and pick up times, as well as school events, therefore causing issues with some parents parking in Parc Caradog.

With a proposed 40 new dwelling as well as several other new and approved planning developments within the area, we are concerned that this will only further increase the parking issue at the school. Based on the above concern, we would like to ask that the amount of car parking spaces is increased to 110, this would also allow for future development within the school if needed.

It has also been noted that the plans do not detail a access for emergency services vehicles during school hours, which would be significant safety concern. Therefore, we would like to refer you to the response from the school and their proposed redesign of the plans, which we fully support.

The schools redesign of the plans, the road into the car park has been moved closer to the main entrance, there is an access to the staff car park (20 spaces) at the far end of the main car park (with either end of this staff car park being blocked off from any other vehicular access), the bus stop has been moved to allow for the children to safely walk along the pedestrian area and up to the school and the road has been brought out a bit further to accommodate the bus stop and drop off zone with a mini roundabout before entering the estate, which we feel would also help to decrease the speed of the traffic in the area. These redesigned plans would be a safer options for the parents, pupils and residents of the new estate.

We would like to request that a planning officer comes out to do a site meeting to discuss the above concerns and redesigned plans.

21/0674/FUL | Erection of covered manure store and slurry tower and all associated works | Lower Heldre Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8TD

We have not received any objections and therefore we would like to support this application.

CCAJ has received a complaint from a resident in relation to the Bryn Tirion Sale Lane application. CCAJ will write to the agent to highlight that there is an unadopted road near there and wants the access to be kept clear during construction phase. The unadopted road is near to where the culvert is and National Rail have also commented on the culvert, if water is standing at the bottom of the railway bridge it could be very bad. CCAJ plans to ask Craig Williams to highlight our concern with Network Rail and maybe they can put pressure on PCC to have it fixed.

1703 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £28,353.37 in the accounts at the end of April 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 SN

Payments

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

Annual Play Inspection - £120.00 plus VAT under L.G.A (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Zurich Insurance – £1112.37 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Ben Sims – £650 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Ray Parry - £3825 plus VAT under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).
RTC – £650 plus VAT under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).
Payments proposed by FW, seconded by SN

Funds has now been received from Powys Nature Partnership grant for £1650.27 and VAT refund (for VAT spent in 2020/21) has also been received for £517.84.

Audit

AE went through audit paperwork and it was sent to the Internal Auditor. GC and AE to now date and sign audit forms.

Audit and Government statement discussed and checked. Proposed by FW and seconded by RB to accept the annual return for yearend 2020/21 and confirm it has been audited by internal auditor as of 12th May 2021. AE to post audit paperwork before 1st July 2021 and also put up audit notice on Noticeboards and websites. It was also noted by the internal auditor that our audit paperwork was very neat and tidy.

1704 Correspondence

Residential park in Middletown

CCAJ has chased PCC for an update.

Bicycle track on Middletown Hill/Moel Y Golfa

At the last meeting we discussed the signs that have been erected by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to say that any bicycle tracks will be removed. GC spoke with NRW and they have confirmed that the signs were put up in the wrong area and have apologised. Therefore, locals can now continue to ride their bikes there.

NHS Dental provision in Wales

An email was received detailing a campaign by Llandrindod Wells Town Council regarding NHS Dental Provision in Powys, a concern was expressed about the lack of dental provision in Llandrindod Wells and the whole of Powys. This has resulted in many people locally being unable to get access to a dentist. Llandrindod Wells Town Council asks other community and town councils to share the campaign letter and survey with their contacts and friends in Powys. Statistics from the survey will be sent to Powys Teaching Health Board and Welsh Government as soon as a significant number of responses have been received. AE to send link for the survey to Councillors.

ACTION: AE

SSL Certificate website update

We have received an email from GloverSure, they recommend that our TCC website is protected by a SSL certificate. However SSL certificates are designed to protect transactions and data, neither of which are on our website, it is just an information source. After discussion, it was decided that best practice would be to protect our website in case we change the sites function over time and it would give our users a sense of security too.

Proposed by RB, seconded by FW

Hope House fund raising appeal

A letter was received requesting donations for Hope House, however it was agreed that we do not donate public money to charities. AE to send a response.

ACTION: AE

Notice from EU settlement scheme

We have received an important notice about the EU settlement scheme. AE to put info on TCC website, local FB page and in Border Gossip too.

ACTION: AE

1705 Any Other Business

None

1706 Date of Next Meetings

15 June 2021 via MS Teams.