

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Beryl Crone  
William Davies  
Myra Jones  
Morris Smith  
David Jerman  
Rhiannon Jones  
Derrick Pugh

**In Attendance:** Ann Jones & Sophie Palmer

**Members of the Community:** None

**Apologies:** Endaf Meddins  
Nick Bennett  
County Councillor Graham Jones

**Approval of Minutes** from Community Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 proposed as correct by Cllr Beryl Crone and seconded by Cllr Morris Smith

### **Matters Arising**

**Appointment of Clerks' Position:** An appointment has been made. Sophie Palmer was introduced to the Councillors as the new Clerk and spend the following month taking on the duties from Ann Jones.

### **Trefeglwys Village Sign**

PCC have not responded as yet.

### **Merge of Llanidloes Library & Museum**

Cllr Beryl Crone stated that she has been to the new library which is now in the Town Hall and it is very good and friendly. A breakdown of the new library's running costs has not yet been received from Sonia Pritchard. Clerk to chase this up before a final decision is made on how much TCC might be able to offer.

### **Footpath**

TCC has replied to Mr Jones regarding getting the footpath finished.

### **Maesywennol Day Centre**

Breakdown of costs has been received for the Day Centre. TCC has previously stated that it will make a decision on what amount to offer once they know what other Councils are offering, therefore the Council will wait to receive more information regarding this before a decision is made.

### **Street Lighting**

16 street lights are still off out of a total of around 22. This will be chased up with PCC.

### **One Voice Wales Awards**

Several matters were raised at the One Voice Wales meeting attended by Cllr Derrick Pugh such as, the double taxation issue and laws regarding section 137 payments. Clerk to clarify the section 137 information.

## Highways:

**Blaen Hole, Trefeglwys** – TCC is waiting to hear back regarding this.

**Penfridd Lane** - Mr Emlyn Jones is aware of the situation.

**Staylitttle Finger Post** – This matter has been dealt with, finger post has been removed.

**Reports** None

**Finance:** Items to be agreed by the Community Council for payment and monies in.

### Monies Out:

Clerks Wages	£128.31
HMRC	£32.07
Outdoor Play Area Inspection Fee	£72.00

### Monies In:

Recycling	£77.40
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VAT has not been claimed back. New Clerk to look into this and see how far back it can be requested.

## Correspondence:

### Post

**Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee requesting financial support:** It was agreed by all Cllrs (7 members) to give £150.

**Community Council Elections Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 documentation received**

**SLCC Magazine received**

**Letter – Powys Outdoor Recreation Services Inspection of Outdoor Play Area.**

**Grant Request for Llanidloes Explorer Scouts:** Clerk to ask if they could attend the next meeting to give further information.

**The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Secondary Consultation Period:**

Clerk to respond to email. TCC has already backed the same proposal previously.

**Thank you letter from Clywedog Community Association**

**Grant Thornton Audit forms received for end of year accounts**

### Email

All email correspondence received has previously been forwarded to community councillors. Any councillors to comment on correspondence relevant to Trefeglwys Community Council.

## Planning:

Application Ref: P/2017/0233 Grid Ref:287977.24/292742.85 for Full: Change of use of land to form site for holiday unit comprising 8 no. cabins, formation of vehicular access and roadways, engineering operations to form 3 ponds, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works at Land at Rhyddyfeity, Staylitttle, Llanbrynmair, Powys.

**Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the 7 Cllrs present had No Objections to this planning application.**

Application Ref: P/2017/0268 Grid Ref:298022.97/291053.58 for Full: Erection of a retail unit in connection with Mid Wales Shooting Centre and associated works at Mid Wales Shooting Centre Ffinant, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

**Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the 7 Cllrs present had No Objections to this planning application.**

### **Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

Chairman David Jerman raised the forthcoming election for which the paperwork has been received from Powys CC. It was discussed and unanimously agreed by all Councillors present (7) that due to the ongoing issues involving a former clerk, that no Councillors would stand for election. The Councillors feel that they cannot serve the community effectively whilst these issues are ongoing. Chairman David Jerman will speak to the Councillors not present (Cllrs Nicholas Bennett and Endaf Meddins) and Clerk will draft a letter to Powys CC confirming the reason for not submitting any nomination papers.

It has since been confirmed that both Cllr Endaf Meddins and Cllr Nicholas Bennett also agree that they would not stand for election for the same reason. A letter was sent to Mr J R Patterson, Returning Officer, copy enclosed.

Mr J R Patterson.  
Returning Officer  
County Hall  
Llandrindod Wells  
Powys  
LD1 5LG  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### **RE: Trefeglwys Community Council Nomination paperwork**

Dear Mr J R Patterson

Trefeglwys Community Council has unanimously agreed that they will not be completing their nomination paperwork for the forthcoming election in May.

This decision has been made due to continued pressure regarding on going issues with a former Clerk which have led to solicitor involvement, the resignation of two clerks and One Voice Wales and Police investigations. These issues have not yet been resolved and the Councillors feel that until they have, these matters will continue to cause disruption and distress to the Council and Clerk. In turn the Councillors feel that they are not in a position to best serve the Community whilst having to deal with this matter as it is continuing to cause distress and has been extremely time consuming and disruptive to the smooth running of the Community Council. Bearing in mind that this is a small Community, this ongoing issue is having a detrimental effect on the Councillors and Clerks personal and business dealings and has cost the Community money due to the use of solicitors and extra hours paid to Clerks etc. It is not fair on the community to continue spending its money on resolving this matter which the Council feels has become vindictive in nature. The former Clerk instigated two separate ICO investigations both of which resulted in decision notices being issued to the Council. Fortunately, both decision notices instructed the Council that they need not take any action.

Trefeglwys Community Council would ask Powys County Council to inform the Clerk of how best to move forward so that a Council may be reinstated as soon as possible in order to ensure that the community has a Council to serve them and look after their best interests.

Yours sincerely  
Trefeglwys Community Council.

Cllr Derrick Pugh passed an FOI onto the Clerk.

Cllr Morris Smith: clarification is needed regarding the wind farms regarding how much comes from which wind farm.

Clerk to contact Alex Wilson-Mills regarding completing the internal audit for end of year accounts.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Date of the Next Meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 10.10pm.

Signed: Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)