

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2017

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Gill Corfield, Tim Hilditch and Peter Davies

1942 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors John Evans, Judy Evans, Ida Hughes, Phillip Hughes, Colin Jenkins, Fred Mountford and County Councillor Dawn Bailey.

David Morrell started the meeting by thanking those Councillors who are no longer standing for all their work over the past year(s).

1943 Minutes of the Meetings from 21 March 2017 for approval

Accepted and signed.

1944 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

Gill Corfield declared an interest in the Golfa Close development.

1945 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

Playgrounds

Quotes have been received from GL Jones but it was felt that because of the sums involved and as the last playground report highlighted the issues as low risk, further quotes would be obtained. GC to ask Ray Parry and PD to contact Paul Standing for quotes. It is believed that SWG do playground work and they will also be contacted. Due to the high costs involved, it might be necessary to phase the work rather than it being done in one go.

ACTION – GC/PD

It was felt that the timber frame should remain at Trewern as if there is any shrinkage it would be simpler for repairs to be carried out.

Tender for Grass Cutting

DM has asked Charlies Bowen to do one more cut in April whilst responses are received for the tender which is due up for renewal. Notices have been placed and DM had requested costs for an advert to be put in the local paper. It was agreed that DM would put the advert in, e-mailing Councillors the costs involved. It was agreed that 3 weeks was sufficient time for responses to be made and the closing date will be 18 May 2017.

ACTION - DM

Flooding on Criggion Lane

The drains have now been cleared and there is currently no flooding.

Flooding Near Old Shop Cottage

This matter is still outstanding. DM to look into.

ACTION - DM

A458 by Caravan Park

Following the recent works on the A458, one of the joints in the road near the caravan park has increased traffic noise. GC has spoken to Andrew Jones and this is to be monitored over the next few months. Andrew Jones said that he has his own concerns regarding the recent work and that it was being looked at independently.

Noticeboards

Following some research into costs, it was felt that they are really expensive (in excess of £500). PD to find out who made the church's noticeboard. GC said she would speak to some local tradesman and obtain quotes. It was felt that a sliding door option was preferable.

ACTION - GC/PD

Pot Holes, Lower Leighton Farm

There are terrible pot holes by Lower Leighton Farm. This is just outside the Community Council's area but DM agreed to speak to the relevant Chair of the relevant Community Council regarding this.

ACTION - DM

Garreg Bank

Stones have fallen onto the grass verge from a dilapidated building Trunk Road Agency to be notified.

ACTION - GC

Cefn Bridge

The manhole cover approximately 100metres before the bridge is damaged. GC to speak to Andrew Jones.

ACTION - GC

1946 Playgrounds

Inspection is due shortly.

1947 Highways

Surface on Cefn Bridge is breaking up and in a very bad state. Also Church Cottage – since road surface relayed – now flooding. Collects by road, when traffic goes past and floods the cottage.

ACTION - GC

1948 Burgess Land Trust

The next meeting is on Thursday, 27 April. This date might change. 16 applications have been received and first time applicants will get priority. A member the Community Council will need to be appointed as John Evans is not re-standing as a Councillor.

1949 County Councillors' Report

No report due to the upcoming Council Elections.

1950 Communications not covered elsewhere in Agenda

DM to obtain the last version of the Good Councillors' Guide for new members and anyone wanting a copy.

ACTION - DM

1951 Finance

Year End Budget and Accounts for 2016/17

The balance at the end of the year in the two accounts stands at £22,439.54. There needs to be a £40 adjustment due to a 2015/16 unrepresented cheque. The accounts had been reconciled.

There is holiday pay outstanding due to Karen Weaver. She has asked Ruth Lewis to organise for this to be included in her next months salary. This will show up in the 2017/18 accounts.

The bank statement for January 2017 for the current account has not been received. DM to request a copy from the bank.

ACTION - DM

Ruth Lewis asked the Council to confirm in writing whether she is still required to continue with the payroll. An official letter to be raised to be signed by the Chair and one other Councillor.

ACTION - DM

Audit for 2016/17

DM and Karen Weaver to meet with Ruth Lewis to prepare the audit documents.

ACTION – DM/KW

Bank reconciliations will need to be signed once January 2017 received by DM and Judy E.

ACTION – DM/JudyE/KW

Payments

Enterprise Inns	£225.00
Powys County Council	£30.00
HMRC	£87.40

Payment proposed by TH, seconded GC.

1952 Planning

P/2017/0333 Erection of up to 9 dwellings on land next to Golfa Close, Middletown

This is an area which is included for development in the emerging local development plan. A new access has been proposed off the main road but the Trunk Road Agency is not happy with this and feels that access should be considered via the existing entrance into Golfa Close. The Trunk Road

Agency in principle do not want new accesses made onto trunk roads. The properties will be 2 to 3 bedroom homes, 2 of which would be affordable housing.

The Community Council had concerns about whether a new access could be safely provided onto the Trunk road but also recognised that there would be problems in providing an access via Golfa Close. DM to e-mail out a draft response as there was not a quorum for this section of the meeting.

ACTION - DM

P/2017/0291 Erection of two dwellings next to 6 Pentre Gwyn, Trewern

The proposal is for two small houses. The Trunk Road Agency, Environmental Health have no issues. Powys County Council Highways have said that they must use the existing private driveway as they don't want a new access creating and that there should be at least two car parking spaces Feedback had been received to say that the Community Council should review the application as the houses would not be in keeping with the rest of the properties. There was concern that the site was small and this might be an overdevelopment of the site and also that it might not harmonise with neighbouring properties.

ACTION - DM to respond to PCC

1953 New Community Council

Insufficient people had stood and there was a need to co-opt four more councillors. DM to put up notices inviting people to apply with a closing date of 15 May.

ACTION - DM

1954 Community Matters

Buttington Quarry

DM has written to Alistair Hilditch-Brown to ask if there is any update on the pre planning application. He wrote back saying that they are still working on it. DM has in the meantime been carrying out background research.

Street Lights on Pentre Gwyn

The street lights on Pentre Gwyn are not working.

ACTION - DM

Hedge by Pentre Gwyn

The hedge is obscuring vision and needs cutting but it is privately owned. DM to look into.

ACTION - DM

Meal

Ida Hughes had suggested a meal be organised. It was felt that if this was to happen that it should be at a local venue, say the Green Dragon.

1955 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 16 May 2017 at Middletown Village Hall