

Trefeglwys Community Council
Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 22nd November 2012
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present:	Councillors:	Michael Breese Davies William Davies Rhiannon Jones Endaf Meddins Sue Preston Derrick Pugh Arthur Williams John Williams
In Attendance:		Mary Shergold (Clerk)
Visitors:		Steven Edwards (SPEN) Mr R Jenkins
Members of the Community attending:		10
Apologies:		County Cllr Graham Jones and Cllr Bennett

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the visitors.

Approval of Minutes from previous Community Council Meeting of the 25th October 2012 was proposed as accurate by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Jones, all agreed.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr A Williams and Cllr Jones declared their Interest with regard to the SPEN item and left the Meeting Room.

Matters Arising:

SPEN: The Chairman invited Mr Steven Edwards to give an update of SPEN's project so far.

Mr Edwards advised his Stage 2 report should be published in December. The main purpose of the 2nd October Workshop meeting was to make it thought provoking for ideas that he could take away and investigate. He advised that SPEN are aware of the importance of a 100M wide corridor from residential properties; a member of the community questioned this in relation to his own property near the hamlet of Cerist. Also, Mr Edwards advised that one of the purposes of the meeting of the 2nd October was to help alleviate fears from the community and apologised for suggesting a route (TR1) that appeared to do the opposite and it did not take long, working with the relevant people, to look at this option and find that it would not be a credible option. This will be formally recorded in December's report. Mr Edwards advised the reasons, which would make that particular route highly unlikely and also advised the various problems with using the other 5 suggested routes, which mainly utilized existing routes. These were mainly due to: capacity constraints in Newtown and Welshpool; other routes would be circuitous; unable to use difference capacity lines on the same poles; wild life and ecology; and also an issue near Clatter.

Mr Edwards advised that any parallel route would have to be at least a pole length from its parallel line, i.e. a new pole is 12M. This meant that the CC1 route is still SPEN's main contender. After further discussion with the Community Council and members of the community that were present, Mr Edwards then suggested that it may be possible to run a route parallel with part of the TR4 route that is within the corridor of the CC1 route and possibly underground some of the 33Kv line (cheaper than undergrounding the 132Kv line); then continue on the CC1 route to Caersws, then run a parallel line back to Carno joining up with their network cabling to Cefn Coch.

Mr Edwards advised that part III of the consultation will begin around March 2013 and the route will be show a 100M wide corridor where SPEN proposed it will go.

The Chairman thanked Mr Edwards who then left the meeting.

Mr Jenkins then spoke on behalf of the landowners regarding the TR1 route. He advised that they had felt let down and upset that the Community Council did not advise them that SPEN were investigating the (TR1) alternative route and it looked to them as if the Community Council had given in and were accepting the pylon line in Trefeglwys.

The Chairman explained that these possible alternative routes were an initial check by SPEN on their feasibility and if they turned out not to be feasible then no one would have been unnecessarily upset in the process. In this particular case, the group and Council had been made aware by Mr Edwards at that evening's meeting the (TR1) route was not classed as feasible by SPEN. He also advised that no one, including the Councillor's, wish to have these pylons in the Trefeglwys area and the Community Council are doing all in their power to avoid it but if it becomes compulsory then they would have at least tried to have an input, as to the best routing plan in order for minimum impact on the Community. He thanked the community group for showing a united front in front of SPEN.

Cllr Pugh reassured the group that the Council were fully supportive of the local people and that Trefeglwys had far more publicity than any other villages in Mid Wales re: Pylons and Windfarms. He advised the group that he been asked by TRAPP to once again film the public meeting the following evening, which would be uploaded onto YouTube, and if Mr Jenkins wanted to put forward his views then he was welcomed to take part in an interview.

The Chairman advised that TCC had received an e-mail from PCC re a motion from the **Town and Community Planning Liaison Meeting** in Llandrindod Wells of 26th January 2012 with regard to Wind Turbine Consents, which PCC feel these points may be useful to Town & Community Councils if looking at a small scale single wind turbine or a larger scale wind farm. They are based on advice that PCC has received from the Council's Q.C. It was Resolved that:

1. The development of on shore wind turbines and associated infrastructure will have a profound and long lasting impact upon the character, landscape and communities of Powys. Consequently, there is considerable public interest in the nature and impact of planning applications submitted to Powys County Council. It is therefore essential that planning applications concerning wind energy should, when submitted, be fully compliant with relevant regulations and policies on environmental issues. The Council will take planning decisions in an open and transparent manner taking into account, amongst other matters, the cumulative impact of such developments, the impact upon biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage (including architectural and archaeological heritage), landscape, tourism, and infrastructure, the effects on local economies, the efficiency/productivity of wind farms, and the inter-relationship between all these issues.
2. (PCC) The Council is in favour of the concept of sustainable energy and considers that more should be done to promote other forms of sustainable energy development, which do not have the potential impact of onshore wind farms.
3. (PCC) The Council again calls upon the UK and Welsh Governments to bring about a review of TAN 8 and other relevant policies.

TCC has also received an e-mail from DECC and Russell George, in response to TCC's letter to SPEN in which they were sent a copy. Also a letter has been received from SPEN in response to TCC's letter of the 25th October 2012.

Cllr A Williams and Cllr Jones were asked to return to Meeting Room.

It was greed that another letter is sent from the Community Council to SPEN regarding Mr Edwards' newly suggested route. The community group then left the Meeting.

Boundary Commission Revised Proposals: Boundary Commission re Electoral Arrangements Consultation. This consultation has run from the 24th October and closes on 18th December. Boundary Commission Revised Proposals for Montgomeryshire suggests it be split into two with their names being: **Radnor, Brecon and Montgomery** constituency and the **Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire** constituency. The revised proposals include the Blaen Hafren ward in the Radnor, Brecon and Montgomery constituency, which is the largest constituency of over 4000kms².

Bearing in mind that the consultation had previously been sent to the Councillors the Chairman gave a brief summary of the revised proposals and asked the Councillors whether they agreed to these new proposals or preferred to send another letter of objection. The Community Council agreed to the latter.

Highways:

Blocked Culvert by the Waen turning on the Llawryglyn -Trefeglwys road: The Chairman advised that the culvert was now working and he had spoken to Mr E Jones who advised him that the culvert the other side of the road had also been blocked, hence the reason for so much water laying on the road. Both culverts are now working.

Gleiniant Road: The blocked culvert near the bridge has been cleared so the matter is now resolved.

Waen Road: It appears that since a Hymax digger has been brought on to the forestry land no lorries are moving at present. PCC were contacting the contractors about the problem, which may be another reason why no traffic movement at present. This will continue to be monitored.

Reports:

The Old Glieniant Churchyard: The Chairman obtained permission from the Church Deacon for the old Cemetery to be tidied and, in the meantime, Cllr Pugh was approached by various volunteers so there was no need to contact the Young Farmers. A lot of tidying up has been done and another day should see it through to completion. Cllr Pugh circulated a photograph of the before and to date. Cllr Pugh has been commended by the Presbyterian Church Estates Manager in Cardiff on the transformation so far.

School Governors Meeting: Due to Cllr Bennett apologies – the matter will be carried forward to December's Agenda.

Local Service Board Meeting: Cllr Pugh attended this on 7 November 2012 and informed the Board that, as a result of the discussion at the last meeting regarding the power of wellbeing and the involvement of Town and Community Councils with community projects such as street lighting and cemeteries, a derelict cemetery in Trefeglwys has now been cleaned up. Various other issues were discussed, Neighbourhood Management being one of them. This will mean more Special Constables and more local services. Mr Steve Hooson, the Head of Dyfed Powys Police referred back to the members what Trefeglwys CC has achieved so is assured that the Neighbourhood Management will work.

Planning Liaison Meeting: Cllr Pugh attended this on Wednesday 21st November and reported that the meeting was reasonably well attended and the New Portfolio Holder, Cllr Graham Brown chaired the meeting.

Topics were:

- Single Wind Turbine Applications: must be under 5 decibels if near other dwellings and other wards would also be consulted if they are likely to be visible from those communities. There was a need for cross border discussions when applications are near borders.
- Local Development Plan: LDP information will be on the PCC website and will be updated accordingly. An LDP newsletter will be published soon and circulated to Town and Community Councils. The LDP adoption is planned for 2014.
- Planning Bill: Next year an all Wales Planning Bill will come into force, and Town and Community Councils will have more powers. TCC are already aware of this through the LSB and OVW. Cllr

Pugh advised the Chairman and Councillors that films in relation to this will be available for viewing on the new OVW website in due course. All members will be advised of this.

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

Payments In:

Qtr 1 Recycling	£161.72
Reimbursement of Cllr Pugh's Conference fee	£65.00

Payments Out:

British Legion Poppy Appeal - Wreath for Memorial Service	£17.00
Cllr Pugh's Mileage to Welshpool for Planning Liaison Meeting 21 st November	£30.65

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

Planning Portals. Noted.

Letter from the **Chief Executive of One Voice Wales** regarding Cllr Pugh's contribution to the OVW Conference 2012. In his letter the CEO highly praised Cllr Pugh stating that he went beyond the call of duty and produced finalised video versions of the speeches of key note addresses during the conference. The CEO also stated that Cllr Pugh was an asset to OVW and an important member of their National Executive Board. As a gesture of thanks OVW reimbursed the Conference fee for Cllr Pugh. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Pugh on this recognition by OVW and thanked him for all his hard work in producing the videos.

Play for Wales re **HSE** re encouragement of Children to participate in **Play and Leisure**. Noted.

Letter from **PCC** re **B2N in Powys Conference**. Further details can be found online www.business2nature.eu. Noted.

Letter from **One Voice Wales** enclosing copies of the 'The Voice'. Noted.

E-mail from **Welsh Government** re **Marine Conservation zones**. Further details can be found online <http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2012/marineconservationzones/?lang=en> Noted.

E-mail from **PAVO** re **AGM and Conference**, which will be on 4th December at Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground. Noted.

E-mail from **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales** enclosing factsheet. Noted.

Letter from **Citizen's Advice Bureau** re newsletter, report and donation. Powys Citizens Advice has been selected As HMRC Centre of Excellence for Wales. Donation will be considered at the end of the year.

E-mail from **Montgomeryshire Community Health Council** re Meeting on the 14th November, enclosing minutes from previous meeting. Noted.

The Clerk magazine. 40th Anniversary celebrations of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct. Clerk advised there are mugs now available for the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of HM the Queen. Noted.

E-mail from PCC re Motion from the **Town and Community Planning Liaison Meeting** in Llandrindod Wells of 26th January 2012 with regard to Wind Turbine Consents. (Included under SPEN in Matters arising above.)

E-mail from **DECC** in response to TCC's letter to SPEN in which they were sent a copy. (Included under SPEN in Matters arising above.)

Letter from **Severn Hospice** re a donation and enclosing their AGM report and Annual Statements. (Donation will be considered at the end of the year.)

Letter from **Scottish and Southern Energy** plc re **Nant-y-Moch** wind farm – Project Update. They have advised the National Infrastructure Directorate of the Planning Inspectorate that their anticipated submission date of a planning application for the proposed Nant-y-Moch wind farm is now the first quarter of 2013. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Sustainable Development Bill** Bulletin. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re Welsh Affairs Committee Press Announcement - New inquiry launched - **The impact of changes to housing benefit in Wales**. Noted.

E-mail from PCC Licensing regarding the **Gambling Act 2005 Consultation**. Noted.

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

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

P2012 1288 Application for erection of a two storey extension and garage conversion at **Glan Yr Afon**, Staylittle. The Community Council discussed this and all agreed that they have no objections and support the application, as it will provide the extra accommodation that the family needs.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

- The Chairman advised the Council that there is to be a **joint public inquiry into five proposed wind farms applications and an overhead line application in Powys** made under sections 36 & 37 of the Electricity Act 1989. Confirmation from Planning Inspectorate Wales of its provisional view on arrangements for a conjoined public inquiry into the 5 wind farm applications in Mid-Wales (i.e. the Llaithddu, Carnedd Wen, Llanbrynmair, Llanbadarn Fynydd & Llandinam wind farm applications made under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989). Government has also decided that SP Manweb's application under section 37 of the 1989 Act to install and keep installed a proposed overhead electric line between Llandinam Wind Farm and Welshpool Substation should be considered at the conjoined Inquiry.

Andrew Poulter has been appointed to hold an exploratory/introductory meeting with the main parties only (i.e. the Applicants, the Council, Countryside Council for Wales and local action groups) commencing at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday 28th November 2012** at The Pavilion Conference Centre (Main Hall), Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, to discuss what is before the Inspector, how the applications and inquiry should proceed and to help finalise arrangements for the pre-inquiry meeting (to be held during **week commencing 18th or 25th February 2013**). PINS has reserved **week commencing 3rd June 2013 to week commencing 23rd June 2014** for the Inquiry.

It was agreed that the Chairman attend the meeting, as the Community Council's representative, on the 28th November and then the matter to be put on December's Agenda for further discussion, as the date should be finalised by then for the February and hopefully June meetings in 2013.

- Cllr Pugh, as the Community Council Press Officer, asked for full Council approval to do a press release relating to what the Council has achieved under the **Power of Wellbeing**, which would mean an input from the Chairman. All the Council agreed.
- Cllr A Williams, Cllr Jones and Cllr Preston gave apologies for not being able to attend the **TRAPP Meeting** of the following evening, 23rd November 2012.

Date of next meeting: 20th December 2012 at 7:30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9:30.