

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr Beryl Crone (Chair)  
Cllr Myra Jones (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Morris Smith  
Cllr Derrick Pugh  
Cllr David Jerman

**In Attendance:** Sophie Palmer (Clerk)

**Members of the Community:** None

**Apologies:** Cllr Paul Tranter  
Cllr Rhiannon Jones  
County Cllr Phyl Davies

**Not present:** Cllr Nick Bennett  
Cllr Endaf Meddins  
Cllr William Davies

1. **Apologies:** Received from Cllr P Tranter, Cllr R Jones and County Cllr P Davies.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** *Declarations of interest whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.* Chair Cllr B Crone declared an interest for agenda point 4b.
3. **Approval of Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were proposed by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr M Jones and Cllr D Pugh as a true record and the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were proposed by Cllr D Pugh and seconded by Cllr D Jerman as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **VAT Refunds** Clerk confirmed the following amounts to be claimed back for previous years VAT paid: 2014/15 = £310.32, 2015/16 = £69.20, 2016/17 = £216.28. Clerk to send a claim to HMRC.
  - b. **Library donation:** awaiting information regarding running costs. Cllr B Crone left the room due to having an interest. Llanidloes Town Council has confirmed that they will not have any running costs available for the library until it has been running for 12 months. An article was recently in the County Times stating that the library has received the status of Quality Assured Attraction which is very positive. However, Cllrs were disappointed that there was no mention of the support provided by the other local Councils who have helped the new library financially. Item to be removed from the agenda until figures requested are received.
  - c. **Post box:** currently no further information, Chair Cllr B Crone will try and speak to her postman about it and ask who to contact as there are no contact numbers on the Royal Mail website.
  - d. **Cae Post info:** Cllr M Smith has contacted Cae Post but has not had a response.
  - e. **Website:** There are some items on the website which are now out of date and need to be removed or updated. Clerk to contact Upper Bridge to ask for a couple of items to be updated and removed and also to request attendance at a future meeting to go through the website and discuss any changes and alterations.
5. **Highways:**
  - a. **Blaen Hole, Trefeglwys:** Cllrs agreed that the signage at this junction is now fine but the road markings are causing confusion as there are new markings on one side of the junction but the old markings on the other side have not yet faded. Clerk to contact PCC regarding this.

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

- a. **John Ferguson:** Email received relating to Powys LDP. Cllrs have received and read through information provided by Mr Ferguson in relation to the Matters Arising Changes on the Powys LDP. Councillors thought that he made some interesting points and would like to ask that he forwards his comments to Powys before the deadline. Cllrs would also like to forward Mr Fergusons comments to Powys to ask for their thoughts. Clerk to action this.
- b. **Llanidloes Town Council:** Thank you letter received for donation towards Maesywennol Day Centre running costs. Letter read out and contents noted.
- c. **Ventient Energy:** Organisation changes as of 1<sup>st</sup> November for wind farm. Contents noted.
- d. **Val & Jim Woodward:** Thank you letter/email received. Local residents confirmed their planning application has been granted and thanked TCC for positive comments made in agreeing with the proposal.
- e. **Citizens Advice:** Request for financial assistance. No donation to be made at this time.
- f. **One Voice Wales:** Response to Taking Forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Consultation. The deadline to make comments regarding this consultation has now passed. TCC however has received a copy of comments made by One Voice Wales and would like to agree with and support these comments. Clerk to forward this information to Powys CC.
- g. **One Voice Wales:** Burial charges for children. This information does not affect TCC as they do not manage or own a cemetery or graveyard. However Cllrs were all in favour of an agreement across Wales not to charge burial fees for those under 18 years of age. Cllrs would like the information to be forwarded to the Church for their information and added to the website.
- h. **Boundary Commission for Wales:** Revised proposals report 2018 review. Cllrs do not agree with the revised proposals. Clerk to draft a response to discuss at the next meeting.
- i. **Welsh Government:** Independent Review Panel, Call to Evidence. Await more information.
- j. **Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service:** Draft corporate plan 2018-2023 consultation. Cllrs to respond individually if they wish.
- k. **Independent Remuneration Panel:** Draft annual report. Some comments made regarding payments to Cllrs. Clerk to draft a response before next meeting.
- l. **PCC:** Waste & recycling collection rounds to be improved. Information noted
- m. **National Assembly of Wales:** Consultation on Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill. No action.
- n. **Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales:** Guidance for principal councils on the review of communities. No action.
- o. **One Voice Wales:** Reform of Data Protection Legislation. Wait for further information of the seminars mentioned.

**7. Reports**

- a. **One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Meeting:** Cllr B Crone & Cllr D Pugh
- b. **National Executive Committee Meeting:** Cllr D Pugh

**Montgomeryshire OVW Area Committee Meeting**

Cllr Derrick Pugh and Cllr Beryl Crone attended the above meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Penstrowed Church Hall.

Discussion took place regarding WAG'S consultation paper "Management of Natural Resources" OVW had consulted with councils and made comments to WAG on behalf of the sector, The consultation period is now closed but Councils may make representation to WAG supporting the comments made by OVW. Membership fees to OVW where agreed at the AGM in Sept. An increase of 5% was approved. Councillors where reminded about the Grants available for the upkeep/ restoration of War Memorials

At the previous Area meeting Councillors decided not to replace Cllr. Pugh's position on the Board until it was confirmed that he was not returning as a Councillor. However as he is now back on the Council the Committee members were able to nominate him as their representative.

Cllr Pugh was unanimously elected on to the National Executive Council, Powys Public Services Board and Powys Local Action Group Representative for Montgomeryshire

Next meeting arranged for Jan 23th 2018, venue to be confirmed

Cllr Pugh gave a report of recent NEC meeting he had attended.

Re: Double Taxation

Area Committee Councillors have been concerned regarding double taxation which referred to Powys residents paying Council Tax for services and then Town & Community Councils having to pay for these services again through their precept money.

Cllr. Derrick Pugh asked what the latest situation was with regard to discussions about the issue of "double taxation". The Chief Executive Officer informed members that he was pressing the Welsh Government Minister on this aspect, and that a joint initiative between One Voice Wales and the Welsh Government was under way in order to produce a handbook on the Devolution of Services. He also reported that the National Assets Working Group had been considering the use of grant money to assist in this matter.

## 8. Finances/Accounts:

### a. Account balances:

Community Account balance = £9,977.78 (as of 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 17)

Money Manger Account balance = £3,181.88 (as of 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 17)

All current finance spread sheets were forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

### b. Payments and Receipts:

<u>Monies Out</u>	Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer)	= £193.30
	Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer)	= £8.41
	HMRC tax	= None
	One Voice Wales (training)	= £70.00

Monies In      None

### c. External Audit: Invoice received, cheque to be drawn up for next meeting.

Bills to be paid proposed by Cllr D Jerman and seconded by Cllr M Jones

All Cllrs present agreed to request HSBC to change name of the Money Manager Account to 'Wind Farm Account' in order to ensure that all wind farm Community Fund finances are kept separate from all other money received.

## 9. Planning:

### Application Ref: P/2017/1020

Grid Ref: 287489.1/291815.81 for Full: Installation of 22m high lattice mast on a concrete base and associated works at Llwynygog Farm Staylitttle Llanbrynmair Powys

All Cllrs present at the meeting of Trefeglwys Community Council on 26th October 2017 were in favour of this planning application as it will improve communication for the emergency services which is always essential particularly in a rural community where emergency care is often a long distance to travel to.

## 10. Chairman / Councillors Comments:

- Chair Cllr B Crone:** Remembrance Day procedure. Local resident Gwilym Evans has kindly offered to donate the wreath for Remembrance Day. Chair Cllr B Crone will lay the wreath following the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- Cllr D Pugh:** Double taxation. This item was covered in the reports section.
- Cllr M Smith:** Planning application (P/2015/0959) as shown on planning decision notices received for period 29.09.17 to 13.10.17 which relates to planning application P/2014/1021 originally sent to TCC for comments in November 2016, was not re-sent to TCC for comments relating to the amendments. Clerk to look into this and contact PCC Planning Dept to ask why.

**11. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm at Trefeglwys memorial Hall meeting room.

Chair Cllr B Crone thanked everyone for attending and closed the open session at 9.17pm. The Council then progressed to a closed meeting session in order to discuss matters of a confidential nature.