

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Decisions Made on**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

Councillors: Cllr Morris Smith (Chair)  
Cllr Derrick Pugh  
Cllr Myra Jones  
Cllr Aled Rees

Apologies: Cllr Nicholas Bennett  
Cllr Jane Anwyl (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Beryl Crone  
Cllr Endaf Meddins  
Cllr David Jerman  
Cllr P Tranter

Present: Sophie Palmer (Clerk)  
County Cllr Phyl Davies

**Due to the Coronavirus outbreak the Council has not been meeting in public and will aim to meet in person soon as soon as this is possible and safe. Until this is possible, the meetings will be held remotely.**

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 made.
3. Minutes of the remote meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were approved and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D Pugh and seconded by Cllr M Jones.
4. **Risk Assessment:** Due to the lifting of certain restrictions Councils have been prompted to complete risk assessments for carrying out Council work with new measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus. Clerk has drafted a set of risk assessments which have been sent to Cllrs and will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.
5. **Highways:**
  - a. **Passing Places and Resurfacing – Waen** The Highways Officer has been in contact to confirm that there are no further updates on this matter but that the U2570 down past Hughescote is due to be resurfaced next week which is positive.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **Bus Shelter:** The Clerk has been in contact with the landowners who have agreed that a fence would be fine to ensure the security of the field as long as the bus shelter is not transparent. However the land owner felt that £50 per year was a reasonable amount and has therefore asked what figure TCC has in mind, Cllrs reiterated that the initial suggestion of a peppercorn rent (£1 per annum) was what they were hoping for as it is for the community and benefit of the landowners own family. Clerk to go back to the landowner again.
  - b. **Mes Bach:** Request for funds for project. The Clerk has been in communication with Mes Bach who have confirmed that if they were to receive the £2,000 from TCC they would be able to start and complete part of the whole project straight away. They have some other funds coming to them and also have further fund raising plans in place once it is possible to go ahead with them. Cllrs discussed and agreed to draw a cheque for the £2,000 amount pledged on the basis that the funds are used for that project only and for the works suggested to be carried out.
  - c. **Dog Fouling bins in Llawrylgyn** The request has gone to the senior manager who we are waiting for a response from.
  - d. **Clinical Waste Issue** Cllr P Davies was in attendance and gave the following update; this project is an 'all Wales' project and requires a number of authorities to engage. A site is being looked at in Neath which could recycle but at present many resources have been diverted due to the COVID-19 outbreak so it will take time until this will be at the top of the agenda.
  - e. **Powys CC:** Home to School Transport Policy: Cllrs discussed this and felt that it isn't as straight forward a matter as it first seems. Some students choose to travel outside of the county to study but other have to as the course they wish to do is only available out of county. Also someone could potentially travel much further within the county than if they go out of it depending on where they are located and where their course is located due to the size of Powys. Clerk to respond.

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

All COVID-19 related updates from various organisations and the Welsh & UK Government have been forwarded to Cllrs and shared online where necessary.

- a. **Letter from Julie James, Minister for Housing & Local Government:** Information noted and shared.
- b. **Powys CC:** The future of Special Educational/Additional Learning Needs in Powys. Cllrs discussed this following asking Cllr Davies some questions. It is felt that this is a very important matter which needs to be addressed and TCC are in support of it. Clerk to confirm the councils support.
- c. **Local Resident:** Request for help lobbying for mobile not-spots. This relates to masts that have been put up to provide better communication for the emergency services. A local resident has asked whether these masts can be used for creating better signal for the rural communities surrounding it where broadband etc is still very poor. Cllrs discussed and are under the impression that this is a separate network for the emergency services only in which case they cannot be used for communities. Clerk to respond to the resident.
- d. **PCC:** Displaced On-Street Parking Due to COVID-19 Safety Measures. Information noted. This does not affect TCC directly but it does affect it's residents who go into the towns where this is being imposed.

**8. Reports:**

- a. **Virtual Meeting with PCC for Town & Community Councils** Clerk attended a virtual meeting held by PCC involving Town & Community Councils. There were no specific matters to report although good that the engagement is there with PCC and hopefully this will continue and be a good way to communicate, ask questions and clarify matters with PCC directly in the future.

**9. Requests for Financial Assistance:**

- a. Marie Curie Powys Branch: Cllrs discussed and did not wish to provide funds at this time as they wish to keep donations within the community.

**10.Planning**

- a. **Old School Development:** The query has been raised regarding the original approved plans for the old school development in Trefeglwys. There are a number of plans as they were added to or altered over time prior to any works starting. The access was the main query and this has to be from the site of the old village hall as it is the only available access within the ownership of the land.

**11.Finances/Accounts:**

- a. **Account Balances:**  
Current Account = £9,955.42  
Wind Farm Account = £8,769.84

- b. **Payments and Receipts:**

Monies Out

Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer) = £246.84 (22hrs) - £49.20 (PAYE) = £197.64 (total)  
Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer) = £20.30  
HMRC PAYE tax = £49.20

Monies In

None

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr A Rees and seconded by Cllr D Pugh.

**12.Councillors comments:**

**Cllr P Davies:** asked whether an issue raised about chicken muck on the roads had been brought to the Council, Clerk and Cllrs confirmed they have not been contacted regarding this matter. Cllr P Davies has this in hand.

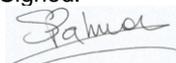
**Cllr M Smith:** Confirmed that the road where he lives seems to have been marked out for some roadworks so hopefully improvements will follow.

**Cllr D Pugh:** asked what is happening with face to face meetings. The Clerk confirmed that the current guidance from One Voice Wales states that meetings should not take place other than remotely until they hear otherwise. The Clerk will stay up to date with changes in guidance from the Government etc.

**13.Date of next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for 2<sup>7</sup><sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Chairman Cllr M Smith thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)