

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019

Present: Councillors David Corfield (Chair), Harriot Bates, County Councillor Amanda Jenner, Fiona Warburton and Rex Turner.

1461 Apologies

Apologies received from Gill Corfield, Sasha Hart, Rob Breakwell, Peter Davies, Philip Hughes and Ida Hughes.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

1462 Minutes of the Meeting from 19th February 2019 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th February 2019 were signed by DC and approved.
Proposed by FW, seconded by HB

1463 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

None.

1464 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1465 Playgrounds

At the previous meeting, it was agreed that PD would speak to Roy Evans to ask him if he can put plastic fascia on the bus shelters as this will be low maintenance and should last longer than wooden fascia and PD would also enquire about the bus shelter in Middletown to see if anything needs to be done on that one too. However as PD is not at tonight's meeting, this will be postponed until April's meeting.

An email regarding the rotting Noticeboard in Hope was received from PD stating how dangerous this Noticeboard now is and that if the decision was not made at tonight's meeting, he will have to pull it down, as its possible someone could cut themselves on it. A quote was received from Roy Evans, to construct and glaze a new Noticeboard. The quote was for £430, the general consensus is that it's quite an expensive quote and it was decided that AE will try to find how much the new Noticeboard in Buttington cost. DC will also drive past the Hope Noticeboard tomorrow to measure it and then research online to check how much a new Noticeboard would cost off the shelf.

ACTION: AE/DC

The 2 year ground maintenance contract is coming to an end and looking back at the accounts, it looks like Andrew Evans Landscapes Ltd started work at the end of July 2017.

It was agreed that the revamped Maintenance Tenders should have a start and end date detailed on it and that the Contractor should also keep a basic maintenance record, possibly a spreadsheet specifying what jobs have been completed etc, however it was also agreed not to complicate things too much.

AE to update Maintenance Tenders and add dates to County Times advert.

AE to send Maintenance Tenders to C A Bowen and Andrew Evans Landscapes to see if they would be interested in submitting a Tender again this year.

All happy for the place advertisement in the County Times.

ACTION: AE

1466 Highways

Dave gardener has informed CCAJ that pot holes have now been filled on Heldre Lane, CCAJ thinks this is possibly the piece under the Bridge and not the top part of Heldre Lane, CCAJ will double check.

A property below Owen's Groundworks with Stables, are thought to be bringing up earth and soil with trucks and its now starting to pile up high. CCAJ has taken photos and sent it to planning, if there was a landslide it would come onto the road. It is thought that they may have some historic planning permission from approximately 5 years ago but have only just started building. CCAJ does not know what they are doing with the soil and the Highways Dept have said it is not their problem, so CCAJ has emailed it to planning and is awaiting a reply.

The Bio-mass Incinerator in Buttington has being blowing out black smoke, FW took a photo to show. To start an enforcement act, CCAJ needs a resident to get in touch and then CCAJ can then put this resident in touch with Environmental Health so it can be reported.

Moel y Golfa – CCAJ has been requesting signs since last year. The Sat Nav send lorries and HGV trucks the wrong way to the Quarry and they have made such a mess that it is not only now unsightly but is also dangerous as there is still a lot of gravel & mud on the road. The Sat Nav has been sending them the wrong way. CCAJ, Lucy Roberts (County Councillor) and a local resident have all spoken to the Quarry about this issue. Powys have requested signs from Shropshire to put signs up showing where the lorries should be turning to go to the Quarry instead of coming up Criggion Lane.

Cefn Bridge – CCAJ and Russell George have been putting on as much pressure as they can to get the works on Cefn Bridge completed. An inspection of the underneath has now been completed, however the traffic lights will remain here over the busy Easter period. This issue is now out of the hands of the Council and is a Government/Network Rail issue. It was suggested that maybe a diversion could be set up over Easter, similar to the one that has been set up by a Caravan Park in Llanfair Caereinion.

Street lights – There is one street light not working on Golfa Close, CCAJ has requested that all Councillors check their areas to see if there is any other street lights not working and let CCAJ know by the end of March so she can report the, all in one go. AE to email all Councillors who were not at tonight's meeting.

1467 Burgess Land Trust

Application forms need to be completed and returned by May 13th 2019 and application forms can be obtained from either the Clerk or the Chair of Trewern Community Council.

1468 County Councillors' Report

See Highways above.

1469 Planning

19/0347/FUL Conversion of existing stable block to residential dwelling, to include the erection of two side extensions, and associated landscaping works to include erection of a retaining wall, Stables At Trinity Cottage, Trewern, Welshpool SY21 8ET

We have not received any objections from local residents in relation to this application. As there is already vehicular access, it is thought that it would not cause difficulties for infrastructure. Stable block is currently blocked and rendered. An extension will be added to the side of the Stables and will then measure just over 100sqm. It is within the LDP (Local Development Plan) and cannot be seen from the main road. Councillors all in favour.

19/0437/HH | Erection of a rear conservatory | Hawthorns Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DQ
FW didn't realise that you have to have planning permission for conservatory, DC reads out planning application, agreed it is a fairly large conservatory so this is possibly the reason for the application. As there is no other properties to the rear of this property and it will not increase the traffic along this road, we cannot see this conservatory being an issue. We have not received any complaints so far from any local residents. This application will be added to the next agenda to discuss further.

1470 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank statements show that there is £21,131.69 in the accounts at the end of February 2019 and the bank reconciliation on the financial report for February 2019 also matches this amount. Financial report checked to confirm that it is all in order.

DC checked and signed bank statements.

Proposed by FW, seconded by HB

Chair Allowance

Nothing to report.

Payments

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

Annual Play Inspection - £120 plus VAT under L.G.A (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

County Times advertisement - £74.16 plus VAT under L.G.A 1972 s111.

All payments were proposed by FW, seconded by RT

Clerks Salary/Contract

Nothing to report.

Audit

Nothing to report.

Councillors Remuneration Submission

Nothing to report.

VAT Return

Nothing to report.

Cheque Signatories

Nothing to report.

1471 Correspondence

Website

Nothing to report.

Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

A copy of the Financial Regulations and Health and Safety Policy 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.

It was agreed that maybe the Health & Safety Policy needed to be a bit more robust. AE to look for another Health & Safety Policy to adapt and to add to it to the next agenda to discuss again.

An email was received from SH referring to clause 1.5 of the Financial Regulations, SH feels it may be better to review the effectiveness of the systems internal controls every 6 month or even every quarter rather than this being done annually, as it is simpler to unravel any discrepancies with a smaller time frame. It was decided to also add the Financial Regulations to the next agenda, so it can be discussed with the Councillors who are more familiar with these types of regulations.

1472 New Data Protection Legislation, GDPR

Nothing to report

1473 Any Other Business

No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales – A letter was received from the CND Cymru Chairperson urging the Community Council to pass a motion stating that our community will not volunteer to host an underground nuclear waste dump. All Councillors in favour of passing this motion.

Proposed by FW, seconded by HB

Border Gossip email – After a donation was sent to the Border Gossip from Trewern Community Council, an email was received from Border Gossip expressing thanks to Gillian Corfield and her fellow councillors for their continuing & kind support.

An email was also received from Simon Green, the Chair of Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People and a Trustee with Disability Wales, requesting donations for Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People and Childhood Tumour Trust. It was agreed that we will not be able to help this year due to the economic climate, our money is going into local issues and therefore we are unable to make a donation.

A comment from a local resident was received about the amount of cars that are in a field down the Glyn Lane, it is felt that it is an eyesore and potentially an environmental issue. However it was agreed that this issue should be added to the next agenda to discuss further about what can be done in this situation.

1474 Date of Next Meeting

16 April 2019 – Middletown Village Hall