

Trefeglwys Community Council

Minutes of Decisions Made on

Thursday 26th November 2020

Councillors: Cllr Morris Smith (Chair)
Cllr Jane Anwyl (Vice Chair)
Cllr Derrick Pugh
Cllr Paul Tranter
Cllr Beryl Crone
Cllr David Jerman (arrived 7.53pm)
Cllr Nicholas Bennett
Cllr Endaf Meddins

Apologies: Cllr Aled Rees

Present: Sophie Palmer (Clerk)

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak the Council has not been meeting in public and will aim to meet in person 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.*
None given.
3. Minutes of the remote meeting held on 24th September 2020 following alterations discussed at previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record by Cllr B Crone and seconded by Cllr D Pugh. Minutes of the remote meeting held on 22nd October 2020 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr B Crone and seconded by Cllr J Anwyl.
4. **Long Term Meeting Arrangements** Cllrs discussed how they wish to hold meetings moving forward. The Clerk confirmed that One Voice Wales is advising Councils not to meet face to face and the Welsh Government is suggesting that people should work from home if possible. The Clerk also confirmed that subject to approved risk assessments and following COVID guidelines, the hall would be available to use but there would be a need to hold the meeting on a Wednesday or a Friday.
It was noted that a number of other councils locally are holding physical meetings.
Councillors discussed and then voted. The vote was unanimous for holding physical meetings and suggested holding these on a Wednesday evening.
Clerk confirmed that she would put together the required risk assessments and contact the hall to make the booking.
5. **Highways:**
 - a. **Passing Places and Resurfacing – Waen** PCC has confirmed that passing places were a condition of planning so this information has been sent to planning to action as an enforcement case. This may take some time due to Planning prioritising applications over enforcement. Clerk to follow up and keep on the agenda until auctioned.
 - b. **Tree stump blocking right of way** This has been reported to PCC but Clerk has not yet received a response. Cllr D Pugh confirmed that the tree stump is still there. Clerk to chase.
 - c. **Potholes in Trefeglwys at Llawryglyn turn** This has been reported but no response as to whether or not it has been auctioned, Clerk to chase.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Boundary Commission update.** Cllr Phyl Davies has asked about this on behalf of TCC and been told that it is moving apace, they have confirmed the last three counties so now awaiting a decision from Welsh Government. Clerk to resend original objections to the Boundary Commission.
 - b. **Welsh Government Consultation:** Consultation - Regulations to establish Corporate Joint Committees. Information noted, no action
 - c. **Welsh Government Consultation:** Establishing the Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021. Information noted, no action
7. **Correspondence** *(All correspondence received has previously been forwarded to Cllrs. Cllrs to comment on correspondence relevant to Trefeglwys Community Council):*
 - a. **PCC Regeneration Team:** Call for expressions of interest for broadband support and advice Cllrs discussed and were in agreement that broadband is very limited across various areas of the Trefeglwys wards. Cllrs agreed that TCC should forward an expression of interest to take part in this pilot. Chairman Cllr Morris Smith offered to do this.
 - b. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Survey asking for view of pharmacy services in Powys. Information noted, no action.
 - c. **Audit Wales:** Future audit arrangements for Town & Community Councils. Information noted, no action.
 - d. **Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee:** Thank you letter for donation received. Noted.

8. Reports: No reports at this time.

9. Planning: No planning applications received.

No new planning applications were received within the Trefeglwys area but a crematorium has recently been proposed in Caersws. Clerk is also Clerk for Caersws Community Council and confirmed that the pre-application consultation has been received and Cllrs have discussed it and have had various comments from local residents and invited a representative from the Crematorium to its meeting. The main concerns were for the local roads and the concern over the extra vehicles the development would bring on road which are already dangerous.

10. Finances/Accounts:

a. Account Balances:

Current Acc = £9,747.45

Wind Farm Acc = £8,770.06

b. Accounts and Budget and precept discussion: Cllrs requested more time to look at the accounts as the Clerk sent them out the same day as the meeting. Clerk will update the accounts with November's transactions and resend all accounts information prior to the December meeting for discussion.

c. Payments and Receipts:

Monies Out

Clerks Wages (Sophie Palmer) = £230.60 (full pay) - £46.00 (PAYE) = £184.60

Clerks backdated pay = £44.95 - £9.00 = £35.95

Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer) = £23.34

HMRC PAYE tax = £55.00

Cllrs discussed whether or not to make donations to the village halls as usual. It was acknowledged that they may have received funds from PCC/Welsh Government but Cllrs felt that the halls should be supported as usual as they have been unable to raise funds as they normally would this year. It was agreed to donate £1000 to Trefeglwys Memorial Hall and £300 to Staylitttle Hall.

Trefeglwys Hall Committee Donation = £1,000.00

Staylitttle Hall donation = £300.00

Monies In

Ventient Energy (Wind Farm) = £1,520.21

Cllr B Crone asked about VAT returns. Clerk confirmed that we have not received any VAT back for some time so will look into this prior to the next meeting.

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr B Crone and seconded by Cllr D Jerman.

11. Councillor Comments:

Cllr P Tranter: There have been some issues along Cilhaul Lane regarding the bins and what bins are available for who as there is one wheelie bin, one large static bin and two brown wheelie bins. Chairman Cllr Morris Smith suggested that the Clerk confirms the details with Cllr P Tranter and draft a letter to send to PCC to clarify the situation.

Cllr B Crone: asked about what form of communication should be used between Cllrs as some are communicating via Whats App but not everyone has access to this. Clerk and Chairman Cllr M Smith confirmed that this has been used as a quick way of informing the Clerk of an issue locally such as potholes to be reported for example or for the Clerk to contact a Cllr regarding signing cheques etc. Information which all Cllrs need to be aware of is disseminated via email.

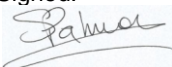
Cllr B Crone also stated that it was agreed some time ago that the Clerk would copy all Cllrs into any communication such as letters regarding matters such as responses to consultations and planning applications. Clerk apologised as she had not done this with some previous correspondence. This will be sent on to Cllrs for their records.

Cllr D Jerman: stated how good the war memorial looks lit up for Remembrance and wondered whether TCC could request that this is done throughout the whole year. Clerk to pose this question.

12. Date of next meeting: The next meeting as confirmed at the start of the meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday 16th December 2020 at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall.

Chairman Cllr M Smith thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)