

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2017

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Rob Breakwell, Gill Corfield, Sasha Hart, Rex Turner and County Councillor Amanda Jenner

2018 Apologies

Apologies were received from David Corfield, Peter Davies, Ida Hughes, Philip Hughes and Fiona Warburton.

2019 Minutes of the Meeting from 19 September 2017 for approval

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2020 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

None.

2021 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

2022 Playgrounds. Wetpour contract for Trewern playground

Trees

It is still uncertain who owns the trees. CC AJ to investigate.

We will obtain an estimate from Arbserv for surveying the trees. This will include a recommendation on the frequency of inspections. The insurers will not themselves specify the frequency of inspections although they did suggest that we may want to visually inspect the trees at regular intervals and record this in our minutes.

ACTION: DM

Playground Equipment

An estimate to replace the existing equipment has been received for £80,000. The insurance policy covers this.

Wetpour

Very little disruption is expected when the wetpour is replaced. DM to make contact with the contractor and find out when the work can be carried out. The cost of £9,180 + VAT was proposed by RB and seconded by GC. DM also to find out if the work is guaranteed.

ACTION: DM

2023 Highways

County Council Amanda Jenner and Gill Corfield has a meeting with the Trunk Road Agency. They are trying to prioritise a 20mph speed limit by the school which will be effective when school lights are active. There are some discussions as to speed limits along the A458 from Middletown and CC AJ to seeking views from residents. Views will be collated and discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: AJ

Yellow Lines

It has been suggested that yellow lines are put on Criggion Lane between Pentre Gwyn and the A458 junction and also at Parc Caradog near the A458 junction and along the trunk road by the school. CC AJ to pursue.

ACTION: AJ

Hedges on Moelygolfa

CC AJ put on a notice on Facebook and in the Border Gossip to try and establish who owns the hedges.

ACTION: AJ

Salt Bins

The Council want to stock up over next few weeks. Councillors were asked to check bins near to their properties and e-mail CC AJ if they requirement filling.

2024 Burgess Land Trust

Nothing to report.

2025 County Councillors' Report

Rodneys Pillar

A grant has been received for £13,000 to carry out a feasibility study. A further £3,000 need to be raised and Community Councils are being asked to contribute. It is uncertain as to actually owns the land. RT to look into. DM to send a letter to Carole Vickers asking for more information

ACTION: RT/DM

Cae Post

It is not clear if there is sufficient space at Middletown Village Hall for the proposed cellophane recycling bin. DM is still waiting to hear from the Village Hall Committee It was suggested that the bin could possibly be located in the carpark on the other side of the pub.

2026 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

Clerk went through the bank reconciliation and copies of the figures were given out to each Councillor present.

Payments

Enterprise Inn (Direct Debit)	£225.00
Clerk's Salary	£350.09
Karen Clark – Expenses	£38.50

All payments proposed by GC, seconded by RT.

2027 Planning

Planning Applications

Two sites are identified in the draft LDP. These are the land at Golfa Close (up to 15 houses) and the site next to Trewern school (27 houses). We take the strong view that the planning applications already approved take us to capacity in terms in what our area can sustain. We have written to the Head of Planning to this effect and we have a fairly positive response.

Three potential solar sites have been identified but these are highly speculative. CC AJ to send information to Councillors regarding the sites.

ACTION: AJ

It is uncertain if the retro planning has been received for the farm building holding the incinerator at Buttington. Questions were asked as to who regulates what is burnt. GC to try to ascertain information.

ACTION: GC

It is understood that the Welsh Government are producing a traffic plan for the A458. We are concerned that some of the development planned for our area will have a serious impact on some of the junctions onto the A458 which are already dangerous.

P/2017/1135 Cefn Farm, Sale Lane - Extension

An application has been submitted for a sizeable extension. As the property is quite remote and the extension won't affect any neighbouring properties, no objections were made.

P/2017/1053 Bryn Teg, Trewern - Detached garage

An application has been received to replace the existing car port with a garage. No objections were made.

P/2017/1073 Zip Clip, Offas Dyke - Extension

An application has been submitted to extend the existing building by a third towards Buttington Church. It will be built and finished with the same exterior as the existing building. It was noted that the external lights are very bright. The Community Council felt they had no comments to make regarding the extension.

P/2017/1008 The Dingle formerly Hill Cottage, Trewern - Solar array

It appears that work on the solar array has already started. DM and CC AJ to look and report back at the next meeting. In his response, DM would refer to the need to take into account ecological factors.

ACTION: DM/AJ

2028 Any Other Business

Gill Corfield received a call late one evening regarding Middletown Village Hall following a Golden Wedding Anniversary party at the pub. Glass was in the playground and the village hall. DM to speak to Enterprise Inns expressing concerns regarding this.

ACTION: DM

2029 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 21 November 2017