

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Decisions Made on**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Remote Meeting**

Councillors: Cllr Morris Smith(Chair)  
Cllr Jane Anwyl (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Derrick Pugh  
Cllr Paul Tranter  
Cllr Beryl Crone  
Cllr Nicholas Bennett (joined at 7.48pm following Governors meeting)  
Cllr Endaf Meddins  
Cllr Aled Rees

Apologies: Cllr David Jerman

Present: Sophie Palmer (Clerk)  
County Councillor Phyl Davies

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.*
3. Minutes of the remote meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr J Anwyl and seconded by Cllr A Rees.

As County Cllr Phyl Davies was present at the meeting but only available for a short time it was decided to bring certain agenda items forward in order to raise queries with County Cllr P Davies whilst he was available. The following agenda items were brought forward:

**Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon proposed consultation to change from dual stream to bilingual:**

Cllrs asked County Cllr Phyl Davies about the consultation and raised the following concerns:

**Cllr M Smith:** There are houses being built in Trefeglwys and the new people may not be catered for without the dual stream school and have to send their children elsewhere.

**County Cllr P Davies:** The data has been looked at and considered in full and the dual stream is no longer viable due to low intake. There are currently no children in Reception or Year 1 in the English Stream

**Cllr B Crone:** is aware of families who were told by the school that it is Welsh only.

**County Cllr P Davies:** There are a number of rumours and accusations but these have all been refuted by the school.

**Cllr P Tranter:** feels that this is a foregone conclusion and predetermined. It is a financial decision because the school receives more money for the Welsh Stream.

**County Cllr P Davies:** The Welsh Stream is currently funding the English Stream as the number in the English are so low. School closures will be happening for schools with very low numbers. This is not on the cards for Trefeglwys at this time.

County Cllr P Davies concluded that it has not yet gone to consultation but once it has he can request someone more knowledgeable on the matter to attend a meeting and answer Cllrs questions if they wish.

**Clinical Waste:**

There are projects in the pipeline to address this issue. There are logistical and financial implications to work out. This has been delayed due to Covid but is still on the card.

**Boundary Commission**

The draft of changes to boundaries has been finalised but no further information has been received.

**Council Tax**

Powys CC has confirmed that there will be a 3.9% council tax increase.

Chair Cllr M Smith raised the point that there is a court case currently in Cardiff and one in Welshpool regarding employees who have been suspended but arguably should have been struck off. Cllr P Tranter noted that it is very emotive to an electorate that the County Council cannot control it's workforce and are not dealing with people properly when they have acted wrongly in their roles within the Council.

County Cllr P Davies stated that these issues are being dealt with.

#### 4. Councillor Vacancy Co-option:

Emails received from interested members of the community have been forwarded onto all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Councillors noted that it was a great result to have so much interest for one vacancy and all candidates were of high calibre. The candidates are listed below:

Adam Britton  
Marion Brench  
Pat Davies  
Charles Patterson  
Tim Ware

Clerk confirmed the voting process via secret ballot which would be carried out remotely by each Cllr sending a private message to the Clerk in order for her to count up votes for each person. Following the first secret ballot vote the Clerk confirmed that Cllrs had unanimously voted for Marion Brench.

Clerk confirmed that she will make contact with all candidates to confirm the outcome of the vote. Chair Cllr M Smith asked the Clerk to send Marion Brench's email address onto him so that he could contact her direct. Clerk will send all information and documentation onto Marion Brench following the meeting and invite her to the next meeting in order to officially co-opt her onto the Council.

#### 5. Highways:

- a. **Passing Places and Resurfacing – Waen** This is still being put through enforcement and no further updates have been received as yet. Clerk will continue to chase this with Planning.
- b. **Tree stump blocking right of way** PCC have confirmed that the tree stump has been removed.
- c. **Potholes in Trefeglwys at Llawryglyn turn:** This item was left on the agenda in error. The potholes were filled in as confirmed at the previous meeting.
- d. **Streetlight not working in Llwynyogog:** Cllr J Anwyl has confirmed that this has been fixed.

#### 6. Matters Arising:

- a. **Boundary Commission update** This matter has been in the press recently. No response received from the Boundary Commission. This matter was also discussed at the start of the meeting when County Cllr Phyl Davies was present.
- b. **Broadband Pilot Project** Chair Cllr M Smith confirmed that he was contacted by the project but it seems Trefeglwys and its wards are not eligible to be part of the project as a big part of the centre of the village has fibre broadband and it is mainly the outlying areas which are struggling.
- c. **Clinical Waste** As discussed at the previous meeting a letter was drafted and sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting however in light of comments made by County Cllr Phyl Davies, Cllrs agreed not to send the letter at this time and see if there is some progress made with the plans to improve this area.
- d. **Talgarth Lane Refuse Collections:** Information regarding this was received from County Cllr Phyl Davies confirming that residents would be made aware of the details.
- e. **Light at memorial next to Trefeglwys Hall:** Chair of the Hall Committee has confirmed that the committee is happy with the suggestion to have the memorial lit during the winter months between the clocks changing. Chair to the Hall Committee is waiting to receive the details of costs involved.
- f. **Streetlight in Llwnyogog Village** Item duplicated from Highways agenda item, see agenda item 5d.
- g. **Llandrindod Wells Town Council: Response to survey on the Dental Provision Crisis in Powys** Draft letter sent to Cllrs prior to meeting which was then discussed and agreed to be sent at the meeting. Clerk to action.
- h. **Council Tax rise concerns:** Cllrs discussed their concerns over the proposed council tax rise and Clerk noted the concerns and points raised in order to draft a letter to be sent to PCC once Cllrs have approved it.

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

- a. **One Voice Wales:** NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Leave on agenda to consider what might be able to be.
- b. **Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon** Planned consultation to change the school from dual stream to bilingual and remove the English Stream. This point was discussed at the start of the meeting when County Cllr Phyl Davies was present. Cllrs agreed that there would be no point in further discussions until the details of the consultation have been received.

#### 8. Reports:

Cllr D Pugh and the Clerk both attended the Powys CC Meeting with Town & Community Councils. The slides presented during the meeting were sent by PCC which was then forwarded on to all Cllrs by Cllr D Pugh.

#### 9. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a. **Urdd Gobaith Cymru:** No donation
- b. **Wales Air Ambulance:** No donation

**10.Planning:** no planning received

**11.Finances/Accounts:**

**a. Account Balances:**

Current Account = £10,548.64

Wind Farm Account = £8770.28

**b. Bank Accounts for consideration:** Information was sent to Cllrs prior to meeting in regards to different options for bank accounts. Cllrs discussed the various options and agreed unanimously to open a new account with Unity Trust. Clerk to action.

**c. VAT Returns** The below claims will be completed once new bank account details can be confirmed:

2017/18 = £49.14

2018/19 = £82.34

2019/20 = £36.56

**d. Payments and Receipts:**

Monies Out

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

Clerks Expenses (Sophie Palmer) = £23.43

HMRC PAYE tax = £46.00

PCC (bus shelter license) = £5.00

Monies In

Precept = £2,167.00

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

**12.Councillor Comments:**

**Cllr N Bennett:** Confirmed that he had been unable to confirm details of the YDT proposed consultation as Governors had been asked to keep the information confidential.

**Cllr A Rees:** The Trefeglwys Hall Committee have not held a physical meeting but emails have been sent back and forth. They have managed to secure a total of £16,000.00 funding during the Covid pandemic. Cllr A Rees confirmed that he is unsure of the finances in general for the Hall Committee.

**Cllr M Smith:** has been approached by local residents who have heard that PCC will provide bin bags for litter picking which can be left on the side of the road for collection by PCC for free. Clerk to request info and report back.

**Cllr B Crone:** Keep Wales Tidy may have previously provided litter pickers etc for those willing to collect litter in their local area. Clerk to look into this and find out if they still provide equipment.

**13.Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

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

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)