

# **MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2022**

Present: Councillors Phil Hughes (Chair), Harriot Bates, Rob Breakwell, Judy Evans and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

One member of the community was also present.

## **1791 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors Gill Corfield, Rex Turner, David Corfield, Peter Davies, Sasha Hart and Fiona Warburton.

## **1792 Minutes of the Meeting from 15th March 2022 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 15th March 2022 to now be signed by PH and approved.  
Proposed by RB, seconded by HB

## **1793 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

None.

## **1794 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

Quarry on Middletown Hill – due to a specific contract, more work has begun at Middletown quarry, the Quarry have a licence to work from Monday to Friday between 7am-7pm and Saturday 7am-1pm. No maintenance is to be carried out on Sunday or Bank Holidays. It was not sure of curtilage of what they are or are not allowed to do and the area they would be allowed to quarry. CCAJ will try to set up a call to discuss further with Robin and will find out how long the quarrying is going to go on for. It was also noted that the lorries coming down from the quarry are starting to ruin the tarmac on the road.

**ACTION: CCAJ**

## **1795 Playgrounds**

The tree between Trewern play area and Hazel Close has now been taken down and we are awaiting the invoice.

The new piece of play equipment for Trewern is set to be installed in early May.

Bin at play area in Middletown needs emptying. PH happy to do this if the bin doesn't require a key to open.

**ACTION: PH**

## **1796 Highways**

Traffic lights removed by Maesfron and earth built up. Highways have done what they can for now, but more safety measures may come and will take place in due course.

GC has contacted Andrew Jones re. the white lines on Cefn Bridge, the signs from the Green Dargon and a blocked drain outside the Hollies in Middletown on the main highway, but has not had a response yet.

CCAJ will mention to the Green Dragon, that their signs have been raised as an issue.

**ACTION: CCAJ**

Utility covers on Sale Lane (mentioned by PD at the last meeting) – CCAJ has emailed planning, they don't think it's in their remit and think it comes under the utility company. CCAJ thinks we might have to go through MPs office as they have hot lines.

BT line on Sale Lane has been fixed. The brash from trees is still landowners responsibility, think they are trying to leave it until dries out. Few locals have said they will help out with this too.

Mt. Pleasant in Middletown - it has been agreed that a contractor will be clearing the ditch along the top row in the next three weeks.

### **1797 County Councillors' Report**

Jubilee event in Trewern on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June organised by Emily Dart for whole community in Community Centre and grounds in front of school.

The bins in the graveyard in Middletown have been overflowing. CCAJ spoke to Church Warden and these bins should be for green waste only. There had been a delay with PCC collecting the bins, PCC have had an emergency team working and it is likely that they missed this collection off their route.

There is an old Chapel near the bottom of the Garreg Bank and it has been raised by one of the neighbours that the roof is caving in and its full of rats. It was the old Trewern Buttington Church and it is thought that it was sold off. CCAJ will speak to Planning solicitor and to Environmental Health, however there is no pest control in PCC anymore.

### **1798 Planning**

#### Broad Energy

No update since last meeting.

22/0519/HH | Proposed porch to side elevation and increased opening to the rear elevation | 1 Llwyn Melyn, Rhyd Barn Bacheldre Lane Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EG

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

21/2008/FUL | Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement dwelling, to include all associated works | Lower Bryn Bryn Lane Hope Leighton SY21 8JD

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

Gerallt Davies from Roger Parry has confirmed that there is a developer on board for the site by the school. Applicant and developer have agreed to a meeting with the Community Council and school and hope to be in touch in a month or two.

### **1799 Finance**

#### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £21,014.19 in the accounts at the end of March 2022.

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

PH to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by RB and seconded by JE

#### Payments

Clerks Salary – £233.90 (20hrs for March) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

PAYE - £310.60 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Payments proposed by JE, seconded by HB

#### Insurance

We have received an email from Zurich Insurance, TCCs policy is due for renewal and the premium for the next year will be £1133.97. Alternatively, we have been invited to take out a Long Term Agreement (LTA) with Zurich. An LTA is an agreement whereby they offer a discounted premium, in return for a commitment to maintain our insurance with them, for either 3 or 5 years as follows: a 5-year LTA premium of £1035.96 or a 3-year LTA premium of £1084.97. Their Long Term Agreements guarantee that a fixed level of discount will be applied to our premium each year, saving us money and providing some peace of mind in these uncertain times. However, our premium may change, due to index linking or if we need to change sums insured or cover levels. The insurance was looked into a few years ago, hardly any Companies offers this type of insurance, as it is a unique/specialist insurance. So it was agreed that it might be worth doing the 5 year agreement. It was also noted that it is an agreement rather than a contract. If the Community Council was to dissolve or Zurich went bust there would be nothing we can do, so no one would be liable. All agree it is worth doing the longer LTA.

Proposed by JE and seconded by RB

#### Online banking

Paperwork sent, no update.

### **1800 Correspondence**

#### Jubilee Event Donation

A email has been received from a resident and member of the Jubilee Lunch Organising Group, asking if TCC would be prepared to make a grant available for Jubilee Lunch street parties as part of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend and if so, they would like to apply for a grant of £25 towards the hire of Middletown Village Hall and/or tables/bunting/tablecloths/food/drinks/entertainment, etc. This event would be just for the residents of the caravan park, as all are over 50 and some are 80/90, so they wanted something for that age group on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, assuming the hall is available. From a Council perspective, as this event is not aimed at the whole community, we cannot give a grant to everyone in the community. CCAJ suggested we put the feelers out to see if there are any other events planned and if not, maybe we could give a grant to this event and to the event organised for Trewern as well to make it fair. It was agreed to do this and let resident know after next month's meeting. AE to add this to next agenda

### **1801 Any Other Business**

#### Welsh Border Hill Rally

This will be on Friday end of May before Bank holiday. CCAJ has had an email from the organiser to say that they had spoken to a resident and it was agreed that they would amend the time of the rally and so resident is happy for this to go ahead. Stage is at Moel Y Golfa, as well as in and around Welshpool. Resident was concerned that road was going to be closed on Friday afternoon and they wouldn't get access to their property. TCC have not been contacted by Welsh Border Hill Rally organisers or any residents.

CCAJ has asked Calum Carr for an update on the footpaths grant but hasn't yet heard back. It is only Calum dealing with all footpaths in the north at the moment.

Quad bike complaints – nothing else to add.

Issue with gates between school ground and Parc Caradog – not heard anything from FW, still ongoing with school.

#### Elections

Councillors to declare acceptance to office after elections, AE to add to AGM and bring forms for Councillors to sign.

**ACTIONS: AE**

Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting in May would be a face to face meeting, as well as having access to the meeting via MS Teams. AE to test out hot spot ahead of meeting.

**1802 Date of Next Meetings**

17 May 2022 via MS Teams and at Middletown Village Hall.