

**Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 27th April 2017
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Councillors: Beryl Crone
Morris Smith
David Jerman
Rhiannon Jones
Derrick Pugh
Endaf Meddins
Nick Bennett
County Councillor Graham Jones

In Attendance: Sophie Palmer

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: William Davies
Myra Jones

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 23rd March 2017 proposed as correct by Cllr Rhiannon Jones and seconded by Cllr Beryl Crone

Matters Arising

- **Representative to attend meeting to provide more info regarding the request from Llanidloes Explorer Scouts.**
- **Village Sign**
- **Merge of Llanidloes Library and Museum**
- **Footpath**
- **Maesywennol Day Centre**
- **Street Lighting**
- **Section 137 clarification**
- **New flower box**
- **FOI to Cllr Derrick Pugh**
- **Response from PCC regarding forthcoming election**

Date of AGM needs to be reviewed

Request from Llanidloes Explorer Scouts

Clerk confirmed details of this request following speaking with them for more details. The amount of £50 was agreed by 7 Cllrs present.

Village Sign

Clive Jones of Powys CC has confirmed that the letters for the village sign are with Powys and should be installed at the same time that the Staylitttle Fingerpost will be removed.

Merge of Llanidloes Library and Museum

Clerk has been in touch again requesting a breakdown of the library costs in order for the Cllrs to make a decision on an amount to put towards the running costs. Clerk has been told a breakdown will be sent but has still not received one at this time. Clerk to chase up.

Footpath

Clerk has received email from Clive Jones (PCC) stating that there is no requirement for a footpath extension or defined pedestrian refuge. Cllrs commented that what was originally requested through Adrian Jervis and Chris Lloyd (PCC) was red road markings to show a pedestrian right of way.

Maesywennol Day Centre, Llanidloes

7 Cllrs present agreed that they would like to offer a contribution of £750 but not before S137 clarification was confirmed by the Clerk.

Street Lighting

The street lights are now back on through Trefeglwys.

Section 137 clarification

Clerk to confirm details of Section 137 for donations/contributions made by the Council.

New flower box

The new flower box is ready to be planted but requires filling with compost. Chair, Cllr David Jerman agreed to fill the flower box so that it can be planted. Clerk to let Ms Penfold know.

FoI to Cllr Derrick Pugh

Clerk passed back details of the FoI request to Derrick Pugh.

Response from PCC regarding the Election

Clerk has had communication from PCC regarding the forthcoming election. As no Cllrs are standing PCC has stated that temporary Councillors should be appointed between the election (4th May) and a time when another election can be run (July/August 2017).

Date of AGM to be reviewed

Clerk noticed that the confirmed date for the AGM is out of the time scale required due to the election. & Cllrs present agreed to alter the AGM date to Thursday 18th May. Clerk to update this info.

Highways:

Blaen Hole, Trefeglwys – Clerk to look out letter received regarding the change of junction and chase up.

Penfridd Lane – Some patching has been done.

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

Reports Report from OVW area meeting on 19th April.

Report from Cllr Beryl Crone:

One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting.

Cllr Derrick Pugh and Cllr Beryl Crone attended the above meeting on Wednesday 19th April.2017 in Machynlleth.

Councillors expressed ongoing concerns regarded the unsatisfactory service being given by the Mobile Post Office and OVW were requested to continue their liaison with the Post Office to try and reach a more satisfactory service.

Mr Cadwallader CEO reported that O.V.W.was in consultation with WAG, PCC and Pavo regarding the Transfer of Assets to Town and Community Councils for services these bodies were being asked to provide. A meeting will be held on 24th May 2017 to discuss the formation of a Community Assets Transfer Group to which Councils will be asked to nominate members.

In conjunction with the above, discussions have taken place re Clustering of Councils (as against the previously suggested Merger of Councils) Mark Drakeford has allocated £20,000 to fund a pilot scheme in 2 council areas (locations not yet decided). The need to identify issues and highlight possible solutions would form the basis for a Devolution of Services Toolkit which would then be used in the piloted councils.

Dates for forthcoming Training sessions were announced and will be circulated to all clerks. If a group of 20 councillors require a particular session this could be provide by OVW at a reduced rate of £20pp. (normally £35pp)

Cllr Tony Jones reported that the Powys War Memorial Project has been informed of the availability of funding for the maintenance and repair of War Memorials. Further details on the War Memorial Trust Website

Cllr Derrick Pugh provided a report from the National Executive Committee meeting.

Report from Cllr Derrick Pugh

Report from OVW Policy/NEC Meeting 10th March 2017

Members were concerned regarding what was happening with Trefeglwys Community Council. Cllr. Pugh read out the statement that had been sent to Mr. Jeremy Patterson, Returning Officer, which explained the background of the problems.

The Chief Executive of OVW agreed that Trefeglwys Community Council was a high achieving/good practice Council in Montgomeryshire. Trefeglwys has held the position of Vice-Chair OVW Montgomeryshire for two years and a Chair position for two years. Since the Chair's position, Trefeglwys has been re-elected onto the Executive Board of OVW ever since.

TCC has held a position on the Local Service Board and the Powys Regeneration Partnership and has sponsored OVW Conferences with AV facilities to the benefit of all OVW Council members in Wales. TCC could be the only Community Council in Wales to have their own Film Productions running on its website. All of this has been in a voluntary position.

TCC topped the poll with 8 candidates in Montgomeryshire for the membership of the sub-Standards committee of Powys County Council which now expires after four years at the May election.

Trefeglwys Community Council has also received correspondence from Community Members thanking them for the good work they do.

Devolution of County Council Services

Local concerns were still on-going. A substantive debate continued amongst members in relation to the devolution of services agenda, and members heard of the inconsistencies of approach by various authorities across Wales. The Chief Executive Officer promised members that One Voice Wales would continue to lobby hard in respect of this agenda in order that member councils could have a fair opportunity of judging whether or not to take on new services. It was agreed that Cllr. Derrick Pugh would prepare a press statement on this matter and members suggested that the National Executive Committee should direct all Area Committees to place onto their agenda an item where the powers available to local councils could be explained and examined.

Affordable Housing

The Development Officer presented a paper drawn up as a result of discussions held at the Carmarthenshire Area Committee, which asked for support and escalation of a motion to lobby the Welsh Government in relation to the problems faced by families as a result of recent UK Government changes to the benefit rules, and in particular with regard to their access to affordable housing

Welsh Language Champions

The Development Officer presented correspondence sent from the Welsh Government to the Chief Executive Officer seeking support for the idea of developing a network of Welsh Language Champions across the communities of Wales, and asking community and town councils to take a lead in this action

Reforming Local Government

The Development Officer presented a paper containing the appropriate section of the Welsh Government's substantive consultation exercise in relation to the reform of local government that refers directly to community and town councils. The Chief Executive Officer explained that it would be important for One Voice Wales to submit a response to this exercise on behalf of the sector, and that this response should also touch on some of the key aspects relating to the changes in respect of unitary authorities as these changes would also impact on local councils and on the relationship between sectors.

Attendance of the press at meetings of One Voice Wales

Cllr. Derrick Pugh raised a query as to whether members of the press or media should be invited to attend the various One Voice Wales meetings and events. It was agreed that the view of the National Executive Committee would be sought on this matter later during the day. Attendance of the Press/Media at OVW Conferences could be beneficial.

One Voice Wales publication on how to become a local councillor

The Chief Executive Officer informed members that a new publication was now available in print and on-line, which dealt with various aspects of interest to those people who were considering becoming local councillors in the future.

One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Awards

The Chief Executive Officer informed members that the above event will now be held in July, incorporated into the Larger Councils' Conference event.

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

Monies Out:

Clerks Wages

Ann Jones	£180.38
Sophie Palmer (April)	£160.38
Sophie Palmer (May)	£180.38
HMRC	None
Cllr Derrick Pugh (expenses)	£31.85

Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee Cheque drawn up at last meeting

Monies In: None

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

Clerk confirmed that she will draw up a letter to be signed by two signatories requesting change of contact details from Ann Jones to Sophie Palmer for correspondence.

End of Year accounts information as passed to all Cllrs. 7 Cllrs present agreed the accounts.

Correspondence:

Post

Zurich Municipal Council Insurance – Clerk to get other quotes for insurance.

Powys CC change of Primary Admission age

One Voice Wales – Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting – see above reports

HAGS – special offers for play/fitness equipment – Clerk to forward to Village Hall Committee

One Voice Wales – Hard copy of the new Good Councillors Guide – Can also be downloaded/printed online.

Email message received through website regarding info for Trefeglwys show secretary – Clerk has forwarded.

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/2017/0344

Grid Ref: 296240/291313.11 for Full: Erection of a poultry unit as an extension to existing poultry unit to accommodate 16,000 free range chickens (egg production) together with feed bins, internal farm access and all associated works at Land at Cefn Barach, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys. **Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the 7 Cllrs present had no objections to this planning application.**

Application Ref: P/2017/0327 Grid ref: 297672.44/292495.75 for Householder: Removal of conservatory, and erection of a single storey extension at Rhiw-Wen, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys **Cllr Derrick Pugh declared an interest and left the room. Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the 6 Cllrs present had no objections to this planning application.**

Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 PRE CONSULTATION. Proposed Free Range Poultry Unit and all associated works at Brynowen, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5QX. **Cllr Derrick Pugh declared an interest and left the room. Trefeglwys Community Council viewed the plans and the 6 Cllrs present had no objections to this planning application.**

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Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Morris Smith suggested adding the recent news articles from the Cambrian News and the County Times regarding the election onto the front page of the website. 7 Cllrs present agreed. Clerk to send the relevant information onto Roger Malvern to add to the website.

Clerk confirmed that the minutes for tonight's meeting will be typed up and sent for approval as soon as possible before the election so that Cllrs can approve them whilst still able to.

Date of next meeting:

Date of the AGM and next meeting Thursday 18th May 2017 at 7pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and as it is his last meeting as Chairman he thanked all Councillors for their help and closed the Meeting at 9.35pm.

Signed: Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)