

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2021

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

One member of the Community was also in attendance.

1678 Apologies

Apologies received from Peter Davies and Sasha Hart.

1679 Minutes of the Meeting from 16th March 2021 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 16th March 2021 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by PH, seconded by FW

1680 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. FW and PH declared an interest in planning application 21/0577/OUT.

1681 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1682 Playgrounds

Ongoing work

Four benches and all of the noticeboards have now been sanded and received the first coat of paint. The door from the Noticeboard outside Cefn Chapel has been taken to repair. The work will hopefully all be completed on Monday.

AE to contact RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd and Ray Parry to check when work will commence on the Wet Pour in the play areas. It was hoped that it could be done before May half-term.

ACTION: AE

AE to ask PD for an update on the slab that needs laying by the Noticeboard at Buttington.

ACTION: AE/PD

Maintenance Tenders

The decision was made not to put the advert in the County Times as it was £150, so AE will post the maintenance tender notice on Facebook, the TCC website and on all of our noticeboards.

ACTION: AE

Quotes for Flag/flag pole

GC will be meeting with Mr Jenkins and Welshpool Printing Group on Wednesday to discuss in more detail about having a flag pole installed outside Buttington Trewern CP School.

Mr Jenkins will put the competition out for the Children at the school to design a flag that will be raised on the 5th July to celebrate NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day.

Community Sensory Garden

Previously, FW bid for a Powys Nature Partnership grant to set up a community sensory garden, this grant has now been awarded to us to buy plants and seeds. In order to meet the grant funding deadline, GC paid for items from the Derwen Garden Centre and Suttons with her own bank card, as

a Cheque from TCC would not process in time and therefore 2x cheques were written to GC to cover these costs. Primrose would not accept cheques as a payment so we have instead purchased items from Charlies Stores Ltd and Norlog UK Ltd. Due to Thompson and Morgan not being able to provide us with an invoice until all items have been received, PCC will not process the grant to cover that cost and so we will again need to apply for funding in the 2021/22 financial year to cover that cost when the invoice does arrive. We will shortly be putting out requests for volunteers to help with the Sensory Garden.

1683 Highways

Nothing to report.

Operation SNAP and Community Speedwatch

It was decided that we would raise awareness of Operation SNAP and the Community Speedwatch schemes on our local Facebook page and TCC website.

ACTION: AE

1684 County Councillors' Report

Nothing to report

1685 Planning

Broad Energy

DC and GC declared an interest in this application.

CCAJ has requested an extension to the consultation process as we cannot meet due to the ongoing COVID situation. An extraordinary meeting has been proposed to discuss this application and so we can invite the public to hear their views and comments. TCC will then draft a response to the consultation. FW has agreed to Chair the meeting, due to GC having an interest in the application. Provisional date for extraordinary meeting will be the 11th May at 7.30pm.

Extraordinary meeting proposed by PH, seconded by FW

21/0124/FUL | Formation of new vehicular access | Land Adjoining Ivy House Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EL

We would like to object to this application based on the access of this site, which leads onto the A458 trunk road. As there are already a number of newly accepted planning proposals in Middletown which exit directly onto this main highway, there would be far too many exit points within a short distance. Therefore we would like to object to this application.

21/0240/REM | Section 73 application to vary conditions 23 and 24 of planning approval P/2017/0010 | Land Adjoining The Fron Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EN

TCC and CCAJ have met with the site developers Fletcher Homes as well as Church Representatives. Fletcher Homes have redesigned the plans based on the discussion at the meeting, everyone happy with the amended plans. AE to contact Fletcher Homes to see when these plans will be submitted and ask the planning dept for an extension on commenting until new plans have been received by them.

ACTION: AE

21/0388/REM | Section73 application for the variation of condition 2 from planning permission 20/1616/REM in relation to dwelling design | Bryn Tirion Sale Lane Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8SY

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

21/0577/OUT | Outline permission for the erection of up to 40 dwellings, formation of new school parking and access road and associated works | Land To The East Of Trewern School Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8TB

PH and FW declared an interest in this application as they are both on the Governors at Buttington Trewern CP School.

We have discussed this application and the benefits that it may have for the school, such as extra parking. School were initially happy with these plans when they were created approx. 4/5 years ago. It was decided that we would set up a meeting with Mr Jenkins to discuss the proposed plans as it is an excellent opportunity to get the parking outside the school correct. AE to request an extension for commenting from the planning dept and GC will get in touch with Mr Jenkins.

ACTION: AE/GC

20/2128/FUL | Erection of 3 holiday lodges, including improvements to existing access road network (C2162 & U2475) including junction improvements and the provision of 1 passing bay, installation of a package treatment plant and other associated works | Rhos Farm Trelystan Leighton SY21 8JB

Trewern Community Council have discussed this application. We would like to object to this application from a highways point of view, as the access to this site would be along extremely narrow roads and due to the current COVID-19 crisis, we are unable to undertake a site visit with the applicants to discuss this application. We are also unsure of the impact the holiday lodges would have on the landscape, which is again a cause for concern. Therefore, we would like to object to this application.

20/1962/RES – planning application approved

1686 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £19,330.27 in the accounts at the end of March 2021.

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

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by FW, seconded By SN

Payments

Clerks Salary – £206 (20hrs for March) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

One Voice Wales membership renewal fee - £202 under L.G.A 1972 s143.

Payments proposed By FW, seconded by RB

The below payments have previously been agreed in order to meet the funding deadline for the Powys Nature Partnership grant (see 'Sensory Garden' for more information).

Charlies Stores Ltd - £203.93 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Gill Corfield/Bank Farm Caravans (to cover the cost of payment made by GC to Suttons) - £132.96 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Gill Corfield/Bank Farm Caravans (to cover the cost of payment made by GC to Derwen Garden Centre - £240 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

TTS - £69.33 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

TTS - £693.40 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Norlog UK Ltd - £634.79 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Payments proposed by SN, seconded by RB

VAT Return

AE has submitted a VAT Claim for VAT paid in 2020/21 for £517.84.

1687 Correspondence

Dog Mess on Middletown Hill

A complaint has been received about the amount of dog mess on Middletown Hill. Some of the Councillors walk up Middletown Hill regularly and they will monitor the situation going forward.

Middletown Residential Park

A new unit has been moved onto Middletown Residential Park which is a major breach of planning regulations, as the new unit as it is out of sync with the other units on the park. The residents have also raised their concerns. It was decided that TCC and CCAJ would write to the planning enforcement team. AE to also send a letter to Middletown Residential Park Resident's Association to support their concerns and what TCC propose to do.

ACTION: AE

1688 Any Other Business

Bicycle track on Middletown Hill/Moel Y Golfa

At the last meeting, we discussed the use of bicycles on Middletown Hill, however the area where the bicycle track has been created is in the wooded area just down from gypsy monument on Moel Y Golfa. A member of the public who has been using their bike on the track and joined the meeting to explain the signs that have gone up in the area. The signs have been erected by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to say that any bicycle tracks will be removed. GC will get in touch with NRW to set up a meeting and see what the issue is and see if we can come to a compromise to allow locals to still ride their bicycles there.

ACTION: GC

Garden Funding

Another funding opportunity has been presented for a further garden outside Buttington Trewern CP School and the Community Centre. The school Business Manager can apply for the funding and we do not need to purchase anything, it will just be delivered in the Community Councils name. FW happy to put her name forward for the application. Everyone happy to go ahead with that. FW will ask the Business Manager to process application on our behalf.

ACTION: FW

Remuneration Panel for Wales - Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils

TCC have previously agreed to take part in a review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils. AE and FW happy to attend the remote meeting.

ACTION: FW/AE

1689 Date of Next Meetings

11 May 2021 – Remote extraordinary meeting

18 May 2021 via MS Teams.