

**MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON  
TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017**

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

**1971 Apologies**

Apologies were received from David Corfield, Ida Hughes, Philip Hughes and County Councillor Amanda Jenner.

**1972 Co-option of New Councillors**

New members who were co-opted onto the Community Council included Rob Breakwell, Sasha Hart, Rex Turner and Fiona Warburton. DM welcomed them.

**1973 Minutes of the Meetings from 16 May 2017 for Approval**

Approved and signed.

**1974 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 planning application for Penyfoel  
David Morrell declared an interest in the planning application for Bank House.

**1975 Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda**

Trunk Road

There are a number of issues relating to the trunk road. Gill Corfield will provide an update at next meeting.

**ACTION** – GC

It would appear that the manhole cover just before Cefn Bridge has now been repaired by Severn Trent.

County Councillor Amanda Jenner has the issue regarding the pot holes on Parc Caradog in hand.

The issue with metal sheeting hanging over the road at the disused building along Garreg Bank is still outstanding.

## Playgrounds

The ROSPA reports are due but it was uncertain if the inspections have been carried out yet. There is concern regarding the wet pour surfaces. Quotes have been received and replacement/repair of these is expensive. It was decided to wait until the ROSPA report is received and consider their recommendations. To be discussed at next meeting.

**ACTION** – DM

Rob Breakwell volunteered to look after Middletown playground and check equipment and conditions periodically. Peter Davies will continue to look after Trewern.

## **1976 Playgrounds**

Nothing else to report.

## **1977 Highways**

A new light has appeared over the last few days on the BT shed opposite Garreg Bank. It is very bright. Uncertain if this is a Highways issue or a BT one. SH will contact parties concerned as the light probably just needs redirecting and report back to next meeting.

**ACTION** – SH

## **1978 Burgess Land Trust**

Nothing to report. GC still to forward a list of monies distributed.

**ACTION** – GC

## **1979 County Councillors' Report**

AJ is checking what action is to be taken regarding the lamp post that was knocked down by a car at the bottom of Garreg Bank.

A number of verges are overgrown and whilst it appears some side roads have been done, the main trunk road have not. GC to speak to Highways Agency.

**ACTION** – GC

Parking at the school continues to be a major issue. If cars were parked properly then there would be more room and would mitigate some of the problems. The police do carry out checks and advise parents not to park on the road or on the grass. With the proposed development plans, infrastructures need careful consideration and this includes school parking. FW to produce a report for the next meeting having asked the School Governors their views on the matter.

**ACTION** - FW

The County Councillor is trying to ascertain who is responsible for the trees on the boundary of the school of and Parc Caradog. Should it turn out that maintenance of these trees are the Community Council's responsibility, it was suggested that these could be looked at when the school trees are being maintained as it is likely that the price would be more competitive if done at the same time. RT to find out a cost and advise DM.

**ACTION – RT**

## **1980 Finance**

### Audit for 2016/17

All background work has been carried out and the internal auditor has done her bit. All papers need to be sent to Grant Thornton by 17 July. They require explanations as to changes from year to year and procedural work. DM went through the Annual Governance Statement and this was formally approved.

The internal auditor has advised that the assets are revalued and replacement costs are needed.

**ACTION - DM**

The Code of Conduct will be sent to all new councillors together with copies of The Good Councillors' Guide.

**ACTION - DM**

### Payments

Sue Davis for emptying Trewern bins	£100.00 (increased from £75.00 pa)
Karen Weaver	£116.63

Proposed GC, seconded PD

### Grass Cutting and Maintenance Tenders

The contract was put out to tender and two responses were received back. DM met with the interested parties and ensured that the quotes are like for like. References have been requested and subject to these, it was agreed that the lower tenderer is given the contract. DM to report back at next meeting.

**ACTION - DM**

## **1981 Planning**

### DIS/2017/0115 Discharge of Conditions 3/4/8/10 and 11 of P/2015/1262

This refers to technical areas and the Council felt that they did not wish to comment. Details of external cladding have yet to be submitted and approved by local planning. It was felt that the Council's opinion should be asked with regards to this.

**ACTION – DM**

### P/2017/0597 Offas Dyke - Condition 2 of P/2015/1262

No comments to be made.

P/2017/0585 Bank House - Replacement of porch and extension

It is proposed to demolish the existing porch and replace with one slightly larger. It will be necessary for external lights to be sympathetic to wildlife such as bats. The Council supported this application.

P/2017/0574 Up to 9 Dwellings at Gate Farm, Criggion Lane

The plan is to demolish the existing farm building and then develop this area. The existing drive would be widened to allow for better access. The Council have concerns over access, increased volume of traffic as well as health and safety issues.

P/2017/0551 Up to 4 Dwellings Opposite South Bank, Middletown

Please see note below regarding proposed developments as a whole.

P/2017/0548 Up to 9 Dwellings on Land Next to Penyfoel, Middletown

Please see note below regarding proposed developments as a whole.

Middletown Development

There are number of proposed developments in Middletown and it was felt that it is difficult to look at each on their own merit and that they should be looked at as a whole. It would appear that there are some 60 new properties proposed and concerns were made that the existing infrastructure and amenities would not be able to cope with such an increase.

It was felt that if the new builds did not sell then it would devalue existing house prices.

DM to reflect the above in the comments made on individual applications.

**ACTION – DM**

**1982 Any Other Business**

The hedges by Cae Post along Criggion Lane are overgrown and there are concerns regarding health and safety. DM to write letter expressing Council's concerns.

**ACTION - DM**

Some new buildings have been erected on land at Buttington Cross. The Council are not aware of any planning permission being granted. AJ to look into.

**ACTION - AJ**

DM has spoken to the Enterprise Inns regarding the condition of the building around the back of the Breiddon in Middletown. The Estate Manager is to investigate.

Nothing further has been heard regarding the proposed quarry development.

**1983 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18 July 2017.