

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Decisions Made on**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Remote Meeting**

Councillors:	Cllr Morris Smith(Chair)(joined at 7.46pm) Connection issues throughout Cllr Jane Anwyl (Vice Chair) (took over as Chair when Cllr M Smith disconnected from the meeting) Cllr Derrick Pugh Cllr Paul Tranter (joined 8.23pm) Cllr Beryl Crone Cllr David Jerman Cllr Nicholas Bennett Cllr Endaf Meddins Cllr Aled Rees
Apologies:	None
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:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest.** *Declarations of interest whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*  
Cllr A Rees declared an interest in agenda item 9b.  
Chairman Cllr M Smith declared an interest in agenda item 9a.  
Cllr J Anwyl declared an interest in agenda item 7a.
3. Minutes of the remote meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr N Bennett and seconded by Cllr B Crone.
4. **Councillor Vacancy Update** PCC have confirmed that no one has come forward to request an election so we can now post the notice of Vacancy. Clerk will post the Notice of Vacancy for which the deadline will be the day of the January meeting.

Chairman Cllr M Smith joined the meeting (7.46pm) after having connection issues.

5. **Highways:**
  - a. **Passing Places and Resurfacing – Waen** Nothing further received from PCC – as it is an enforcement case this may take some time as they are prioritising applications over enforcement. Agreed to leave this on the agenda until rectified.
  - b. **Tree stump blocking right of way** PCC have confirmed that this should be removed before Christmas, priority was given to salt on roads being topped up beforehand. Clerk to chase again before Christmas.
  - c. **Potholes in Trefeglwys at Llawryglyn turn** PCC have filled this.
  - d. **Streetlight not working in Llwynyogog** This was reported to PCC, no response as yet. Clerk to chase up.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **Boundary Commission update** Clerk has resent the original objection letter to the boundary commission requesting a response to TCC's concerns and have copied all Cllrs into the email.
  - b. **Broadband Pilot Project** Cllr M Smith has actioned this. Nothing further to report at present.
  - c. **Clinical Waste** County Cllr Phyl Davies has sent the following response regarding this matter: *There were just before lockdown WG initiatives looking at AHP/Nappy waste collections and providing a collection for this alongside current collections. I will get the information from Ashley Collins the senior manager for Waste in PCC. Obviously due to the current pandemic PCC have been working on business critical issues and certain things due to resource have not moved forward at the same pace as previously hoped.* Clerk to draft a letter asking for this matter to be prioritised especially with all of the PPE etc. Clerk to draft and send to Cllrs.
  - d. **Talgarth Lane Refuse Collections** Clerk has drafted a letter to send the County Cllr P Davies which was read out. There was an error in that it was stated at Cilhaul Lane when it is actually Talgarth Lane. This letter was agreed for Clerk to send on.
  - e. **Light at memorial next to Trefeglwys Hall** The Hall Committee have said that they could consider having the memorial lit more often. Cllrs thought it would not be needed during the lighter months so maybe suggest for it to be lit between the clock changes from October to March each year. Clerk to confirm this request to the Hall Committee.

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

- a. **Emyr & Jane Anwyl:** Planting trees at Rhoshgoch, Staylitttle. A request for support for a tree planting project. Cllrs in support. Clerk to confirm. Clerk confirmed that another similar project was also sent through. This project was also given support from Cllrs. Clerk to confirm.
- b. **Website contact:** request for details of someone in Staylitttle from someone unable to get in contact with the person they came to stay with. Clerk confirmed that Cllr E Meddins had been able to help the two parties make contact earlier in the month.
- c. **Powys Community Health Council:** Survey for Stakeholders. Cllr confirmed responses to the survey which covered issues such as waiting time for ambulances, distance from hospitals and nhs dentist issues. Clerk completed the survey on behalf of TCC.
- d. **Dyfed Powys Police Commissioner:** Survey on Policing Priorities and Precept. Cllrs to complete as individuals.
- e. **Powys CC:** Ysgol Bro Hyddgen consultation. Cllrs felt that this does not affect Trefeglwys residents greatly. Cllr E Meddins is more aware of feelings of those from Staylitttle ward and beyond. Cllr E Meddins to confirm to Cllrs if more comments come forward that should be forwarded.
- f. **Powys CC:** Volunteering Recover Grant. Information noted and shared.
- g. **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Dental Provision Crisis in Powys. Cllrs agreed there is a big issue with provision of dentists across Powys. Clerk to draft a letter in response.
- h. **PCC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021:** Clerk to attend the next meeting held by PCC with Town & Community Council.

**8. Reports:** Cllr D Pugh attended an Executive Board Meeting last week and will send the minutes of the meeting onto Cllrs once they have been published.

**9. Planning:**

- a. **Application Reference: 20/1833/FUL** Grid Ref: E: 298896 N: 291339 Proposal: Erection of three broiler poultry units and conversion of existing free range building into broiler accommodation, associated infrastructure and landscaping Location: Argoed, Trefeglwys, Caersws Powys SY17 5QT

Cllrs discussed the above planning application at length during the meeting. The Clerk then drafted Cllrs concerns following the meeting which were agreed and forwarded to Powys Planning Department. The full comments can be viewed on Powys Planning Portal.

- b. **Application Reference: 20/1947/FUL** Grid Reference: E:287358 N: 291210 Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling, to include demolition of existing dwelling, installation of a treatment plant and all associated works Site Address: Nant Yr Hafod, Staylitttle, Llanbrynmair, Powys SY19 7DB

**Cllrs discussed the above planning application and agreed support for it.**

**10. Finances/Accounts:**

- a. **Account Balances:**  
Current account = £9,747.45  
Wind Farm account = £8,770.06
- b. **HSBC Account Safeguarding Review** HSBC are trying to carry out a safeguarding review. They require the dates of birth of all Cllrs. Clerk has confirmed to HSBC that Cllrs are not happy to provide this information and they have stated that without these details the accounts will be closed. Cllr B Crone received a call from someone who was supposed to contact the Clerk and he was extremely rude. Part of the issue is that HSBC do not understand that TCC is a Council and not a business, however TCC has a business account and therefore will be treated as one. Clerk has looked into other banks business accounts and it is possible that names and dates of birth and possibly more details could be required in order to set up a new account, although this may be for the signatories only. They may also require the signatories to go to the branch to show ID.  
There are options for specific accounts for councils but they come with a fee of around £6 per month. Further research to be done. Add to the next agenda.
- c. **VAT Returns:** Clerk has not confirmed amounts of VAT to be repaid, this should be confirmed at the January meeting.
- d. **Accounts and Budget and precept discussion:** Clerk had forwarded the accounts and budget information to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the breakdown of the precept and unanimously agreed on a precept amount of £5,500 for 2021/22. Clerk to confirm the precept request with PCC.
- e. **Payments and Receipts:**

Monies Out

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

Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer) = £28.66

HMRC PAYE tax = £46.00

Monies In None

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

**11. Councillor Comments:**

**Cllr A Rees:** Recently attended the Code of Conduct Training which he found very useful.

**Cllr P Tranter:** There is a lot of concern over PCC Council Tax rises. Clerk to add to the next agenda.

**Cllr B Crone:** People in the community are asking why TCC are not meeting face to face. Suggestion to draft something to add to Facebook confirming this. Cllr B Crone is happy to draft this.

**12. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting date was discussed and agreed for the usual day of the fourth Thursday of the month which will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Chairman Cllr M Smith thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Palmer', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)