

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Wednesday 27th June 2019
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Cllr Morris Smith (Chair)
Cllr Jane Anwyl (Vice Chair)
Cllr Beryl Crone
Cllr Derrick Pugh
Cllr Nicholas Bennett
Cllr Paul Tranter

In Attendance: Sophie Palmer (Clerk)

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: Cllr David Jerman
Cllr Aled Rees
Cllr Endaf Meddins

Not Present: Cllr Myra Jones

1. Apologies: As above

2. Declarations of Interest. *Declarations of interest whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*

No declarations of interest were given

3. Minutes from previous Community Council Meeting of 22nd May 2019 were approved as an accurate record by Cllr B Crone and seconded by Cllr D Pugh.

4. Highway Matters:

a. Waen: passing places. Clerk confirmed that PCC Highways officer has responded to say that he is meeting with his manager this week and will raise the question then and get back to her.

The issue was raised at the last meeting by Cllr J Anwyl regarding the tar on the roads by Staylittie shop and through Llawryglyn. Clerk has asked PCC about this and has been told that the road leading to Llawryglyn has been placed on the capital list for surface dressing next year and the road by Staylittie shop will be looked at during inspections next month.

5. Matters Arising:

- a. Defibrillators & CPR Training:** The defibrillator will be installed soon at the vestry in Llawryglyn and a training session has been arranged and advertised for Friday 5th July between 7.30pm to 8.30pm after the Llawryglyn Village Association AGM. Clerk also confirmed receipt of a cheque for the amount of £750 from the First Responders that used to be based in Llawryglyn towards the cost of the defibrillator for Llawryglyn.
- b. Clinical Waste issue:** An email has been received from Eluned Morgan AM asking whether there is anything further which TCC feel she can help with relating to this issue. Clerk to chase Powys Teaching Health Board & respond to Eluned Morgan AM and confirm PCC's response to the clinical waste query.
- c. Council email:** The company that hosts the website has confirmed the costs for having an email address for the Clerk would be £16.50 per annum. Cllrs could also be provided with individual emails for £10 each if 7 or more are added. Cllrs decided that this was not required at this time as the current email is functioning fine for now and the Clerk deals with any spam emails plus there is currently little or no sensitive information being shared.
- d. Street light in Llwynyogog:** This has not yet been fixed, Clerk has chased up. PCC stated that they will look at it when they have people in the area.

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

- a. Powys Teaching Health Board & PCC:** North Powys Wellbeing Programme. Updates regarding the programme and drop in events etc have been forwarded to Cllrs and shared the information on the TCC website and Facebook page.
- b. Llanidloes Town Council:** Request for support of Motions to One Voice Wales. This was sent through to Cllrs earlier in the month as Llanidloes Town Council needed a response prior to 20th June. Some Cllrs had responded and the responses were passed onto LTC who were told that the responses were from individuals and not agreed by full Council at a meeting. Cllrs present discussed the motion and all present agreed that they are in favour of the motions put forward by LTC.
Llanidloes Town Council also emailed the Clerk today to invite a representative of TCC to attend a meeting at LTC regarding a request to The Powys Teaching Health Board to reinstate the patient beds that were removed when the palliative care unit was being built but have not been reinstated. The concern is that services keep being depleted they will try to close the hospital which would be a huge loss to Llanidloes and the surrounding area. Cllr B Crone confirmed that she will be attending this meeting anyway and is happy to represent TCC.

- c. **Woodland Trust:** Wales Tree of the Year Competition. There are no trees that Cllrs can think of which could be put forward for this. No action.
- d. **Cambrian Mountains Initiative:** Updates on various projects. Details noted, no action at present. The Cambrian Mountains map is planned for a reprint in 2020 and TCC has been asked whether it would like to be on the map but Cllrs are not able to make a decision without knowing whether a cost will be attached as it was previously. No action.
- e. **One Voice Wales:** Confirmation of Community Councils right as statutory consultees relating to planning matters. Other Councils have been told that Community Councils are not statutory consultees on planning applications. This has been raised and confirmed as incorrect by One Voice Wales.

7. Reports: Cllr B Crone and Cllr D Pugh attended the recent One Voice Wales Area Meeting and provided the following report:

Cllr D Pugh and Cllr B Crone attended Maldwyn Area Committee meeting and AGM at Machynlleth on Tuesday 18th June 2019. Cllr Gareth Davies from Castle Caereinion was re-elected as Chair, with Cllr Ifion Davies from Llanbrynmair as Vice Chair. Cllr D Pugh and Cllr Rachel Davies (Caersws Community Council) were re-elected to the National Executive Committee and Cllr D Pugh was also re-elected to the Powys Public Service Board. Cllr Tony Jones was re-elected to the Powys War Memorial Trust committee. Cllr D Pugh was also re-appointed as the Press Officer for OVW, and was also asked to produce a Press Release on the visit of Dr Caroline Turner, CEO of PCC.

The meeting dates for 2019/20 and possible venues were discussed. The ordinary meeting followed the AGM.

The new CEO for Powys County Council, Dr Caroline Turner and PCC Corporate Director for Economy and Environment Mr Nigel Brinn attended and gave a presentation on the current structure of the council which is facing huge challenges and tough decision due to the unfavourable settlement received from WAG. Dr Turner explained that re-structuring has resulted in a smaller management team with some cost savings and that 4 scrutiny committees were now in post looking at all aspects of the council. A question and answer session provided members with the opportunity to voice their concerns about the running of the Council and the impact PCC's decision's have on communities in Powys.

The Area Chair suggested a mass protest at the Welsh Assembly to demand a change to the present funding formula which was causing so much hardship to rural communities, to be attended by all Town and Community Councils, County Councillors and AM'S This suggestion to be conveyed to other Area Committees via the Development Officer and discussed further at the next meeting.

Two members from the Remuneration Panel for Wales also gave a presentation explaining the details of the recent report and its significance to Town and Community Councils, and the correct procedure that should be followed to implement the report. Most important was the need for Councils to make their decisions of Cllr remuneration annually and Clerks to inform the panel of their councils decisions by the 30th September each year.

It was reported that OVW now has some training information on their website and the development officer suggested that they could be used as a refresher for Councillors and should be used in conjunction to attending training sessions where possible.

The next area meeting was confirmed as 24th September 2019 at 7pm in Castle Caereinion.

It was mentioned that One Voice Wales often ask for volunteer councils to host the area meetings. Cllr D Pugh and Cllr B Crone reported that Trefeglwys CC have only ever hosted once and proposed that we volunteer for one of the next area meetings. This was agreed by all Cllrs present.

8. Planning:

- a. **Application Reference: 19/0868/FUL** Grid Reference: E:288931 N: 292076 Proposal: Conversion of former staff accommodation to a dwelling Site Address: Former Staff Accommodation, Staylittle Outdoor Pursuit Centre, Staylittle, Llanbrynmair Powys
Cllrs discussed this planning application and were in unanimous agreement that they have no objections and that the proposal is a positive one for the property.

9. Finances/Accounts:

- a. **Internal Audit** completed and ready for Council approval prior to External Audit. Clerk forwarded the completed audit and financial information to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The details were discussed and all Cllrs present were in unanimous agreement to approve and sign the documentation and to send on to the external auditor. Clerk to action.
Chair Cllr M Smith raised the point yet again that there is a high cost to compliance to the current system as it takes up much of the Clerks time and the information required is close to what might be expected of an accountant yet Clerks generally have no accounts training unless it is a career/training they have had previously. Clerk to draft a letter to send to the Wales Audit Office.
- b. **Account Balances** (up to 15th June)
Current account = £7,315.02
Wind Farm account = £5,545.19

Clerk confirmed that a transfer letter will need to be drafted in order to ensure the figures in the Wind Farm Account are correct due to funds going out of the current account for the defibrillator and some funds coming in as donations towards the same. Clerk to draft for the next meeting.

c. Payments and Receipts:

<u>Monies Out</u>	Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer)	= £222.20
	Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer)	= £47.91
	HMRC PAYE tax	= £2.20
	Upper Bridge Enterprises (Website hosting)	= £240.35
	Cllr Derrick Pugh (mileage for area meeting)	= £24.30

Bills to be paid were proposed for payment by Cllr B Crone and seconded by Cllr N Bennett.

<u>Monies In</u>	Donation towards Llawryglyn Defibrillator	= £750.00
	HSBC (Interest)	= £3.00

10. Chairman / Councillors Comments:

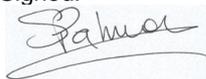
Cllr B Crone: Llawryglyn Village Association may require some funding to help with events in the village. Clerk to ask for details of what funding they require and details of what it is.

Cllr D Pugh: asked whether we have received a response from the Boundary Commission about the objection to the boundary proposal. Clerk confirmed that no response has been received. Clerk to chase a response as it is still a concern.

11. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall meeting room which has been brought forward due to the Clerks holiday.

Chair Cllr M Smith thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.23pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)