

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Gill Corfield, Peter Davies, Philip Hughes and County Councillor Amanda Jenner

1956 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ida Hughes. All Councillors wished Ida a speedy recovery.

1957 Minutes of the Meetings from 18 April 2017 for approval

Agreed and signed.

1958 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

Philip Hughes declared an interest in Southbank, Middletown.

1959 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

Pot Holes by Leighton Farm

DM wrote to Clerk of Forden who confirmed that she had spoken to PCC and work is due to start in the next few weeks.

1960 Playgrounds

Both GC and DM have received quotes for restoring and replacement of the wet pour surfaces. All are very similar and it was decided that these need to be discussed in detail at the next meeting. There could be potentially health and safety issues.

ACTION - DM

With the retirement of the previous Councillors, someone will need to be appointed to look after Middletown Playground.

1961 Highways

The Highways Agency have driven over the joint near Bank Caravan Park. They say there is not a noise problem but are due to visit to listen to the traffic going over it.

It was reported that there have been issues with the manhole covers collapsing on the Severn Sisters following the recent resurfacing work. As this is out of TCC's jurisdiction, Halfway House Community Council to be advised.

ACTION - DM/GC

Severn Trent Water are aware of the issue with the manhole cover near Cefin. A repair notice has been issued and chased. No action taken to date. Ongoing

The surface on the railway bridge is breaking up and has been temporarily repaired. A full repair would mean night time closure and careful planning. Ongoing.

There are pot holes on the road leading to the carpark at Parc Caradog. It is uncertain as to whether this has been adopted or still belongs to the developers. AJ to look into and speak to PCC.

ACTION - AJ

The loose stones and tin roof near the building at Caradog Bank will be resolved.

ACTION - GC

1962 Burgess Land Trust

GC confirmed that monies have now been allocated. Will report back at next meeting how the money have been allocated.

ACTION - GC

1963 County Councillors' Report

No report submitted.

1964 Communications not covered elsewhere in Agenda

Nothing to report.

1965 Finance

Audit for 2016/17

All relevant papers have now been submitted to Ruth Lewis for her to do the preparation work for the audit. The full set of papers need to be submitted to the auditors by 17 July 2017 and this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION – DM

Payments

The following payments were agreed. Proposed PH, seconded PD. As the cheque book is currently with the internal auditor, the cheques would now be signed after the meeting.

Karen Weaver	£116.83
Insurance	£1066.14
Wootens	£120.00

1966 Tenders for Grass Cutting

An advertisement was placed on the local noticeboards and also in the County Times. Five enquiries were received and two responses were received back. Tender documents to be copied to all councillors. There would need to be follow up enquiries to ensure that the tenders were on a like for like basis.

ACTION - DM

1967 Border Gossip

A quick update and report was given by Marian Hayes outlining the income and expenditure compared to the previous year. Everything is ticking over nicely and a Facebook page has been set up by Kim Mountford, the new Editor in Chief. The advertisers are saying that they like the new look and they are keen to continue with the coloured cover and are looking at companies to sponsor an addition rather than advertise. The valuable contribution made by the Border Gossip was recognised by the Council.

1968 Planning

DIS/2017/0076 Land off Fisher Road, Buttington

This relates to discharge of 3 amendments - one relating to water drainage and two ecological, ie species of trees planted, bio diversity issues. These have been referred to appropriate people. As these are technical matters the Council felt they had no value to add. Response to be made to this effect.

ACTION - DM

P/2017/0464 Land adjacent to Southbank, Middletown - Application for 5 houses

Unable to discuss at not enough Councillors available to form a quorum. Respond back to this effect.

ACTION - DM

Buttington Quarry

DM e-mailed Alistair Hilditch-Brown asking when they anticipate the pre planning application will be submitted. They are currently working on the designs and are working towards the end of June.

Pentre Gwyn

Approval has now been given for the two houses.

Little Chef, Trewern

Application 2015 has now been approved for 8 properties.

8 Hazel Close, Trewern

The owner has now erected fence around the land he actually owns and has received approval for this.

1969 Community Matters

Noticeboards

Roy Evans is making a noticeboard for the school. The noticeboard at Cefin Chapel is also going to be repaired. PD to confirm costs at the next meeting when these costs will be formally agreed.

ACTION – PD/DM

Glyn Davies

Glyn Davies will be holding a public meeting on the 2nd June at Trewern Community Centre. Everyone in the area will receive notification through their doors.

Potters

Due to the changes the opening hours and the fact that no commercial vehicles are allowed to visit the site, there is local concern regarding the amount of items being dumped at Buttington. Powys County Council are aware of the issue.

1970 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting will be on 20 June 2017.