

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr Beryl Crone (Chair)  
Cllr Myra Jones (Vice 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:** County Cllr Phyl Davies

**Not present:** Cllr Rhiannon Jones

1. **Apologies:** 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.* Cllr D Pugh declared an interest relating to agenda item 11.

3. **Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr D Jerman and seconded by Cllr M Smith.

4. **TCC Award for Best Local Council at the One Voice Wales Innovative National Practice Awards.** This item was agreed to be moved to the end of the meeting.

5. **Matters Arising:**

- a. **General Data Protection Regulations:** Updates have been received today stating that Community & Town Councils will be exempt from having to provide a Data Protection Officer. Clerk confirmed that she has started putting together a Data Protection Policy which she will send out to Cllrs prior to the next meeting for the Council to adopt and other documents will be put together in line with the requirements of the GDPR.
- b. **Welsh Government:** Independent Review Panel, Review of Local Council Sector. Updates are still being received in relation to the Review Panel which are forwarded to all Cllrs as and when received.
- c. **Notice board (Staylitttle):** Cllr E Meddins confirmed that the notice board will be fixed some time soon but has not yet been done.
- d. **Defibrillator:** battery was taken to be replaced but this did not happen. The defib was deemed to be no longer usable so was disposed of. Chair Cllr B Crone has been given the original box that the defib was kept in which possibly could be used for a new defib. Staylitttle Hall Committee has installed a defib in the hall. If one is installed in Trefeg then one should be installed in Llawryglyn. Clerk to find out if any discounts available for multiple machines and if the old box could be reused.
- e. **Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales:** Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys - Draft Proposals. Trefeglwys CC are happy with the proposal suggested, however, it was agreed to find out what Llanidloes Without Community Council's thoughts are as the draft proposes that they are added with Trefeglwys ward to form a larger electoral boundary.
- f. **Financial Regulations:** Draft has been sent out to all Councillors prior to the meeting. All Cllrs agreed unanimously to adopt the Financial Regulations. Clerk confirmed that

there are a couple of references to other regulations which have not yet been adopted so these will just need to be checked to ensure the references are correct once the other regulations are also in place.

- g. **New Post Box:** Post Box is still due to be installed, no details as yet as to when this will be done.

## 6. Highways:

- a. **Ystradfaelog junction, Trefeglwys:** There are a number of lorries using the Ystradfaelog junction which are damaging the roads and verges. Straw and feed lorries are damaging Penfrydd Lane as they are too large to use this road. Widening the junction would help. Clerk to liaise with Cllr M Jones and Cllr M Smith about gathering details of the specific issues in this area.
- b. **HGV signage, C2177, Trefeglwys:** County Cllr P Davies has confirmed that he has this issue in hand. Clerk to follow up on this for any updates.
- c. **Street Lighting:** New lights on new development are very bright. Are any others off in the village. Numbers of lamps that TCC wanted back on had to be given to PCC. TCC wanted them all back on. Cllr M Smith wondered why the new development had so many lights in a small area.
- d. **Emergency road Closure, C2180:** The road is open again now following emergency works carried out by Severn Trent Water.

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

- a. **Llanidloes Town Council:** Invitation to Mayor Making Ceremony: Chair Cllr B Crone will attend on behalf of the Council.
- b. **NHS:** Invitation to opening of new Palliative Care unit at Llanidloes Hospital: Chair Cllr B Crone will attend on behalf of the Council.
- c. **One Voice Wales:** The request for motions for OVW AGM was discussed and it was agreed by all concerned that there would be no motions put forward.
- d. **One Voice Wales:** UK Government call for evidence to examine how charges or changes to the tax system could tackle the problems associated with single-use plastic waste. Consultation is quite technical so Cllrs feel unable to comment. No action.
- e. **Adoption of Powys Local Development Plan:** Information noted, no action.
- f. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Update on the NHS Future Fit Programme. Details noted, no action.
- g. **One Voice Wales:** Joint OVW & SLCC Event. Information noted. Clerk is probably unable to attend. No Cllrs able to attend. *Following the meeting the Clerks availability changed and she was able to book herself onto the Conference.*
- h. **One Voice Wales:** Report from Age Cymru entitled 'Showcasing tackling loneliness'. Information noted, some details of grants used are mentioned within the report. Information may be of interest to the Luncheon Club. Clerk to forward the report to them.
- i. **PCC:** Information request regarding Child Burial Fees. This does not apply to TCC, no action.
- j. **One Voice Wales:** Historic Environment Update 7 – Consultation launched. Information noted, no action.
- k. **Welsh Hearts:** Thank you for donation. Information noted.
- l. **Llanidloes Town Council:** Thank you for donation. Information noted.

## 8. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a. Montgomery County Music Festival. No donation offered.

## 9. Reports: None

## 10. Finances/Accounts:

### a. Account balances:

Community Account balance = £6,699.28 (up to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

Wind Farm Account balance = £4,717.08 (up to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

- b. **Wind Farm Community Funds:** Some Cllrs thought that TCC should be receiving money from another wind farm. It has been confirmed that this wind farm is not yet generating any power, therefore funds are not yet available.

### c. Payments and Receipts:

<u>Monies Out</u>	Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer)	= £225.52 (21hrs)
	Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer)	= £24.98
	HMRC PAYE tax	= £45.00

Young Farmers (donation)	= £1,000
Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee (donation)	= £150
Clwedog Community Association (Staylitttle Hall)	= £300
Trefeglwys Memorial Hall	= £1,000
Mrs Penfold (flower boxes)	= £30

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr D Jerman and seconded by Cllr E Meddins.

<u>Monies In</u>	HSBC Interest	= £0.88
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Letter requesting funds of £1,150 transfer from Wind Farm Account into Community Account to be approved and signed by 2 signatories.

## 11. Planning

Application Ref: **P/2018/0406** Grid Ref: 296696.4/292938.05 for Full: Erection of a covered manure store and all associated works at Bryn Owen Trefeglwys Caersws Powys

Cllr D Pugh declared an interest and left the meeting. No objections were made regarding this planning application.

Cllr D Pugh returned to the meeting.

## 12. Chairman / Councillors Comments:

**Chair Cllr B Crone:** Clerks new laptop is up and running.

Contact made with the two ladies who have looked after some of the flower boxes in the village. They have confirmed that they are happy to continue looking after all the flower boxes but they will require assistance financially to provide everything required to do this. A proposal was made to provide a cheque for £30 to allow the purchase of compost and some plants for the boxes and request receipts for anything purchased. All Cllrs were in agreement with this and a cheque was drawn for the amount of £30.

An issue reported by residents is that a right of way has been blocked which is Green Lane, a track along the C2178. Clerk to contact PCC Rights of Way to report this.

**Cllr D Pugh:** A 'Trefeglwys News Page' has been set up by two local residents in order to share information about what is going on locally. TCC has been welcomed to add items of interest to the Facebook page. Cllr D Pugh stated that there were some comments on the new Facebook page relating to TCC and the publication of minutes on the website. It has been clarified that an outside party currently makes changes to the information on the website at the request of the Clerk/Council including the addition or removal of information such as agendas and minutes. Cllrs feel the Facebook page will be a useful tool for the community and will allow TCC to also share information with more people within the community.

Originally agenda item 4 the below item was moved to the end of the meeting at the discretion of the Chair and agreement of all Cllrs present.

## 13. TCC Award for Best Local Council at the One Voice Wales Innovative National Practice

**Awards.** Trefeglwys Community Councillors were very happy to receive confirmation of winning an award at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Awards which were recently attended by Cllr D Pugh. TCC was jointly commended along with Carmarthen Town Council for 'Best Local Council'. The award was presented at the awards ceremony to Cllr D Pugh and the below press release will be sent to local papers. A photograph was also taken of all Cllrs present and the Clerk with the award.

### Press Release:

Trefeglwys Community Council has recently won a prestigious award at the Annual One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Awards Conference held in Builth Wells.

The Best Local Council Service of the Year was one of the most contested categories and was open to all Town and Community Councils in Wales. Joint winners in the category were Barry Town Council and Llanelli Town Council with Trefeglwys Community Council and Carmarthen Town Council jointly picking up the Caerwyn Roberts Local Council Service - Commended Award.

Trefeglwys Community Council is a small Council representing approximately 413 dwellings. The information submitted to the Judging Panel that led to the Commendation was that TCC had an elected member on Powys CC Standards Sub-Committee, they have two elected members on the One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee and one on the National Executive Committee. The Council is proud of its high attendance record on these committees.

The Council provides funding for the upkeep of Staylitttle and Trefeglwys Village Halls and provides funding to support a number of local groups catering for all ages and interests within the community.

The Council with the help of local residents cleared an extremely overgrown cemetery that had been left overgrown for over 50 years. This transformed the appearance of the cemetery which created much interest..

Local residents were concerned regarding traffic gridlock through Newtown causing late appointments at Shrewsbury Hospital as well as many other issues for road users. The Council actively supported the campaign for a Newtown Bypass and members joined a protest and travelled to the Welsh Assembly with Russell George, now an Assembly Member, and other supporters to highlight the need for a bypass. A film produced by a Member featuring the campaign and the visit to Cardiff. The film was sent to the late Carl Sergeant who was the Minister at that time. Russell's campaign was successful and the bypass is currently under construction.

The Council received letters of complaint and concerns from residents regarding an area on the outskirts of the village that had no safe route for pedestrians and was particularly dangerous at night. With the help of the then local County Councillor, AM and a local developer, a footpath was constructed to link this area to the village.

Local residents voiced their concerns regarding a planned route of high voltage pylons through the community. Concerns over disruption to tourism and businesses as well as possible health risks, led to TCC supporting the stance of undergrounding through the community. 1,500 people attended the petition presentation including many residents of Trefeglwys. This was filmed and following a lengthy appeal at Welshpool, the pylon route did not go ahead.

There was grave concern that a Day Centre in Llanidloes was to close. Councillors actively showed their support for keeping the facility open with a film highlighting the concerns of those attending the centre. The film produced was viewed by Powys County Council Officers. The Day Centre is still in operation. This film won a prestigious TMT News Entertainment Award.

The Council have provided financial support towards the running of the Day Centre and the Library in Llanidloes to prevent their closure.

The Council identified the need for a Post Box on the outskirts of the village and liaised with Royal Mail to procure a new one which will be situated where there are already a number of residents and visitors and new properties being built.

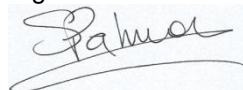
*All films were produced for the benefit of the community at no cost to the Council..*

The Judging Panel including representatives from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), Participation Cymru/Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), CADW, Wales Co-Production Network, the Office of the Sustainable Futures Commissioner and the Children's Commissioner in Wales . They were all impressed by the entries received across the ten categories throughout Wales.

**14. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be the AGM held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall meeting room followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.30pm.

Chair Cllr B Crone thanked everyone for attending and closed the open meeting closed at 9.12pm and opened the closed meeting.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)