

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2021

Trewern Community Council wish to send our sincere condolences to David Morrell on the sad loss of his wife Olwyn Morrell, who recently passed away. A donation was sent in her memory to Cancer Research on behalf of Trewern Community Council.

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

One member of the public were also present.

1642 Apologies

Apologies received from Fiona Warburton.

1643 Minutes of the Meeting from 17th November 2020 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 17th November 2020 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by DC, seconded by PH

1644 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 and planning applications 20/1857/FUL and 18/0599/FUL.

1645 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1646 Playgrounds

Re-opening the Play areas

The RoSPA reports have now been received. The issues shown on the RoSPA report for Trewern are 24 protruding bolts which are underneath the equipment, however to shear these off could make the platform unsafe, so it was suggested that maybe we could cover these with plastic moulds. We need buffers for the gates which we are currently trying to source. GC and AE will also obtain quotes for the Wet Pour there. RT and DC have also cleared all the acorns off the matting too.

In Middletown, the bench and the buffers for the gates are an issue. Again, we are sourcing buffers and AE is arranging for Ben Sims to mend and paint the benches and also paint the notice boards. The Wet Pour that was put down in 2019 in Middletown has started to shrink slightly and so could become a trip hazard. GC, DC and AE met with RTC Safety Surfaces (who originally laid the Wet Pour). As there was only a band of Wet Pour laid around the edges, there was no guarantee with it, but RTC will try to get us a discounted price to replace this. These issues are not high risk, so there is no issue if we wanted to reopen the play areas.

It was also discussed that now we have the RoSPA reports back, do we want the play areas to remain closed due to COVID reasons and reopen when the COVID situation has improved?!

After reading the advice from the Welsh Government regarding play areas, a vote was taken and it was decided in favour of reopening. Therefore both play areas will reopen as of Saturday 23rd January. AE to put notice on Facebook and TCC website. GC and DC will put up signs at play areas.

ACTION: AE, DC, GC

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.

ACTION: AE

1647 Highways

GC will send out an email to all Councillors with a list of Highways issues, to check if some of these issues have been resolved yet, as some things have been on the list for 2 to 3 years.

CCAJ emailed the head of Highways, as they have missed the dropped culvert by Sale Lane, the response from Highways said it is going to be low down in the priority list. CCAJ will forward email onto all Councillors.

Fixed speed cameras

At the last meeting, it was decided that AE would contact Clerk of Llandysilio Community Council to find out about organising GoSafe to join our remote meeting. AE emailed Susanne Davies from Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership and it was agreed that she would join us at our next meeting in February.

ACTION: AE

1648 County Councillors' Report

Cefn Bridge – CCAJ asked for a date of when it is going to be fixed, although the damage does not look significant but because it is over the Railway, PCC have to liaise with the Network Rail before this can be resolved. CCAJ will press on them that as soon as we come out of lockdown, people will be travelling into Wales to tourist hotspots, so there will then be further issues. We could go to the Minster and ask them to put pressure on Network Rail?!

Re. letter to Russell George - CCAJ has a meeting with Diane to see what options we have now regarding the speed limits on the A458. It needs a site meeting with the Minister there. Everyone is happy for CCAJ to send a draft response for this.

CCAJ has no intel on whether lockdowns will be eased soon, but will send out an email regarding the vaccination program, as well as, an email with the latest COVID correspondence she has had this week.

1649 Planning

Broad Energy

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

Planning application has not yet been submitted.

20/1840/HH | Erection of an extension to create new bedroom and office | Sterling Bach Welsh Harp Hollow Buttington Welshpool SY21 8HB

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

18/0599/FUL | Erection of 9 dwelling houses (1 no. detached and 8 no. semi-detached), formation of vehicular access road and all associated works | Land East Of Golfa Close Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EZ

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

We have not received any objections, however we have previously commented on this application so therefore do not feel the need to comment further.

20/1962/RES | Approval of Reserved matters for the development of 2no. dwellings further to the approval of P/2017/0747 | Priors Cottage Middletown Welshpool SY21 8DF

Trewern Community Council have considered this application.

We have received concerns from a local resident in relation to this application, specifically Plot A. As the plans/drawings are not accurate and differing throughout the application, it is difficult to make comments regarding the position and orientation of Plot A. Nevertheless, Plot A is showing as approximately 1 metre from the boundary and due to the height of the land at Priors Cottage this will overshadow current properties adjoining this site. Again, due to the close proximity and the difference in land height the windows at the back of the property will also look down into the bedrooms windows of the current adjoining properties, causing privacy issues.

Trewern Community Council would like to reiterate the above concerns and ask for further investigation into this from Powys County Council.

It has also been noted that after all the recent additional water logging & rain, it would also be a concern that any disturbance to the ground above could potentially cause further flooding aspects to the current properties below.

Therefore we would like to object to this application and request that a planning officer comes out to do a site meeting, whilst also providing us with accurate plans/drawings for this application.

20/1857/FUL | Relocation and upgrade of access | Land Adjacent Hill Farm Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EJ

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

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

P/2017/0604 – planning application still ongoing.

20/0302/FUL – planning application approved.

20/1284/FUL – pending Highways.

20/1313/HH – planning application approved.

20/0554/FUL – application refused.

1650 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £26,999.43 in the accounts at the end of December 2020.

Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PD, seconded by RT

Payments

Clerks Salary – £432 (20hrs for November and 20hrs for December) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

PAYE – £162 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Sue Davies - £7.98 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Audit Wales - £308.25 under Audit Commission Act 1998 s2.

Donation to Cancer Research in memory of Olwen Morrell - £20 under L.G.A 1972 s137.

Payment proposed by PH, seconded by PD

Budget/precept

AE has sent the updated budget to all Councillors. The precept for 2021/22 will be £20,665. as it was agreed that due to the current COVID-19 crisis and the knock on effect this may have financially, we would keep the precept the same as it was for 2020/21, which was £31.44 per Band D household.

Everyone happy with budget/precept for 2021/22.

Proposed by PH, seconded by RB

1651 Correspondence

Save a Life Cymru

One Voice Wales and Save a Life Cymru are working together to encourage communities across Wales to understand the importance of learning CPR and using a defibrillator.

We have two defibs in the Ward already, which GC has documented on a national link so all Ambulance services will be able to get into them and the unit code is also on the defib cabinet. It was agreed that we should upload the SaLC training video onto to our TCC website. RB would be interested in becoming a Save a Life Cymru Champion to help promote the aims of SaLC. AE to obtain a copy of the 'role and responsibility' document to send to everyone. It was suggested that we could put info in the Border Gossip to ask if anyone would be interested in doing CPR training.

ACTION: AE

Wales Air Ambulance Charity Emergency Appeal

A letter was received requesting donations for Wales Air Ambulance Charity Emergency Appeal. It was agreed that they do provide an incredible and vital service, but unfortunately we do not have the funds available at the moment to make a donation. AE to send a response.

ACTION: AE

Threat of flooding in our parishes from the proposed North West Relief Road (NWRR) flood barrier

The proposals are being promoted by the River Severn Partnership in conjunction with Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency and other partners. The proposals would mean that, in time of flood, in order to protect Shrewsbury and areas downstream, water would be held back which would flood other parishes to a much worse extent than even in the floods that happened in February 2020.

Therefore this is a growing concern from some communities that this proposal in Shrewsbury could impact them. CCAJ will get an update from County Councillor Lucy, who covers the Llandrinio Area.

ACTION: CCAJ

NHS, Social Care & Frontline workers Day 5th July 2021

Local councils, communities and others throughout Wales are being encouraged to play a leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021, a unique day of celebration and commemoration of those that work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week without any thought of their own safety.

They are asked to do this by agreeing to raise a unique flag at 10am; participate in the Two-Minute Silence at 11am, the Nation's Toast at 1pm, Afternoon Tea at 4pm, the ringing of church bells 73 times with each ring representing a year in the 73 years of the NHS at 8pm, from within their local communities, as a 'tribute' to the Heroes of the NHS, Social Care and those that work so tirelessly on the frontline.

It was agreed that it would be lovely to mark the occasion with a 2 minute silence done locally. We could also collaborate with the Churches to ring the bells. GC will speak to Colin Jenkins about organising a competition where the children in Trewern School design a flag to raise. We will look closer to the time if there is anything else we can/want to do if the COVID situation has improved by then.

1652 Any Other Business

None.

1653 Date of Next Meeting

16 February 2021 via MS Teams.