

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors:	Cllr Beryl Crone (Chair) Cllr Morris Smith Cllr Derrick Pugh Cllr Paul Tranter Cllr Rhiannon Jones Cllr Nick Bennett Cllr Endaf Meddins (arrived 7.40pm)
<b>In Attendance:</b>		Sophie Palmer (Clerk) Iwan Owen (Chairman to Trefeglwys Hall Committee)
<b>Members of the Community:</b>		Three members of public in attendance
<b>Apologies:</b>		Cllr Myra Jones (Vice Chair) Cllr William Davies County Cllr P Davies
<b>Not present:</b>		Cllr David Jerman

1. **Apologies:** Confirmed and approved as above.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** to be made for any items on the agenda. **None**
3. **Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 require a small number of alterations. Clerk will make these amendments to be approved at the next meeting.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Chair Cllr B Crone clarified for all in attendance that a closed meeting would be held at the end of the open meeting in order for the Council to discuss confidential matters on the agenda as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business. Items 4(a) and 4(f) were therefore confirmed as confidential items for resolution during closed session.

- a. **Investigation:** Update (Closed meeting)
- b. **VAT Refunds** Clerk confirmed that VAT paid by TCC can be claimed back for a period of 3 years. Clerk to complete the required paperwork to do this and confirm amount being claimed.
- c. **Library donation:** Previously discussed but no agreement made on whether a donation would be made due to not receiving the running costs from Llanidloes Town Council as requested. Clerk to Llanidloes Town Council has confirmed that these costs will not be available until the library has been running for 12 months. All Cllrs present (7) agreed to leave the item on the agenda until the figures requested have been received.
- d. **Post box:** Post box hidden in the hedge towards Caersws; can it be moved elsewhere? Clerk located information on the Royal Mail website regarding this issue. Royal Mail has stated that they do not re-locate post boxes. Clerk to look into contacting them direct about this matter.
- e. **Playground inspection:** Contact with Hall Committee regarding responsibility of the play area. Mr Iwan Owen, Chairman to the Trefeglwys Hall Committee was in attendance at the meeting and confirmed that the Hall Committee cover the insurance for the play area and the Community Council cover the cost for the inspection. Chairman Cllr B Crone proposed that in future the Hall Committee liaises with Powys County Council directly regarding the inspection but Trefeglwys Community Council will forward the correct amount to the cover the cost of the inspection onto the Hall Committee. All Cllrs present (7) agreed with this proposal.

**Mr I Owen left after this item at 7.45pm.**

- f. **Clerks contract** (Closed meeting)
- g. **Cae Post info:** update from Cllr M Smith. No update at present.
- h. **Trefeglwys photos from the air:** updated pictures were forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting and printed copies passed around during the meeting. All Cllrs reached an agreement for 1 of the 4 pictures to be added to the website labelled 'Trefeglwys from the Air' and for the picture which was removed to be reinstated and labelled as 'Staylittle from the Air'. Clerk to contact website administrator.  
**Chair Cllr B Crone** stated whilst referring to the website that there may be some items which are out of date on the website and requested that this be added to a future agenda to look into.

#### 5. Highways:

- a. **Blaen Hole, Trefeglwys:** Clerk has received an email from PCC confirming that they have a large backlog of signing works which will be processed in due course. They were unable to give an accurate timescale regarding these works. Cllrs however confirmed that they feel that the signage is now correct but the road markings are creating some confusion as fresh markings were added to one side of the junction but the old ones on the other side have not faded yet. Clerk to inform PCC of this.
- b. **Notice of Road Closure:** 23-24 Sept 10 metres each side of Caersws Level Crossing. This was for the previous weekend.

#### 6. Correspondence (*All correspondence received has previously been forwarded to Cllrs. Cllrs to comment on correspondence relevant to Trefeglwys Community Council*):

- a. **Welsh Government: Clustering funding available until October 2017 for 2017/2018.** Not currently relevant to TCC.
- b. **SP Energy: Network opportunities.** No action.
- c. **Powys CC: Public Consultation on Matters Arising Changes to Local Development Plan.** Cllrs have received the information in order to respond as individuals if they wish.
- d. **Powys CC: Information sharing.** No action.
- e. **Parish Magazine Printing:** Not relevant to TCC. Forward to Vicar at the Church in case there is a Parish magazine which could benefit.
- f. **Mr Orrells:** Communication regarding war memorial info. Clerk was able to find out the location of the war memorial this gentleman was searching for and forward it to him, thank you email was noted.
- g. **Countryside Alliance: Nominations can be made for the Countryside Alliance Awards 2017.** Clerk to put the information on the noticeboard.
- h. **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution:** Request for support. No action
- i. **Innogy:** Site Management changes. Details noted.
- j. **The Pensions Regulator:** Minimum pension contributions to be increased. Not relevant to TCC currently.
- k. **One Voice Wales:** Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting. Chair Cllr B Crone and Cllr D Pugh will be attending.
- l. **Zephyr Investments Ltd:** Change of asset Management. Details noted.
- m. **Andrew Jones (Gwernyfed CC Chairman):** Concerns about Powys Planning Policy. Clerk to respond to Mr Jones and confirm that the issues he has raised are not issues that TCC is currently aware of.
- n. **Tree Charter Legacy Tree:** Sign up as a Charter Branch and apply for a free legacy tree. No action.

#### 7. Reports None

#### 8. Finances/Accounts:

##### a. Account balances:

Community Account balance	=£9,977.78 (15.07.2017)
Money Manger Account balance	= £ 3,181.56 (15.07.2017)

**b. Payments and Receipts:**

<b>Monies Out</b>	Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer)	= £160.38
	Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer)	= £7.20
	HMRC tax	= None
	Council Insurance	= £253.78 (annual)
	Donation Maesywennol Day Centre Town Council)	= £750.00 (to Llanidloes
<b>Monies In</b>	Powys CC – Precept	= £2,100.00
	Powys CC – Recycling	= £136.42
	HSBC – Interest received	= £0.32

7 Cllrs present agreed the finances and cheque payments were signed by two signatories.

- c. External Audit:** External audit has been completed by Grant Thornton and returned. Some items were raised for TCC to look into. All points were noted and agreed by all present. Clerk to contact Llandinam and Carno Community Councils to ask how they administrate the wind farm payments they receive and whether these payments should be paid into a separate account to the one that the main expenditure for the Council goes out of. Clerk to also clarify the rules of spending the money from the wind farm to ensure correct practice.

**9. Planning:** No planning applications received

Clerk confirmed that a planning application was received after the agenda had been posted so it could not be discussed at the meeting. Cllrs had a brief look and decided they did not wish to have a separate meeting in order to discuss and comment on this application.

**10. Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

**Cllr P Tranter:** Maintenance of Talgarth Lane is poor as there are some very large pot holes. Clerk to pass details onto PCC to request repair.

**Cllr M Smith:** Cllr Smith would like to attend the One Voice Wales, Local Government Finance training in Aberystwyth. Clerk to book this.

**Clerk** confirmed that County Cllr Phyl Davies had messaged her prior to the meeting to confirm that the issue previously raised regarding tight corners in Staylitttle where drivers have gone through hedges are being assessed by PCC.

**11. Next Meeting Date:** Confirmed as Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

Chair Cllr B Crone thanked members of the public for attending but respectfully requested that they leave as the Council was going into closed session due to discussion of matters confidential in nature.

3 member of the public that were present thanked the Council and left the meeting at 8.40pm.

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**Council went into closed meeting to discuss confidential items below at 8.45pm:**

1. Investigation
2. Clerks contract

Signed: Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)