

# MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Phil Hughes, Judy Evans, Rex Turner, David Corfield and Peter Davies.

## **1803 Apologies**

Apologies received from Rob Breakwell and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

## **1804 Minutes of the Meeting from 17th May 2022 for approval**

Minutes from the meeting held on 17th May 2022 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by PD, seconded by JE

## **1805 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

DC and GC declared an interest in Broad Energy. JE and GC declare an interest in Village Halls.

## **1806 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None

## **1807 Playgrounds**

Wootton Tree Servies Ltd have kindly said they will not charging for the work they have done, they wanted to do something for the Community. It was agreed they have done an excellent job and the resident is also extremely pleased with the work too. AE to send a thank you letter from behalf of the Community Council.

### **ACTION: AE**

### Hedge outside school

AE wrote to the school regarding the overgrown hedge running between the play area and the D, which is still encroaching on the road. The school will remind the new contractor again to look at this area. The school also thought that it might be worth this area being included under the Community Councils responsibility, due to it being next to the play area. However, it was the Councillors agreed that this is not the responsibility of the Council, the fence is our boundary and not the hedge.

## **1808 Highways**

We have had the drain Jettors in the area lately, they have already been to Middletown.

### Drain Jetter funding - Shared Prosperity Fund

We have been informed that some Councillors have called for action with regards to the limited drain/gulley Jetter resources in Powys and understand that a bid for funding for drain Jettors could be submitted under the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) application. It was agreed that we would like to fully support the Councillors in their call for more Jettors in Powys. AE to send an email in support.

### **ACTION: AE**

There is a motion going to Council to request Councillors have access to Highways databases to track progress and priorities. AE and CCAJ have been trying to collaborate the online system with our own records to ensure all pot holes and drainage issues have been logged properly.

### A458 Trunk Road - Buttington Roundabout to County Boundary Safety Improvements

Powys Engineering Design Services were commissioned by the Welsh Government and North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA) to complete a Collision Investigation and Prevention Study of the section of A458 trunk road between Buttington roundabout and the county boundary and develop detailed design proposals for the recommendations from the study to improve safety along the section. These proposals currently include improvements to signing and road markings in the vicinity of Cefn Bridge, Trewern, Buttington Bridge and Offas Dyke Business Park. It is also proposed to extend the 40mph speed limit to the east from Trewern over Cefn Bridge where it is currently 50mph. Councillors looked over plans/drawings, it was agreed that we were happy with this proposal and would like to support these plans. It was also discussed whether we should make a case for dropping the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph through the village of Trewern. However, after much discussion it was agreed that making the speed limit 30mph might make the speeding situation worse. AE to reply to email to support.

**ACTION: AE**

AE has previously emailed the Trunk Road Agency regarding to the overhanging hedge below Maesfron, but had no response. It was agreed that this was a major Health and Safety issue and AE will send a follow up email and also mention the temporary 30mph speed limit sign that is still there too after the recent accident with the lorry.

**ACTION: AE**

CCAJ has asked if there is any further feedback on the noise from Middletown quarry, CCAJ has only had one resident complain. It was agreed that the noise was still on going, but within the allocated working hours.

The salt bin in the hedge just up the bank from the residential caravan park in Middletown can no longer be seen as the hedge is so over grown there now. AE to add this to the County Roads spreadsheet.

**ACTION: AE**

The road down by Llwyn Melyn still needs the drain Jetter, however some of the pot holes have now been filled.

The service strip that was cut through the road by Buttington Church towards Leighton is still in the same condition. AE to get an update from CCAJ.

PCC have reinspected the hydrant cover that was missing on the pavement by Buttington Church and the hole was filled in with temporary tar to make the defect safe. Hafren Dyfrdwy have also been out and marked up the hydrant for repair, work which will be carried out by them.

## **1809 County Councillors' Report**

See 'Highways'

## **1810 Planning**

### Broad Energy

Buttington incinerator – planning decision expected imminently.

### 22/0804/FUL | Siting of 3 holiday units, installation of sewage treatment plant, formation of access tracks and 2 no. passing bays | Land Known As Big Glyn Fox Lane Trewern SY21 8EF

We would like to object to this application from a Highways point of view and would like to reiterate the concerns that PCC Highways dept have also raised. We are also concerned about the location

and the access of this site, as it would be along an extremely narrow road, which is already very dangerous without the added increase in traffic from this proposed development.

#### Powys Street Naming & Numbering SNN/2022/0117

We have not received any objections and therefore we would like to support this application.

### **1811 Finance**

#### Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £26,894.50 in the accounts at the end of May 2022. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PH and seconded by PD

#### Payments

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

GloverSure Ltd - £144 (Hosting) under L.G.A 1972 s111.

GloverSure Ltd - £21.60 (investigate website issues) under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Ray Parry Playground Services Ltd - £8,392.80 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

PAYE - £310.40 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Payments proposed by RT and seconded by PD

#### Clerks salary review

AE sent email to Councillors as requested to show details of previous salary and pay rise. AE leaves the room for Councillors to discuss. Councillors agreed to an increase in Clerks salary from £13ph to £14.50ph and this pay rise was also agreed to be back dated to May AGM.

#### Audit

AE went through audit paperwork and it was sent to the Internal Auditor. GC and AE to now date and sign audit forms.

Audit and Government statement discussed and checked. Proposed by PH and seconded by JE to accept the annual return for yearend 2021/22 and confirm it has been audited by internal auditor as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. AE to post audit paperwork before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 and also put up audit notice on Noticeboards and websites.

#### Online banking

HSBC have sent through a new mandate form to complete. Before we can submit this, we need to also update TCC Financial Regulations. AE to add to next agenda.

### **1812 Correspondence**

#### Powys LDP Settlement Audit

An email has been received from Cadnant Planning, detailing PCC's plans to undertake a 'Settlement Audit' for town and large villages as identified in the existing Local Development Plan (LDP). The Settlement Audit will be used as evidence to inform the review of the Powys LDP (2011-2026), which is due to formally commence in July 2022. JE/AE/GC to look at the feedback form provided for our feedback in terms of your aspirations for our communities.

**ACTION: GC/JE/AE**

#### Co-option of Councillors

We have received more expressions of interest from applicants than available seats. Councillors discuss and the take a closed ballot vote. AE to notify applicants of the voting outcome.

**ACTION: AE**

#### Broadband for Village Halls

JE is looking at funding for video conferencing. AE has spoken to different Community Councils in the area and they are mostly using WIFI through the school connection.

#### **1813 Any Other Business**

TCC would like to send a letter to Mr Jenkins to wish him well as he retires from the Headmaster role at Buttington Trewern CP School and thank him for his 27 years of service to the Community.

#### Burgess land trust

Burgess Land Trust would like us to nominate two Councillors, however as we are slightly depleted in numbers at the moment, we can only nominate one. AE to add to next agenda for discussion.

#### **1814 Date of Next Meetings**

19 July 2022 at Middletown Village Hall and via MS Teams.