

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 22nd February 2018
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Cllr Beryl Crone (Chair)
Cllr Morris Smith
Cllr Derrick Pugh
Cllr Paul Tranter
Cllr David Jerman
Cllr Jane Anwyl
Cllr Endaf Meddins
Cllr N Bennett

In Attendance: Sophie Palmer (Clerk)

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: Cllr Myra Jones (Vice Chair)
County Cllr Phyl Davies

Not present: Cllr Rhiannon Jones

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Jones and County Cllr P Davies

2. **Declarations of Interest.** *Declarations of interest whether likely to benefit of disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.* None

3. **Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of 25th January 2018 where found in need of a slight alteration of the wording in the highways section to clarify the junction being discussed.

4. **Carno Windfarm:** The new Asset Manager for the wind farm has made contact wishing to introduce himself. Chair Cllr B Crone suggested inviting him to the next meeting and all Cllrs present agreed. Clerk to action.

5. **Regulations to be updated/reviewed:** Chair Cllr B Crone stated that various regulations are required to be updated and adopted by the Council. Clerk to draft Financial Regulations as a starting point and send to Chair Cllr B Crone, Vice Chair Cllr M Jones and Cllr M Smith in the first instance.

6. Matters Arising:

- a. **Website:** Information of training for website administration from Upper Bridge Enterprises. Training for website administration is available. All Cllrs present agreed the fee payable for this training. Clerk suggested waiting until the new laptop was purchased. All present in agreement.
- b. **One Voice Wales:** Reform of Data Protection Legislation. Updated information received by Clerk and forwarded to Cllrs as and when received. More information is expected to give Town and Community Councils further guidance on how to meet the new regulations.
- c. **Welsh Government:** Independent Review Panel, Review of Local Council Sector. An engagement event is due to be held by the Independent Review Panel. Clerk is aiming to attend.
- d. **Notice board (Staylitle):** Repairs are not yet completed but Cllr M Endaf, has this in hand.
- e. **PCC:** Recycling site in Trefeglwys. TCC has removed itself as site adopter for the recycling site following discussions at the previous Council meeting. A resident of Llawryglyn has been in contact with the Clerk to ask whether the garden waste recycling will now be removed. Clerk confirmed that this is not clear and will be up to PCC as the owners of the site. Chair Cllr B Crone suggested that Zoar Chapel may be interested in taking over the site adoption and will speak to them about this. All present in agreement.

- f. **Laptop for Clerk, information for discussion.** Clerk confirmed details of quotations for different laptop options and confirmed which machine would be appropriate for the work involved. Cllrs were in agreement and confirmed that they were happy for Clerk to go ahead with ordering a machine once confirmation is received from other Councils that she is employed by.

7. Highways:

- a. **Blaen Hole & C2177, Trefeglwys:** A letter has been received from a resident regarding issues with HGV's having to reverse and turn around at the bottom of Rhiwen Lane. County Cllr Gareth Morgan has also been in contact with TCC stating that he would be happy to attend a site meeting arranged with PCC as this issue is still generating problems and complaints. Clerk to contact PCC regarding a site visit request and to forward the letter received from the member of the community. Clerk will also respond to the resident to confirm action to be taken.

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

- a. **HMRC:** Information regarding PAYE tax payments. Clerk confirmed receipt of a letter from HMRC regarding overdue PAYE tax payments. Clerk has been on a Basic Rate tax code meaning that although below the threshold required to pay PAYE tax a percentage is due which should then be reimbursed at the end of the financial year. Clerk suggested a payment plan of an extra amount being taken from her salary each month to cover the overdue as well as the current PAYE amounts. Chair Cllr B Crone proposed for TCC to make the overdue payment in full to HMRC and when the Clerk is reimbursed she can reimburse TCC. All Cllrs present were in agreement with this proposal and the Clerk thanked the Cllrs and confirmed that she will update them and reimburse the amount as soon as a payment is received from HMRC.
- b. **Pensions Regulator:** Information relating to rules of setting up employees pensions. Clerk is below the threshold required for a pension plan to be set up but there is a requirement to set up details with the Pensions Regulator to keep all information up to date. A second contact is required by the Pensions Regulator and it was agreed that Chair Cllr B Crone would be this contact. Clerk to confirm the details with the Pensions Regulator.
- c. **Mid Wales Stages Rally:** Daytime rally on 4th March details have been sent to TCC which were acknowledged and noted.
- d. **PCC:** Request for info of allotment sites. PCC are requesting details of allotment sites across Powys. It was confirmed that there are no allotment sites throughout the Wards of Trefeglwys. Clerk to confirm for PCC.
- e. **One Voice Wales:** Membership renewal request. All Cllrs present were in agreement to continue membership with One Voice Wales as they play a vital role in assisting both the Clerk and Community Council. The amount for membership was agreed and proposed for a cheque to be drawn up for this amount by Cllr D Jerman and seconded by Cllr N Bennett.
- f. **Email contact** from someone requested info regarding their ancestors. Clerk has received a message via the website from people in the US requesting information regarding an old farm in Trefeglwys which relates to their ancestors. Cllrs confirmed that they know of the property but it is someone's home. Clerk to respond suggesting that they contact Powys Archives for details and confirm that it is currently a residence.
- g. **Wales Remembers:** Centenary Grant Scheme. Cllrs suggested that the Trefeglwys WI may be interested in this information if not already received. Clerk to pass on.
- h. **One Voice Wales:** Cllr allowance budgeting. The precept has already been completed for the coming financial year but it was agreed to confirm with Cllrs what allowances they do or do not intend to take at the AGM in May 2018.

9. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a. **Llanidloes Town Council:** Details requested have been received and were noted by all present. No action.
- b. **Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon:** No further details have been received at this time. Cllr N Bennett who is a Governor at the school confirmed that as there is a newly appointed Head Teacher they are currently deciding what they need to budget for and what new equipment if any they need.
- c. **Eisteddfod Powys Bro Hafren.** All Cllrs present agreed that no donation would be offered as a donation is always provided for the local Trefeglwys Eisteddfod.

Cllr N Bennett stated that he had been asked by the Trefeglwys Young Farmers Club whether the Community Council would be able to assist them financially. Cllr N Bennett confirmed that they have recently won a competition. Cllrs confirmed that they would be happy to give something to the Club but would like a request in writing and details of what a donation would help towards. Cllr N Bennett to request this from them before the next meeting. Cllr. Pugh proposed that the Council

gave a donation in principle of £1,000 as the Young Farmers were attending a final in North Wales. Cllr D Jerman seconded this and all agreed. To be actioned at the next meeting if a written request has been received.

10.Reports

11.Finances/Accounts:

a. **Money Manger Account name change:** This account name has been changed to Trefeglwys Community Council Wind Farm Account.

b. **Account balances:**

Community Account balance	= £7,996.37
Money Manger Account balance	= £5,188.20

c. **Payments and Receipts:**

<u>Monies Out</u>	Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer)	= £154.70
	Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer)	= £26.09
	HMRC PAYE tax (overdue amount)	= £313.20
	HMRC PAYE tax (Feb 2018)	= £38.60
	PCC (license for bus shelter & bike rank @ school)	= £5.00
	One Voice Wales (Membership for 2018/19)	= £125.00
	All Cllrs present were in unanimous agreement to pay Bills due	
<u>Monies In</u>	PCC Recycling	= £74.34

12.Planning

The below Planning Application was received by the Clerk on 21st February so had not arrived in time to add to the agenda. It was decided with the Chair Cllr B Crones discretion that this planning application would be discussed at this meeting as the next meeting would not be held until after the deadline for comments.

Application Ref: P/2018/0203

Grid Ref: 296206.77/288803.89 for Full - Erection of a covered manure store/slurry pit on farm together with all associated works at Glangwden Trefeglwys Caersws Powys.

The above was discussed and all Cllrs present were in agreement that they are in support of the application as it seems an environmentally sound project.

13.Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr P Tranter: The Highways are a mess currently and Cllr has received two complaints since the last meeting about the state of the roads. It seems false economy that the current measures are more crisis management than preventative. Clerk to contact PCC's Nigel Brinn regarding these continuing problems.

Cllr N Bennett: Also stating issues with the roads in general and some bad potholes.

Cllr J Anwyl: Also wanted to state that the pothole in Staylittie is continuing to get worse. Clerk to chase PCC.

Cllr D Jerman: A local resident has been seen picking up litter throughout Trefeglwys and Llawryglyn. Cllr D Jerman proposed that the Council send a Thank You letter as this person is volunteering their own time in order to keep the local community clear of litter. All present were in agreement with this. Clerk to draft a letter.

Cllr D Pugh: Council Tax will rise by 5% for 2018/19. The County Council will need to take drastic steps to meet the budgets.

Cllr M Smith: The contract with BT for fibre optic Broadband has ended so a new provider is being sought. This is creating problems for many. Clerk to add to the next agenda.

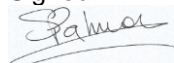
Chair Cllr B Crone: Regarding the defib that used to be in the village; it was not purchased by TCC but TCC were asked to replace the battery. There has been no defib since the Community Shop closed. Clerk to add item to next agenda in order to discuss purchasing a new one.

Cllrs E Meddins, N Bennett and J Anwyl all gave their apologies for the next meeting due to lambing.

14.Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.30pm at Trefeglwys memorial Hall meeting room.

Chair Cllr B Crone thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)