

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

1719 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Peter Davies.

1720 Minutes of the Meeting from 20th July 2021 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 20th July 2021 to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by PH, seconded by RB.

1721 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

GC and DC has declared an interest in Broad Energy.

1722 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1723 Playgrounds

Covid Community Recovery Grant

At the last meeting we discussed the Covid Community Recovery Grant, which had been made available by the council. Local organisations can apply for up to £20,000 for projects and funding can be used to support a variety of initiatives such as expanding services or activities, enhancing facilities, purchasing equipment, or recruiting and supporting volunteers. Grants will cover up to 80% of costs and funding can be matched in either cash or staff/volunteer time. It was decided that we would apply for the grant to purchase a new multi play frame for the play area in Trewern. Huge thanks to CCAJ, who did a lot of work on the grant application and it has now been submitted to PCC. PCC have had loads of applications for this grant money, even though there are a number of rounds, if the money has gone by the first round, there won't be any more rounds. However, if there is still money left in pot, we could consider a community group/separate entity to apply for money to do footpaths.

1724 Highways

Cefn Railway Bridge

We have received an email from the Highways, they have been working on safety schemes for the Cefn Bridge, which looks at the signing along the approach to the bridge and this has brought up the question about the location of the existing Buttington sign. Therefore TCC have been asked their thoughts on relocating the sign. It was agreed that it should be positioned exactly where the area of Buttington begins, however it was also felt that is not something we should decide and that the Welsh Government should have access to all the information they need to make a decision.

TCC have an ongoing list of work that needs to be completed on the roads in the ward. It was decided that DC, GC, AE and CCAJ will do a drive around and make a comprehensive list to send to PCC and the Highways.

ACTION: DC/GC/AE/CCAJ

1725 County Councillors' Report

See 'Highways'.

1726 Planning

Broad Energy

GC and DC declared an interest in this application. This has been delayed until October. Broad Energy have been given a deadline by the Planning Inspectorate to come back to them about some queries. The Buttington Incinerator Impact Group (BIIG) are now classified as a main stakeholder, so the group will be able to make representations at the hearing.

21/1578/NMA | Application for non-material amendments to permission 20/0005/RES, in respect of design alterations to plots 3, 6 and 9 and approved block plan | Land At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Trewern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EE

CCAJ will let AE know if any residents have any concerns/issues. Otherwise all happy if they are small material amendments.

ACTION: CCAJ

1727 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £25,279.67 in the accounts at the end of August 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 SH

Payments

Clerks Salary – £468 (20hrs for July and 20hrs for August) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Clerk Salary - £54.90 (back pay for April, May and June) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Trewern Community Centre – £2,300 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Middletown Village Hall – £2,300 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Time Release - £175 (internal audit) under Audit Commission Act 1998 s2.

PAYE – £175.60 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Payments proposed by FW, seconded by SH

1728 Correspondence

Bicycle tracks on Middletown Hill

We have previously discussed people riding bicycles on Middletown Hill, however as it was decided this was not a serious issue and we would monitor the situation if it becomes dangerous for any reason in the future.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

In previous years, we have taken part in the Queens Jubilee by lighting a beacon on top of Middletown Hill. It was agreed that it would be nice to do this again for the Platinum Jubilee. AE to find out from insurance Company if we would be covered for an event like this with the help of volunteers.

ACTION: AE

Community Woodlands Grant

It was agreed that this grant could possibly help us to improve the footpaths in the area. AE to forward the information to all Councillors and CCAJ will set up a meeting with Callum Carr for further assistance.

ACTION: CCAJ/AE

Repair Café Wales

We have received an email from the organisation Repair Café Wales, they are a community interest company which empowers communities to fix household items for free at monthly events all over Wales. The organisation is made up of community-minded volunteers who get together at their local repair café venue each month and fix items that the public bring in, at zero cost, saving people money in the process and passing on important repair skills.

AE to research this further and forward the relevant information onto Councillors to discuss further at the next meeting.

ACTION: AE

1729 Any Other Business

Multi-location meetings

As TCC now need to be able to offer multi-location meetings, it was agreed that if we were to hold a physical meeting, Middletown Village Hall and Trewern Community Centre do not have internet access, so it would be difficult for someone to remotely join the meeting. AE to speak to One Voice Wales for advice and add to next months meeting.

ACTION: AE

Co-option of a new councillor

SN has resigned from the Community Council, due to relocating, therefore there is now a vacancy for a new Community Councillor. AE to speak with One Voice Wales for advice on how to advertise this vacancy.

ACTION: AE

Sensory Garden

CCAJ wants to say a big thank you to FW for all her hard work on the Sensory Garden. FW has put a lot of work into the grant application to start with and has been the heart and soul behind the whole project. It was agreed that the Sensory Garden is absolutely brilliant. FW now has to complete evaluation reports for PCC and the garden needs to be formally opened.

FW is in desperate need of a hose pipe for watering the Sensory Garden. It was all agreed that TCC would be happy to fund this. DC will measure the length needed and GC will get it ordered
Proposed by RB, seconded by RT.

Allotment

A resident has been in touch regarding allotments, FW will look into this further and see if there is still funding available. Not sure where the allotments could be located now either, possibly land by the Chapel if it was to close.

ACTION: FW

Dog mess outside the school

It has been brought to our attention that there is a lot of dog mess on the school grounds, which is a major health issue. We are unable to completely ban dogs from the grounds due to there being a footpath there. AE to draft a notice for FB, TCC and website. FW will also send it to Mr Jenkins to communicate this to the parents too.

ACTION: AE

Traffic by McDonalds

AE to draft a letter to PCC and the Highways in relation to the proposal of a hotel and other new business being built by McDonalds. There is a concern that if this proposal goes ahead, traffic will get much worse, as it is already the roundabout is sometimes at a standstill as there is a queue for McDonalds.

ACTION: AE

Overgrown hedge down Criggion Lane

It has been brought to our attention that there is an overgrown hedge on the corner down Criggion Lane, it is very thick and has made the road a single lane, so it potentially could be quite dangerous. AE to draft a letter to the homeowners to ask them to trim it.

ACTION: AE

1730 Date of Next Meetings

19 October 2021 via MS Teams.