

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

Present: Councillors Phil Hughes (Chair), David Corfield, Fiona Warburton, Harriot Bates, Rob Breakwell, Sasha Hart and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

1731 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Gill Corfield.
Councillor Rex Turner was not in attendance.

1732 Minutes of the Meeting from 21st September 2021 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st September 2021 to now be signed by PH and approved.
Proposed by RB, seconded by PH

1733 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

DC has declared an interest in Broad Energy and 21/1568/FUL planning applications. PH declared an interest in 21/1566/HH and 21/1761/FUL planning applications.

1734 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1735 Playgrounds

The application for COVID Community Recovery Grant was submitted in September, still waiting for a response from PCC to hear if this has been approved.

1736 Highways

There is a very overgrown hedge along the footpath on the way out of Middletown towards the Seven Sisters. PH will speak to the landowner to ask them to trim this and AE will draft a letter to The Parish of Alberbury with Cardeston Council to cut the hedge that is over the border.

ACTION: PH/AE

AE and CCAJ have so far done a drive around Hope and most of Trewern areas to update the Highways spreadsheet to show what road maintenance work still needs to be done. It was agreed that the worst patch of road was still around the Hope area.

It was noted that there was a bad patch of road heading towards Leighton from Buttington, possibly a drain cut across the road, but the repair of the road has now dropped. There is also a drain with a missing manhole cover towards that way that is a massive trip hazard. CCAJ will report both of these issues. The dropped culvert near Cefn Chapel is another ongoing issue that we have been reporting to PCC for approx. three years.

1737 County Councillors' Report

See 'Highways' and 'Planning'.

1738 Planning

Broad Energy

DC declared an interest in this application. Broad Energy have been given an extension to supply more information to the planning inspectorate. TCC have now been given a chance to respond to

this information until the 19th November. AE and CCAJ to request an extension to this deadline, as it was all agreed that a response to this warrants more than 4 weeks' worth of work.

ACTION: AE/CCAJ

21/1621/OUT | Outline application for erection of a dwelling, formation of vehicular access and all associated works | Land At Gate Farm Gate Farm Criggion Lane Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EE

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we would like to highlight the access visibility, requesting that the visibility from this development is maintained. We would also like to raise our concerns that with the additional pressures on the local sewerage infrastructure from this proposed development, along with the high number of newly accepted planning proposals in the local area being added to the infrastructure, that the drainage and sewerage issues for this application are carefully approved and planned.

21/1738/FUL | Erection of an industrial unit with associated roadway, landscaping and parking | Unit C4b Plot C4 Offa's Dyke Business Park Welshpool SY21 8SS

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we would like to highlight our concerns about the amount of lighting on that estate at night time, as it can be very dazzling whilst driving past the business park, which could potentially be a safety issue as well as an environmental concern. Please could we ask you to not only consider the lighting from each of the units but the cumulative lighting from the whole park.

21/1716/FUL | Industrial Unit with associated roadway, landscaping and parking | Unit C4a Offas Dyke Business Park Fisher Road Buttington SY21 8JF

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we would like to highlight our concerns about the amount of lighting on that estate at night time, as it can be very dazzling whilst driving past the business park, which could potentially be a safety issue as well as an environmental concern. Please could we ask you to not only consider the lighting from each of the units but the cumulative lighting from the whole park.

21/1566/HH | Erection of extension | Far Heldre Farm Tre-Wern SY21 8EG

PH declared an interest in this application. We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

21/1568/FUL | Erection of 7 dwellings, to include the erection of garages, installation of a package treatment plant, drainage basin and associated infrastructure | Land Adjacent To Golfa Close Middletown Welshpool

DC declared an interest in this application. We don't foresee any issues with Highways, as this is phase 2 of the development and any Highways issues would have been dealt with in Phase 1 (which has yet to be built). This application includes green space, affordable dwelling and the location is within the LDP. We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

21/1761/FUL | Erection of private use equestrian building and all associated works | Crofters Barn Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EG

PH declared an interest in this application. We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application.

21/1216/DIS – This application is going to be decided by a planning committee on Thursday. CCAJ will be highlighting the concerns that have been raised by the residents who are against the development, but will also say she has been contacted by some residents that are for the development too.

1739 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £19,519.47 in the accounts at the end of September 2021. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

PH to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by SH, seconded by FW

Payments

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

Payments proposed by SH, seconded by FW

1740 Correspondence

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

AE contacted Zurich Insurance to find out if we would be covered for an event like this with the help of volunteers, still waiting for a response. AE to chase.

ACTION: AE

Repair Café Wales

AE has researched this further, In terms of setting up a repair café, Repair Café Wales would provide all the processes, forms / templates, social media announcements, help with sourcing volunteers and all ongoing advice and support whilst the repair café is running. They would also provide a PAT Testing machine and help a volunteer become a qualified PAT tester. With regards to Insurance, this is often covered by the venue or we can come under Repair Café Wales' insurance cover.

We need volunteers that have certain skills, such as, sewing, woodwork etc and ask them to attend the Repair Café monthly for locals to bring in anything that would need to be repaired and the skilled volunteers would also show them how to fix the item etc. It was agreed that this would be worth pursuing to see if there would be any interest from local residents and if there would be enough skilled people within the local community that would want to volunteer their time. AE to draft a notice for FB, TCC website, Border Gossip and on the noticeboards.

1741 Any Other Business

Multi-location meetings

One Voice Wales would recommend we continue our meetings online if we do not have the facilities at either village halls to be able to allow Councillors and the public to access the meetings remotely.

One Voice Wales suggested we contacted PCC to ask if there would be Leader funding available for the EU in order to install Broadband and telephone lines into the Village Halls. AE to contact PCC re. funding.

ACTION: AE

Co-option of a new councillor

AE spoke to One Voice Wales, who have advised that we are able to advertise this vacancy on TCC website and noticeboards, however, Judy Evans would be interested in this vacancy. It was agreed that everyone would be happy to co-opt Judy Evans into this role, as she has good local knowledge.

Proposed by PH, seconded by PD

AE to formally write to Judy Evans.

ACTION: AE

Sensory Garden

FW has thanked TCC for purchasing a hose for the Sensory Garden. Thank you to DC for measuring and GC for ordering the hose. The garden has now been formally opened. FW and some of the

school Governors have been watering and weeding the garden. CCAJ thinks it might be worth having a rota to continue the maintenance work on the garden. FW would like to encourage everyone to pick the produce grown there, i.e, lettuces and tomatoes. TCC would like to again thank FW for all her hard work.

Footpath

CCAJ, AE, GC and SH had a meeting with Calum Carr from Countryside services. There will be some grants available shortly that we will be eligible for and we have identified some routes, Watery Lane loop and areas around Moel Y Golfa that need improving. We also discussed the ongoing issue of dog mess on the school grounds, however due to the public footpath there, we are unable to ban dogs from the area. CCAJ is scheduling a meeting with Calum Carr again for November to look at possibly diverting or diminishing the public footpath.

ACTION: CCAJ

1742 Date of Next Meetings

16 November 2021 via MS Teams.