

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2020

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

1595 Apologies

Apologies received from Philip Hughes and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

1596 Minutes of the Meeting from 4th June 2020 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 4th June 2020 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by FW, seconded by HB.

1597 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.

1598 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1599 Playgrounds

Scott Jones has finished painting in the play areas and has done an excellent job. AE to pick up left over paint from Scott.

ACTION: AE

We have received notification from the Government that we are able to open Play areas as of the 20th July, if we deem it safe to do so. However, both sites need to be thoroughly inspected and maintenance issues that affect the safety/safe operation of the equipment need to be addressed prior to re-opening the play areas. We need to ensure that both play areas are COVID-19 Secure by carrying out a COVID-19 risk assessment, whilst also looking at implementing a process that protects our staff and Councillors that are responsible for its maintenance and cleaning. It was agreed that this is a huge responsibility, especially since none of the Councillors are qualified to carry out this type of inspection/assessment and are all here on a voluntary basis.

It was also noted that there would be a vast amount of signage required too and as our play areas are not manned, it would be difficult for us to ensure these signs are being adhered to. At the beginning of lockdown, we put up signs around the play areas stating that the play area was closed and we had cable ties to lock the gates, however at some point during lockdown, our signs were removed and the cable ties were cut.

As our top priority throughout the coronavirus pandemic has been to protect people's health and safety and to help slow the spread of coronavirus, it was therefore decided we will keep the play areas closed until further notice.

AE to put up new signs on Play areas and draft a notice for our website, noticeboards and for FB on why we are keeping the play areas closed. AE to also liaise with other Community Councils to see if/how they are planning to re-open.

GC/DC will get locks and chains to put on play areas too.

Everyone agreed.

Proposed by FW, seconded by SH.

ACTION: AE/GC

1600 Highways

CCAJ and GC will have a meeting with Andrew Jones from the Trunk Road Agency prior to TCC's meeting in September, therefore if anyone knows of any other highways issues, please let GC or AE know before that meeting.

It has been noted that there is a huge pot hole on Pentre Gwyn as well as an issue with people parking on the Junction, which is very dangerous. There is also a hedge that needs trimming as you come down the hill from Garreg Bank and look left towards Middletown. The flood water is still really bad going up Heldre Lane too. GC will add these issues to her list for PCC.

1601 County Councillors' Report

As CCAJ was unable to attend tonight, she has sent the below update.

1. Planning application for holiday chalets in Trelystan – CCAJ is trying to get hold of the planning officer for an update. Understand the application has changed slightly. CCAJ has asked if she can retrospectively call this in to committee as the committee is now sitting again. Awaiting response.

2. Incinerator Remote Consultation Petition - was considered by Welsh Parliament Committee last week who appreciated the concern re. unfairness and discrimination against those who don't have internet access etc. They will write to the Minister and CCAJ is awaiting an update on this. It seems that the Minister may have the power to extend the next consultation period (not the pre-app), which CCAJ has requested has a rolling extension until face to face meetings and gatherings are allowed again.

3. Fly tipping on Criggion Lane - the recent rubbish left on the road has been removed. An investigation is taking place re. the perpetrator. Aware that a local farmer leaves wood and cuttings there which pile up and arguably make it more attractive for fly tippers. Perhaps Community Council could consider writing to the farmer about this?

4. County Council - meetings still happening remotely and seem to be well attended with scrutiny going well. CCAJ will provide a fuller update in September regarding some changes happening and areas of concern (schools transformation and budget). This week council have approved some further free parking in Council Car parks to attract people to go shopping.

5. Lots of people have contacted CCAJ re. motocross noise and she has raised this with council re. whether there is a permitted use issue. It seems it is happening in the Pool Quay area and CCAJ is not sure this is where she covers.

With regards to the fly tipping on Criggion Lane (see point 3 of CCAJ's report) the household rubbish has now been removed, however there is still wood being burnt there. As this is very close to the road, it could be deemed a nuisance. GC will find out who owns the land and speak to them.

ACTION: GC/DC

As complaints have been received regarding the noise of the Motocross in Pool Quay and can be heard from Trewern and Middletown. It is thought that it is an approved track, however AE to ask CCAJ which County Councillor's area this comes under and possibly contact PCC Environmental Health due to the noise. Check if they have planning and what the rules and regulations are for Motocross or if sound checks should be carried out.

ACTION: AE

1602 Planning

20/0505/HH | Formation of new access | Bracken Hill Lodge Middletown Welshpool SY21 8DF

We have not received any objections and subject to Highways recommendations/observations, we do not oppose this application.

20/0944/FUL | Erection of an outbuilding to replace existing | New House Hope Leighton Powys SY21 8JD

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

20/0817/OUT | Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) for a Residential Development of up to 8 dwellings, formation of a vehicular access, road improvements, and all associated works | Land Adjacent West Of Penyfoel Treberfedd Y Trallwng Powys SY21 8DG

This application has been previously rejected as it didn't meet the requirements for affordable housing and the amount of houses per the size of land (in order to be compliant with the LDP). This has been resubmitted to make it compliant with those requirements.

We have not received any objections and therefore we do not oppose this application. However, we are still concerned about the road narrowing considerably outside Llwyn Celyn, as well as the access onto the main A458 highway. Although there is plans to improve accessibility at this junction, this is already a dangerous road without the added increase in traffic from this proposed development.

Therefore, we would like to reiterate the comments made by the Highways in regards to this junction and ask that their guidelines are strictly adhered to. 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 Middletown being added to the infrastructure, it would be unsustainable without vast improvement and investment.

1603 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £22,737.59 in the accounts at the end of June 2020. 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.

Chair/Councillors allowance

Deferred until AGM.

Payments

Clerks Salary – £216 (20hrs for June) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Sue Davies - £100 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Scott Jones - £1,670 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Time Release - £135 under Audit Commission Act 1998 s2.

Payment proposed by FW, seconded by DC.

The following payments were previously approved by Councillors via email before tonight's meeting, due to the PAYE deadline being the 19th July.

PAYE - £162 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Audit

AE put up audit notice on Noticeboards and websites and posted audit paperwork to external auditors.

Councillors Remuneration Submission

AE has sent out email with an Councillors Allowance Opt Out form attached for anyone wanting to opt out of receiving the Councillors Allowance this year. GC explains the Councillors Allowance to all Councillors.

1604 Correspondence

Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Climate change questionnaire

AE to respond to the questionnaire, acknowledging that there is a climate emergency, however we are currently concerned with everything going on at the moment with regards to the Coronavirus crisis, however we would also like to do everything we can to make Powys carbon neutral by 2022.

ACTION: AE

Community Woodland & Local Places for Nature

An email has been received from the Welsh Local Government Association regarding Community Woodlands and Local Places for Nature grants. It is thought that this could be beneficial for CCAJs garden idea and also for anyone in the area wanting to have an allotment. Application process is to start in June. FW to speak to CCAJ in regards to this. AE to add 'Allotments' to Septembers agenda.

ACTION: FW/AE

Marie Currie appeal for support

We recently received an email requesting donations to support Marie Curie's local services. We do recognise the importance of this service and the significant benefits it brings. We do also agree that this is a very good cause, however it was decided that we will not be able to help this year due to the current coronavirus crisis, our money may need to go into any local Community issues that may arise from the current situation and therefore we are unable to make a donation.

AE to send a response to Marie Curie.

ACTION: AE

1605 Any Other Business

AGM

Deferred until October when hopefully we can meet face to face.

1606 Date of Next Meeting

15 September 2020 – Location TBC