

# MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2020

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

## **1557 Apologies**

None.

## **1558 Minutes of the Meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by PH, seconded by RB.

## **1559 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

GC declared an interest in the Middletown Village Hall Funding, as GC is on the Middletown Village Hall Committee.

## **1560 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None.

## **1561 Playgrounds**

The play area in Trewern has not yet been painted. GC has got a metal rod to go through the Spring Bird to make a handle and as agreed at the last meeting GC will arrange for it to be fixed into place.

**ACTION: GC**

## **1562 Highways**

There have been issues over the winter months on Sale Lane, there has been a blocked Calvert and water on the road by Ham and Eggs. CCAJ chased PCC about this, but hasn't yet had a response.

CCAJ is also yet to have a response from Dave Gardener. GC will try to contact Dave Gardener again and CCAJ will try to get in touch with his boss, as residents have been asking why the things on our list haven't yet been done, there are things on the list that have been there since June 2017.

It was thought that it would be a good idea if the list was colour coded by priority.

SH has noticed that the Moel Y Golfa Road is falling away in some areas and thinks that if we have heavy rain looks like the road could fall away, especially if there is any heavy vehicles going along that road. SH will show CCAJ where it is and CCAJ will add it to her list for the attention of PCC.

### Parking Issues at Parc Caradog

GC reads out the 4 emails/letters that we have received in response to the letter that CCAJ sent out to all parents regarding the parking at the School and Parc Caradog.

If there was double yellow lines, unless its enforced, people are just going to ignore it anyway, as someone did once park blocking the whole entrance to Parc Caradog. Its just bad parking in the School, however it has been noticed that in the last 10 days, parents have been parking a lot better.

If the Community Garden idea goes ahead and we clear the trees where the Staff park, it will make it easier for Staff to park there and then we should have ample parking. Do we want CCAJ to re-request the funding for the double yellow lines? CCAJ is concerned that it would be a waste of public money, it might push the cars further back into the estate, as she will not get funding for the whole area. People might also start parking more dangerously on the D outside the School too. CCAJ puts it

to a vote, only 1 vote in favour of the double yellow lines, the majority vote for no double yellow lines. It was decided that we will keep monitoring the parking situation over the next 12 months to 2 years.

### **1563 Burgess Land Trust**

Nothing to report.

### **1564 County Councillors' Report**

Community Garden/Wildlife area – The School Governors and Community Council have both said yes to this idea. CCAJ can help orchestrate it, but thinks it needs to be a community led thing and thinks it would require about 10 volunteers to help. The area needs to be completely cleared. CCAJ will put it in the Border Gossip and on Facebook to gauge the interest of the Community, she has previously had good feedback about it when she first mentioned it. It could be a great opportunity for some outdoor learning for the kids. There are funding and lottery grants to be had, so CCAJ can help with this, but a Committee needs to be set up to apply for this funding.

Budget – PCC has had increased funding from Welsh Government, however it is thought that the Council Tax may increase again this year, possibly just above or just below 5%. A lot of the cuts this year will be central cuts, ie, staffing at County Hall. If anyone is interested, there is an online Cabinet paper that goes through all the cuts. CCAJ doesn't think it will impact us here and thinks it will be more in the South instead. The School closures won't affect us here either.

### **1565 Planning**

19/1929/FUL | Erection of stable building | Far Heldre, South Barn Trewern Welshpool SY21 8EG

Barn will be built for own use and we have not received any objections, so therefore we are happy to support this application.

20/0045/FUL | Erection of a building for use as storage and distribution centre | Buttington Quarry Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SZ

We would like to highlight our concerns about the increased amount of traffic it may generate onto the main trunk road, whilst also querying if previous planning conditions were agreed in regards to the entrance splay and whether it should be adapted before any new building is erected within the Quarry. We would also like assurances that this building would not be linked to the possible future incinerator application that is being submitted by Broad Energy within Buttington Quarry. We do not oppose this application.

20/0005/RES | Application for reserved matters following the approval of P/2017/0574 for the erection of 9 dwellings and all associated works | Land At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EE

We have received concerns from a local resident in relation to this application with regards to drainage. They have had issues with flooding of sewerage into their garden and garage on several occasions due to the sewerage system. Therefore before we can support this application, we would like to ask for a full review of the drainage system in this area by Powys Highways and Severn Trent to see if the infrastructure in this area is suitable for additional housing.

We would also like to put forward a recommendation for lowering the speed limit along the Criggion Lane, which should be considered if there will be an increase in traffic due to this application. Ideally we think that the Criggion Lane junction off the A458 should be widened or at the very least stop vehicles from parking there, as it is indeed a very dangerous, blind and narrow junction.

20/0052/RES | Reserved matters application in respect of outline planning consent 18/0996/OUT for the erection of a rural enterprise dwelling, septic tank and all associated works | Land At Trelystan Poultry Units Trelystan Leighton Welshpool Powys SY21 8JA

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

19/1692/HH | Erection of a barn | Ivy House Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EL

Application approved by PCC.

19/1938/HH | Erection of an outbuilding (retrospective) | Plas Cefn, Wisteria Cottage Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX

Application approved by PCC.

19/1661/FUL | Improvements to the existing access to include demolishing the existing concrete block walls and piers and replacing with stone walls and piers | Entrance Leading To Trewern Hall Buttington Welshpool SY21 8DT

Application withdrawn from planning.

Adopted Powys LDP 2011 – 2016: Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation

An email has been received from PCC, they have started preparing a further set of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for the adopted Powys Local Development Plan and will be holding a six week public consultation. The email has been forwarded to all Councillors to have a look at and if needed, we can come back to it at the next meeting.

## **1566 Finance**

### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £20,360.41 in the accounts at the end of December 2019.

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

GC checked and signed 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 – £162.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Sue – £7.98 (for bin bags) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Ei Group – £225 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Payment proposed by PH, seconded by SH.

### Middletown Village Hall Funding Request

GC left the room due to the declaration of interest. We have had a funding request from Middletown Village Hall, they have had two quotes through to re-do the lights in the Hall. It is very dark in the main hall and so the quotes are to replace the current lights with LED lights. It was agreed that this would also bring the overall running costs of the Hall down too.

The quotes are not like for like, so we would need another quote and also a proposal from the Village Hall to show whether they want us to fund it all or just contribute? We also need to find out if it is dangerous at the moment? Or is this just an upgrade? It was thought that the lights were last done in 2000.

### Budget/Precepts

AE has sent the updated budget to all Councillors. At the last meeting, it was agreed to increase the budget for the Clerks Salary to £4,000 to include any potential overtime. Therefore the precept for 2020/21 will be £20,574.00, making it a 3.5% increase than the precept for 2019/20.

Everyone happy with new budget/precept.

Proposed by PH, seconded by SH.

### Clerks Contract

A copy of Employee Contract for AE 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. The contract now includes details on Overtime and an added clause that there will be maximum of 5 hours overtime a month, if overtime hours are required.

Everyone now happy for the contract to be signed by GC and AE.

Proposed by FW, seconded by RT.

### **1567 Correspondence**

If anyone is interested Russell George has sent a list of his surgery dates, which will be put up in all the Noticeboards, he will also be in Moos Café on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### **1568 Any Other Business**

AE has contacted PCC to get more 'No dog fouling' signs for this area to be put up around the Schoolgrounds.

The curbs along the road by the Green Dragon, turning towards Leighton have all gone as lorries have driven across them. CCAJ will add this onto her list for Andrew Jones.

### **1569 Date of Next Meeting**

18 February 2020 – Middletown Village Hall