

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2019

Present: Councillors Philip Hughes (Chair), David Corfield, Harriot Bates, Peter Davies, Fiona Warburton and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

Ten members of the public were also present.

1503 Apologies

Apologies received from Gill Corfield, Rob Breakwell, Ida Hughes and Sasha Hart
Rex Turner was not in attendance.

1504 Minutes of the Meeting from 21st May 2019 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st May 2019 were signed by PH and approved.
Proposed by HB seconded by DC

1505 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

None.

1506 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1507 Playgrounds

The Wet Pour at Middletown Play area has now been done.

Ground maintenance – We have asked Andrew Evans Landscapes Ltd for a breakdown of what each item 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 continued to chase Andrew Evans for this, but have not yet received it. Defer this until next meeting and hopefully will have the information required by then. AE to continue chasing.

ACTION: AE

Wet pour - The Wet Pour is lifting around the new piece of equipment in Trewern play area. We are unsure what sort of guarantee is on this Wet Pour or when it was done? AE to check.

ACTION: AE

Air glider was supposed to be delivered anytime now, but has been delayed until the 10th July.

We have now received two new quotes for painting the equipment in the play areas. Scott Jones has quoted £860 for Middletown and £810 for Trewern and Kevin Green has quote £1518 for Middletown and £1545 Trewern. As we have the paint already, the quotes are for labour only. Kevin Green did a very good job on the Bus Shelters, however due to cost it was agreed that it would make more sense to accept Scott Jones' quote. All happy to accept Scott Jones' quote.

Proposed by DC, seconded by FW

The Bus Shelters have recently been painted, however it now looks like the bus shelter nearest Pentre Gwyn has been smeared with something. Fortunately it doesn't look like it needs a major clean up. FW has agreed to try to clean it off a bit, however if it doesn't come off FW will let us know.

ACTION: FW

Noticeboard at Hope has now been done. There is also a slab needed to be put down in front of the Noticeboard at Buttington, PD will do this as soon as he can.

ACTION: PD

1508 Highways

Cefn bridge – repairs were going on last night and will be every night this week until it is complete.

Verges will be cut back this week, although not sure if there will be a delay due to flooding.

CCAJ has asked if anyone can let her know if there are any drains blocked in the area. PD thinks there is some drains blocked up the Hope. There are also some drains that need jetting along Criggion Lane and Firs Lane. Firs Lane will also be closed from the 20th June to the 25th June, however it will be open for residents only.

There is also another road closure due on Criggion Lane by a Utility company, however there will still be access for residents.

CCAJ does not think the Jet Patcher has been out. Although 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. There is also a lot of water standing on that road too.

Street lights – CCAJ fed back a list of all the street lights in the area that are turned off/not working, the information CCAJ received back was that these lights were all turned off in 2009 apart from one of them. CCAJ will now leave this unless a resident highlights another light that has recently stopped working.

Bio -mass – CCAJ cannot action anything, she can only put the complainant in touch with the Environmental dept, so therefore needs a resident to complain who is happy to give their details over to the Environmental dept.

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 to chase Planning dept about this and send CCAJ photos of the cars.

ACTION: AE

There was a 'Beware Motorcycle' sign near the Breidden pub that was blocking the view of the road, CCAJ has already reported it, however we are not sure if it has been removed yet.

It was reported last month that a speed sign was covered by hedge near Parc Caradog, however CCAJ hasn't noticed this sign. There was also another sign by Ham & Eggs that was being covered by the hedge, CCAJ has already reported this one.

1509 Burgess Land Trust

10 people have applied, only 8 people got the money, however it was given to Castle Caereinion and Guildsfield area, not around this area as no one applied for it in this area.

1510 County Councillors' Report

Glyn Davies will be holding a coffee morning at Welshpool's Corn Exchange on Friday, June 21st in memory of Jo Cox.

See 'Highways'

1511 Planning

Broad energy

HIA (Health Impact Assessment) email sent to CCAJ from ECL. ECL want to do community drop in, so any health concerns with the proposed incinerator can be raised. Broad Energy have commissioned ECL to do a HIA, so Broad Energy can be completely ready to submit their plans.

19/0739/OUT Land Adjacent To 10 Mount Pleasant Welshpool Powys SY21 8DH

Ten members of the public were in attendance.

CCAJ was concerned that the Planning Notice had not yet been put up by the planning officer, so the consultation period would not yet have started. CCAJ also thought that the biggest restriction for this site would be the parking, as it is pretty awful and during construction, no one would be able to park there at all.

It has also been noted that the proposed parking for this site would be situated very close to a public right of way, which is currently used by families and school children. The proposed development is also situated in close proximity to a brook and this area has previously had issues with flooding.

We have received concerns from local residents about the additional parking that would be required if another development was situated on Mount Pleasant, as parking is already an issue here. Concerns were also raised that if emergency services needed to get through at any time, that wouldn't be possible due to the amount of cars already parked here.

Therefore due to these concerns, TCC will not be supporting this application.

1512 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank statements show that there is £24,502.89 in the accounts at the end of May 2019 and the bank reconciliation on the financial report for May 2019 also matches this amount. Financial report checked to confirm that it is all in order.

PH checked and signed bank statements.

Proposed by FW seconded by PD

Chair/ Councillors Allowance

At the last AGM and the AGM in 2018, the Chairs allowance was not set, but at the 2017 AGM, it was agreed that there would be a 2% increase on top of the usual £650 to make it £663.

However it was agreed today that we would round the Chairs Allowance to £650 for this year and for last year too.

Proposed by PD seconded by FW.

Payments

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

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

Kevin Green – 1,791.92 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd - £4,510.80 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

All payments were proposed by FW seconded by PD

At the last meeting, it was agreed that the end of year balance in the current account should be moved into the Money Manager account. AE and GC went to a meeting at HSBC to find out how to do this. Two Councillors who are Cheque Signatories need to go into HSBC to move any monies across, therefore as AE is not currently a Signatory on the account, AE and GC were unable to do this at that time.

Slight amendment to Zurich Insurance invoice, as we have now removed Street Lamps from Insurance, it has reduced the invoice by £44. GC has contacted PCC to confirm they have adopted the street lamps in the area, therefore the street lamps have been removed from the Fixed Asset Register, Asset Risk Management and Insurance.

Clerks Salary/Contract

Nothing to report.

Audit

AE has put up Audit Notice on Noticeboards and website. AE can now send audit paperwork to external auditor.

ACTION: AE

Cheque Signatories

It was discussed at last month's meeting that we do need to have another two extra Councillors to become Cheque Signatories. It was suggested that it might be a good idea for AE to potentially be a cheque signatory too. Everyone in agreement. PH to also be a cheque signatory.

Proposed by DC seconded by PD

1513 Correspondence

Website

Website is now live as of the 3rd June 2019. AE has uploaded minutes and agendas to the website along with adopted Policies and Procedures.

Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

A copy of the Risk Management, Asset Risk Assessment, Constitution and Freedom of Information Act 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 them.

It was also discussed that having a Health & Safety policy was a legal requirement, therefore AE will find a suitable Health and Safety policy for TCC to adopt.

ACTION: AE

Model Informal Resolution Protocol

A copy of the Model Informal Resolution Survey was received from One Voice Wales, all happy for it to be adopted. AE will adapt this for TCC ready for the next meeting, when it can be formally adopted. One Voice Wales also sent a survey that needs to be completed by 30th June asking questions about this protocol and whether it has been used by the Community Council and if it has been useful etc. AE to complete this survey.

ACTION: AE

1514 New Data Protection Legislation, GDPR

Nothing to report

1515 Any Other Business

At the last meeting, Ida Hughes decided to retire from the Community Council. As Chair to the Community Council, GC would like to acknowledge all the amazing work Ida has put in over the years since she started in 1969. GC would like to arrange for afternoon tea to be held at Middletown Village Hall on one Saturday afternoon in September (date to be confirmed). It was suggested that for the first hour we should invite previous TCC Councillors and Clerks, then after that open the invitation up to anyone who would like to attend. It was also thought that it might be a good idea to invite Glyn Davies and the County Times. Everyone in agreeance with this idea and that a small budget for this would be provided by TCC.

1516 Date of Next Meeting

16 July 2019 – Trewern Community Centre