

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Michael Breese Davies  
Nick Bennett  
John Hughes  
Rhiannon Jones  
Derrick Pugh arrived 8:50 after attending an earlier Traffic Meeting in Newtown.  
John Williams

**In Attendance:** Mrs Mary Shergold (Clerk)  
County Cllr Graham Jones

**From the Community:**

**Apologies:** Cllr Williams, Cllr Meddins, Cllr Davies and Cllr Preston

**The Chairman** welcomed Cllr John Williams and thanked Cllr Arthur Williams for taking the Chair at the last meeting.

**Approval of Community Council Minutes** from previous Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012, was proposed as accurate by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Bennett, all agreed.

**Declaration of Interest:** The Chairman requested approval of all declaring their interest if applicable at the start of each meeting with effect from that day, all agreed. The Chairman then asked if anyone had any declaration of interest, Cllr Bennett declared a personal interest with regard the letter relating to P2012 0452 planning application.

**Matters Arising:**

**Broadband Meeting on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm:** Cllr Breese Davies is attending this meeting at Newtown. The purpose of the meeting is to find solutions to not only enable access to broadband but to see Montgomeryshire becoming one of the fastest areas for broadband connection in Wales. Clerk to contact Cllr Meddins with regard to Broadband in the Staylitttle area.

**Single Turbines: Regarding 146ft (45m) high Turbine for Kerry Vale.** The Chairman has been approached by TRAPP for the Community Council to support the 'anti-single wind turbine cause' at either a public meeting or a letter of support against these turbines. The Chairman also advised that the dispensation regarding wind farms has ceased until further notice. The Community Council discussed this and agreed they are unable to support TRAPP's request.

**Swansea Metropolitan University Questionnaire:** Clerk has filled in the questionnaire but needs to query at least one question with the Community Council. This was checked and agreed.

**Marie Curie:** The Community Council discussed donations in general and agreed to wait until nearer the end of their financial year and then assess all donation requests received and decide which ones they will donate to.

**Staylitttle Playgroup:** The Community Council had previously discussed donations in general and agreed to wait until nearer the end of their financial year and then assess all donation requests received and decide which ones they will donate to.

**Local Democracy White Paper:** The Chairman requested approval from the Council that the Clerk and himself do this on behalf of the Community Council due to the length of time involved in completing this. All approved.

**SSE Renewables re Nant-y-Moch Wind Farm:** The changes were discussed and it was agreed to pass the details on to TRAPP.

### Highways:

- **Trefeglwys – Llawryglyn road & B4569 Caersws – Llanidloes, via Trefeglwys** - temporary closure. A further notice to go up on notice board. The Chairman advised the various problems that Severn Trent staff have tried to resolve but due to the pinch point at church gate by old shop where there is a major connection in main water pipe system with 3 pipes entering one system from Llwynceilyn, Stonebridge and Maesygomer, the three roads needs to be open at the same time. Therefore, they have no other option but to close the road to complete the work. Road closed daytime for 2 weeks.
- Llawryglyn - Blocked Culvert at **Gesceilfa** has been unblocked and pot holes near **Tyn-y-Wtra** junction have been temporarily filled in.

### Reports:

**Llawryglyn Notice Board:** To be put on next Month's agenda.

**Code of Conduct Training:** The Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Pugh attended the Code of Conduct training at Welshpool. This was a very informative training session but some attendees felt that the current code of conduct was mainly for County Councils and there should be a separate one relative to Town and Community Councils. They were advised to write to One Voice Wales to bring this to their attention for lobbying to the Welsh Government on behalf of their members. After discussion Cllr Jones proposed the motion for the Clerk write a letter and also request that this could be a motion for the forthcoming One Voice Wales Conference; this was seconded by Cllr Williams and all were in favour.

**OVW Area AGM Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Llanidloes:** The Chairman, Cllr Breese Davies, and the Chairman of OVW Area Committee, Cllr Pugh attended. The Chairman reported that Cllr Pugh had completed his two years of Chairmanship, which is the longest term one can serve. Hywel Evans, previous Vice-Chairman, was voted in as Chairperson, in his acceptance speech he paid great homage to Cllr Pugh. Chris Backshall from Carreghofa was voted in as Vice Chairman. Cllr Pugh and Cty Cllr Rachel Davies were voted in as representatives on the National Executive Committee and Cllr Pugh was voted to continue on the Local Service Board of PCC and also nominated as deputy representative of Powys Regeneration Partnership. Cllr John Whittal Williams from Llanidloes was appointed on the Powys Teaching Health Board Stakeholder Group. The Meeting dates for 2012/13 are October 2<sup>nd</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Ordinary Meeting then took place where various issues were discussed, i.e.:

- Local Environment Initiative (PCC) – Grants available.
- Bronglais Hospital – is not being downgraded and two new consultants are to be appointed.
- Training
- Reports from various bodies on which the Area Committee is represented.
- Membership, Recruitment and Retention – 760 Councils are members which represents 75%.
- Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Trefeglwys Community Council's letter to the Boundary Commission was read out and the Council was complimented on its content.

**Old School site:** Mr Jones has advised that due to the inclement weather conditions he has not been able to start work at the old school. County Cllr Jones has written to him to request that this is treated as a priority.

**Flower Boxes:** These are now in situ with a colourful display. The Community Council agreed to send letters of thanks to Mr Allen, Mr Jones, Mrs Penfold and Mrs Lloyd.

**Local Service Board:** Cllr Pugh entered the Meeting Room at 8:50pm and immediately gave his report on the Local Service Board Meeting he attended earlier that day, 19<sup>th</sup> July at Llandrindod Wells.

The new Chairman is County Cllr David Jones of Guilsfield who is also the Leader of the Cabinet at PCC.

Many agencies, i.e. Police, Ambulance, Fire Services, are Members of the LSB and meet to discuss how they can improve their performance management. The most important changes are for the Police:

- 20% cut in the Dyfed Powys Police budget.
- Special Constables will be given greater Powers.
- Police and Crime Communication Officer who will have control over the budgets.

They are also currently encouraging Town and Community Councils to become more involved in the well-being in the Community, e.g. tidy-up schemes, street lighting, cemeteries.

**Finance:** Clerk drafted a letter of thanks to Jackie Pugh for completing the Internal Audit 2011-2012, which the Community Council agreed approval.

April to June's accounts was distributed for Community Council's perusal.

Items to be agreed by the Community Council for payment and monies in:

Payments In:	None	
Payments Out:	OVW Training (New councillor Training)	£30.00
	ICO Renewal licence	£35.00

**Correspondence:** To receive those listed below and other items of general correspondence.

**Planning Portals.** Noted.

**Nomination – Standards Committee:** There are seven nominated people for the one position; one of them is Cllr Pugh. All agreed to support Cllr Pugh.

**Nomination – Birthday Honours 2013:** Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Training.** Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Environmental Partnership Information.** This is a small Grant Scheme and can be offered to any project within Powys that will benefit the environment and communities of Powys and support the environmental aims of the One Powys Plan. Further details can be found on <http://one.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=11571&L=0> Noted.

Letter from PCC re **Home to School Transport Arrangements Consultation.** Noted.

E-mail from Russell George re **Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales.** Noted.

Letter from the **Boundary Commission for Wales** re 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation period of Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales acknowledging TCC's letter. Noted.

Letter from Ceredigion **Local Development Plan 2007-2022.** Noted.

Letter from **RWE npower renewables** thanking TCC for their funding report and enclosing forms for next year and a Community Investment Booklet. Noted.

E-mail from OVW – **Keep Wales Tidy** Voucher Grant Scheme. This scheme is up to a maximum of £300 per year and available to constituted groups to help cover the cost of materials, tools, safety equipment

and native plants and shrubs. The vouchers are available to support voluntary groups to undertake practical environmental projects such as greening initiatives and clearance work. Noted.

E-mail from OVW – Scouts Wales – **The Impact of Scouting**. There is a waiting list of over 34,000 children and young people but needs volunteers and sources of funding. Noted.

Clerk & Council's Direct Newsletter. Unique Artwork created for Councils – **HM Queen Elizabeth II** – a celebration of 60 years on the throne. Cllr Hughes will bring this to the attention of the Hall Committee.

The Clerk Magazine. Noted.

PCC has sent TCC a letter regarding **P2012 0452** (the application for a 47M high anemometry mast for a further 12 months at Mawnog Bryn Glas, Llawyglynn) advising that the Regulatory Committee will meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to discuss this. At this point Cllr Bennett re-declared his interest and left the room.

It was agreed that Cllr Breese Davies will be attending as a speaker on behalf of the Community Council. He will reiterate the Community Council's comments on the planning application and add further concerns regarding danger to aviation, especially with respect to the smaller planes. Cllr Bennett was asked to return to the Meeting Room.

E-mail from PCC re **Play Safety Events** for Summer 2012. Drop-in sessions are Welshpool's Council Chamber on the 30<sup>th</sup> July and Newtown, The Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> August between 10am – 3pm.

E-mail from Russell George AM re **Newtown Traffic Meeting** on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. The Chairman had attended earlier but had to leave early to Chair the Community Council Meeting. Cllr Pugh also attended and on his return reported that approximately 200 people attended the meeting with Glyn Davies MP and Russell George AM and some members of the Welsh Assembly Government. The outcome was that the traffic lights that replaced the roundabout will remain and the building of the new by-pass will commence in 2015.

Letter from **Powys Regeneration Partnership** re Tour Dates for the marketing of the Rural Development Plan in Powys. Notice to be put up on Community Shop notice board.

Letter from **Trefeglwys Community Shop Limited** requesting a letter of support for shop signage each end of the village. The Community Council agreed to this.

E-mail from the Welsh Government regarding **Payments by Parish and Community Councils and Charter Trustees**. Noted.

E-mail from **National Grid** regarding a briefing is being held for Community Councils at Welshpool Town Hall Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 7:30pm – 9pm. The Chairman and Cllr J Williams will attend. Clerk to Contact Cllr A Williams.

E-mail from the Welsh Government re details of a Tyfu Pobl trip **Incredible Edible Todmorden**. <http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/wales-events/trip-to-incredible-edible-todmorden?view=Events> Noted.

All e-mails previously sent to Cllrs prior to meeting.

**Planning:** To receive and resolve responses to consultations by PCC.

**P2012 0329** application for a siting of a twin unit timber clad static holiday unit on land near existing holiday lodges, Trefeglwys has been **granted full planning permission by Powys County Council**.

**P2012 0365** application for construction of portal frame car port for two vehicles at Aberbachog, Staylitle has been **granted full planning permission by Powys County Council**.

**P2012 0415** application for engineering operations associated with (i) stabilising river bank (ii) temporary access in order to undertake the work (retrospective) at Trannon Caravan Park, Trefeglwys has been **granted full planning permission by Powys County Council**.

**Councillors Comments:**

The Chairman advised that he had been approached by Amegni for an informal meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> July to discuss a presentation that Amegni would like to propose to the Community Council at their meeting in September, October or possibly November. The meeting date cannot be confirmed until after the outcome of PCC's decision regarding the **Carno III Wind Farm**. However, if application is successful, the meeting will be to discuss the next stage, Community benefits and setup of a trust. The Community Council agreed to the meeting, which will then start at an earlier time of 7pm. Date to be advised.

The Chairman advised that, as many other councils promote their work through the media, perhaps **Trefeglwys Community Council** should do the same. After discussions it was agreed that Cllr Pugh be the press officer for the Community Council.

The Chairman referred to the LSB report regarding **Cemeteries**. Concerns have been raised about the tidying up of the Gleiniant cemetery, i.e. the one on the RH side heading towards Caersws. The Community Council agreed that the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Chapel.

The Chairman reminded the Council of their attendance to be part of the welcoming committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> July at the Welcome Reception in the Village Hall for the **World Championship Shooting Competitions**. He commended the Williams family for their commitment to bringing this World Championship to the village, which is a tremendous privilege, putting Trefeglwys on the world map.

**Date of next meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012 at 7:30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 10:15pm