

# **MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2017**

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Rob Breakwell, David Corfield, Gill Corfield, Peter Davies, Sasha Hart, Philip Hughes and Rex Turner

## **2030 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ida Hughes, Fiona Warburton and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

## **2031 Minutes of the Meeting from 17 October 2017 for approval**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

## **2032 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

Interest was declared in the Golfa Close, Middletown development by David Corfield, Gill Corfield and Philip Hughes.

Philip Hughes also declared an interest in the footpath at South Bank.

## **2033 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

Nothing to report.

## **2034 Playgrounds**

A quote has been received from Abserv to survey the two trees along the boundary of Trewern playground. An alternative quote would be sought before the contract was let.

### **ACTION: SH**

It is a grey area as to who actually is responsible for the trees. Should the trees require any work then TCC need to establish who are the rightful owners and also their responsibilities under the lease with PCC .

Some remedial painting work is required on the main slide at Middletown and also on the swings at Trewern. DM to ask Ray Parry whether they could look at doing this at the same time they are carrying out the wetpour work at Trewern. It is likely that a full paint of both items of equipment will be required in the Spring.

### **ACTION: DM**

### Wetpour Contract for Trewern Playground

DM has written to Ray Parry advising that their quote has been accepted. They have confirmed back that preparation work can be started w/c 04-12, weather permitting with the wetpour being administered the following Monday. During this time the playground will be closed. Colin Jenkins has been informed and confirmed that there would not be a problem. The cost for this phase will be £9,180 + VAT. A discount of 10% was offered if Middletown work was carried out at the same time but it was decided that as further work is required at Trewern, then Middletown might be done at the same time as this, when the 10% reduction would again be available.

The grass cutting will receive a further cut this year. New contract is going well.

### **2035 Highways**

Gill has heard nothing from the Highways Agency.

The hedges at Burnt Lane have now been cut.

A new speed limit of 50mph is now in force from Cefin Bridge. One of the signs is being obscured by a hedge. GC to contact Highways Agency.

**ACTION:** GC

Speed limits between Middletown and Trewern are being looked at as a whole. CC AJ passing on comments received.

The pot holes along Sale Lane going up towards the bank from the chapel to the farm are getting worse.

Nothing has been done about the sign by the Blacksmith. GC confirmed it is on the Highways Agency list. GC to chase.

**ACTION:** GC

Light outside of the church. Gill to look at. Light needs to be nearly opposite the car park. Also Gill to talk to Amanda.

There is a lump of concrete on the road up Moel y golfa outside of Hill Cottage. CC AJ and GC to look into.

**ACTION:** GC/CC AJ

### **2036 Burgess Land Trust**

Nothing to report.

### **2037 County Councillors' Report**

County Councillor unable to attend so no report submitted.

## **2038 Finance**

### Payments

Welsh Audit Office	£209.25
Clerk	£233.26

All payments were proposed by RB and seconded by PD.

## **2039 Planning**

### Local Development

Consultation on latest version has now finished and is due to be released in February. CC AJ has tried to get amendments so that planning permission for designated sites is not automatic and takes account of the available infrastructure. However, there are no guarantees that this will happen. DM mentioned that the planning application for 9 houses at Penyfoel Middletown had been refused because this was unsustainable development in open countryside.

DM also mentioned that he and CC AJ had met Dale Boyington from PCC Highways outside Southbank. Two local residents also attended. Mr Boyington said that Highways Department had limited grounds for objection to development on side roads. Typically the road and pavement are treated as shared space under the current regulations. Mr Boyington also undertook to review the requirement for pavements in the area near to Southbank.

### Planning Applications

#### P/2017/1190 Land Opposite Gate Farm Criggion Lane Trewern – 5 houses

The proposal is for five houses, one of which would be for local needs. Currently just an outline and no details available as yet. A new entrance is shown on the plan and the main sewer that runs under the land will need to be taken into account.

The concern of the Council is that there are too many developments being proposed for both Trewern and Middletown and that the infrastructure of the area is not sufficient for this level of growth. DM to respond as previously, quoting the numbers approved so far and also raising concerns about access onto the busy trunk road and the unsuitability of Criggion Lane itself.

**ACTION:** DM

#### P/2017/1275 Land next to Golfa Close Middletown Phase 2 – 9 houses

Approval has already been received for the original nine houses and a new access onto the trunk road. An Application has now been received for a further nine houses, two of which would be affordable housing. Our concern is that the planning applications already approved will place an unacceptable strain on infrastructure. There is also a problem from the additional traffic accessing the trunk that would result from this development. It is our view that this Application should be refused. Should planning permission nevertheless be granted it is believed that a play area should be included.

## **2040 Any Other Business**

The solar array is almost finished at The Dingle (formerly Hill Cottage), Trewern without planning permission being granted.

Nothing has been heard regarding the retro planning application for the farm incinerator along the Trewern/Welshpool road.

Nothing has been heard back from Enterprise Inns regarding the broken glass and state of buildings at the Breiddon. ( a letter has now been received from Enterprise Inns)

We are expecting further clarification on the request for funding for Rodney's Pillar.

Amanda pursuing sewage capacity. Severn Trent appear not to be looking at the picture as a whole.

There have been some complaints about the water smelling strongly of chlorine. SH to speak to AJ.

**ACTION: SH**

Middletown Village Hall Committee have said that they have insufficient room for the proposed cellophane recycling bin. Unless a suitable place is found for it to be located, then it will not happen.

DM to write a piece for the Border Gossip to go in the next edition.

**ACTION: DM**

#### **2041 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 16 January 2018.