

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 26th January 2017
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Beryl Crone
Derrick Pugh
Myra Jones
Morris Smith
County Councillor Graham Jones

In Attendance: Ann Jones

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: Tim Parker, David Jerman, Rhiannon Jones
Endaf Meddins, Nick Bennett

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 22nd December 2016 proposed as correct by Cllr Morris Smith and seconded by Cllr Myra Jones.

Chairman – Cllr David Jerman the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting Cllr Beryl Crone was proposed to chair the meeting by Cllr Derrick Pugh and seconded by Cllr Myra Jones.

Matters Arising

Merge of Llanidloes Library/Museum

It was agreed to wait to hear from Sonia Pritchard regarding the merge of the Llanidloes Library/Museum as we have requested a breakdown of the costs.

Footpath Update

No further correspondence has been received regarding the footpath. County Councillor Graham Jones has agreed to follow the matter up.

Trefeglwys Village Sign

Mr Chris Lloyd will be contacted again regarding the Village Sign.

Day Centre

A meeting is to be held at the Town Hall, Llanidloes on Monday 13th February 2017 6.30pm. Cllr Derrick Pugh, Cllr Beryl Crone and Cllr Myra Jones agreed to attend the meeting.

Street Lighting

We have been informed that they are now starting in the north of Powys to switch the street lights on. Ours will be switched on in due course.

Precept

The Annual Precept for 2017/2018 of £6,300 agreed by all Councillors has been applied for and Mrs Ann Owen contacted by telephone to check if the form was correct. The form was sent on 9th January 2017.

War Memorial at Staylitttle Centre.

It was agreed to ask further if anyone was aware of a Memorial at Staylitttle Centre. Staylitttle Outdoor Pursuits Centre is to stay open for the next twelve months. A business Case is being put together.

Reports

Cllr Derrick Pugh attended the One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Meeting at Abermule Community Centre on the 24th January 2017.

Mr Stuart Taylor, a representative from the Post Office gave a short presentation and answered questions, Post Office have announced that they will now deal with not only Private Banking but also Business Banking, details of which have now been put on their PO website. Councillors were complaining that mobile vans were not as efficient as a fixed Post Office. Mr Taylor stated that all transactions from a Mobile Van are tracked. Unfortunately, some rural Post Offices had been closed because customers had dropped from 20 million to 17 million per week and it was not cost-effective to keep them open.

There was concern amongst Councillors regarding Double Taxation and Funding for Village Halls had been cut. Councillors also stated that they had been contacted by Town Councils to help fund some of their facilities and they had refused to do this. It was also announced that PCC plan to raise their Council Tax by 4.5%.

A suggestion was made to write to One Voice Wales and ask if it was possible to lobby the Welsh Government to see if Town and Community Councils could obtain money directly from them to offset the Double Taxation. Councillors present felt this was an excellent idea as we were facing the Devolution of Services, so it would not be unreasonable to have Devolution of Funding to go with it. The next Area Meeting will be on the 19th April 2017 at Machynlleth Town Council.

Highways

Culvert by Sarn-y-Glyn - Ongoing

Penfridd Lane – Mr Emlyn Jones is aware of the situation.

Blaen Hole Change of Junction Priority C2177/C2178 side road junction.

We have received communication from Mr Chris Lloyd and it was agreed to write back informing him that the matter was discussed in the council meeting of 26th January 2017. Councillors unanimously agreed with his alternative suggestion to erect an advance “Give Way” warning signs along the C2177 and a “Junction” warning sign on the C2178 therefore removing any uncertainty as to who has right of way at the junction. This was requested to be implemented as soon as possible. Also noting his comments regarding the use of HGV vehicles and pointing out the damage to verges and hedges on the C2177 in the Black Hall area.

One Voice Wales Award

Thank extend to Cllr Derrick Pugh for compiling a document for the Best Local Council Service of the Year Awards. This has been forwarded to One Voice Wales.

Letter to One Voice Wales

It was agreed to write to Mr Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales following the meeting that took place at Abermule Community Centre on 24th January 2017. Trefeglwys Community Council learned that there was a lot of concern amongst Community Councils relating to Double Taxation and request for financial support from neighbouring Councils. A request is to be made for One Voice Wales to lobby the Welsh Assembly to see if it is possible for the Welsh Assembly to provide funding directly to Town/Community Councils so that they can offset the double Taxation that Councils are having to deal with. There has been concern for some time that the devolution of services could lead to double taxation and the Community Council are aware that One Voice Wales is also concerned regarding this.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Bills to be paid	Clerk's Wages	£128.31
	Clerk's Expenses	£ 43.98
	HMRC	£ 32.07
	Bus Shelter License	£5.00
	Cllr Derrick Pugh	£19.23
	Travelling Expenses	

Monies In Precept £433.00

Cllr Morris Smith has kindly agreed to help complete the end of year accounts ready to present for Audit.

Request for Hall Bills. As we have not received a bill for the use of the Memorial Hall for 2016 and 2017 meetings. It was agreed to write to Mrs Tracy Jones asking for the Invoices. Letter to be copied to the Chairman of the Memorial Hall.

Correspondence:

Post

- One Voice Wales Meeting at Abermule CC also forwarded to the two Representative Councillors.
- Tenovus cancer care requesting donations
- SLCC magazine
- Russell George surgery dates
- Letter and calendar from Milwyn Jenkins and Jenkins. We will respond accordingly with thanks.

All email correspondence received had previously been forwarded to community councillors. No correspondence was raised by councillors for discussion as not considered appropriate for Trefeglwys Community Council.

An e-mail has been received from Electoral Services re-Clerk Briefings in preparation for the local elections.

An e-mail has been forwarded to all Councillors regarding the recycling situation. It was agreed to write to Laura Samuel, Senior Contracts Officer, Waste and Recycling Strategy pointing out that the site generates a substantial income for our community, with figures enclosed from the previous three years. We request that the Council reconsider their proposals for this site taking into consideration the income generated for this small rural community.

Planning –

Application Ref: P/2016/1230. Grid ref:293110.62/291340.26 for Full: Change of use from workshop/studio to domestic use at School House, Llawr-Y-Glyn, Caersws, Powys. Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the four Councillors present had No Objections to this planning application. It would enhance the home owners property.

Application Ref: P/2016/1263. Grid Ref:296509.06/290017.82 for Full: Change of use of land to site two holiday chalets with shelters, extension to vehicular access and landscaping at Grandstand, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the four Councillors present had No Objections to this planning application. It was agreed that it would promote tourism to the area and help gain custom to the local amenities.

Application Ref: P/2017/0064. Grid Ref 296958.33/290540.88 for Erection of single storey porch to side of property at 3 Maes Llwynceilyn, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the four Councillors present had No Objections to this planning application. It was agreed that it would enhance the property for the owner.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Code of conduct training to be held in Newtown Town Hall on Wednesday 8th February 2017. One Voice Wales will be contacted to enter names. Cllr Morris Smith agreed to attend. It was agreed to ask One Voice Wales if there was a another new code of conduct training.

Date of next meeting:

Date of the Next Meeting Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.50pm.