

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Michael Breese Davies  
Endaf Meddins  
Sue Preston  
Derrick Pugh

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs A and J Williams, Cllr Jones, Cllr Davies,  
Cllr Bennett and Cllr Hughes

**Approval of Community Council Minutes** from previous Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012, was proposed as accurate by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Breese Davies, all agreed.

The Chairman congratulated the Vice Chairman on the birth of his son.

The Chairman also congratulated Cllr Pugh on being appointed onto the Powys County Council Standards Community Sub-Committee as the Montgomeryshire representative, as this was an extremely important achievement.

**Declaration of Interest:** None.

**Matters Arising:**

**Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) and National Grid:** Cllr Breese Davies, the Chairman, attended the National Grid Meeting in Welshpool on August 1<sup>st</sup>, the day after it was announced that Cefn Coch was defined as the area for the new substation, which will cover 19 acres of land and the project start date is aimed for 2015. The National grid explained their reasons for choosing the Cefn Coch site and advised that the route from Cefn Coch to Lower Frankton would cost in the region of £74,000,000 for over-ground cabling and underground cabling would cost around £443,000,000.

The Chairman also attended the SPEN information event in the Trefeglwys Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> August regarding their Project update, which is as follows:

- Route corridors announced: BNC1, BSC, CC1. CC1 is the route that affects Trefeglwys.
- SPEN will only be providing connections to wind farms with which they already have connection contracts (9).
- The capacity is reduced to approximately 650MW from an original estimation of 1,000MW.
- A project that minimises line lengths to 50 km comprising of 80% wood pole lines.
- Integration into existing electricity distribution network. This provides an opportunity for energy generated to feed direction to Welsh homes and businesses.

SPEN requested feedback on the proposed options for connecting wind farms to the route corridors (Di D2 and L1 L2).

After meeting the Chairman, on behalf of the Community Council, sent a response to SPEN regarding using a more logical route than the one proposed, which would utilise existing poles or run parallel with an existing route. This would be based on the fact that the additional wind farms at Llaithddu,

Llanbadarn (Fyndd) and Neuadd Goch applications may be successfully passed. He also strongly suggested that a sturdier single wooden pole was used in order to carry the heavier cable, as it would be less mass than the dual pole and thus less of a deleterious impact on the environment and countryside. Bearing in mind that a safe height is needed, he suggested that a non-standard design of pole be used.

The Chairman advised that after Christmas there will be a series of public events at locations close to SPEN's proposed route corridors, including Trefeglwys.

The chairman advised that, to avoid confusion and duplication by all the different groups opposing windfarms, each group has agreed to carry out separate area of duties to provide a more efficient way of working together to achieve the same aim.

### Highways:

**Trefeglwys - Llawryglyn road & B4569 Caersws - Llanidloes, via Trefeglwys** - temporary closure. The Chairman reported that the contractors on behalf of Severn Trent Water, Enterprise, have done an excellent job so far in handling the situation to satisfy the needs of local residents when possible. He recommended that a letter be sent by the Community Council commending Enterprise but not until the work is complete ensuring no issues arise. All agreed.

The Clerk advised that the leaning '**Trefeglwys' sign** on the Caersws side of the village will be remedied when the Highways team are next in the area.

### Reports:

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

**Broadband Meeting on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm:** Cllr Breese Davies and Cllr Meddins attended this meeting at, Newtown. The purpose of the meeting was 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. BT will be receiving £58,000,000 as government contract to supply Wales with the new Broadband.

The Welsh Government currently has a Broadband support scheme that will provide funding to cover the upfront costs of purchasing a broadband solution where existing providers have been unable to provide a service. There were representations from two companies that use radio wave technology, which is available now, Redmond Peel (airband community internet) and eXwavia.

Cefn Coch is on the one system of using this technology.

The Community Council agreed to put this on next month's agenda for further discussion.

**PCC Regulatory Meeting re Anemometry Mast:** Cllr Breese Davies attended this meeting on behalf of Trefeglwys Community Council and spoke against this being given extended permission. However, the decision of the Committee was 8:5 in favour of it remaining in situ mainly because of a technical matter.

**Old School site:** The Developer seems to have reneged on his agreement with the Community Council and County Cllr Jones. County Cllr Jones will make contact with the Developer to ascertain why and establish when work will start.

**Glieniant Churchyard:** The Chairman referred to the LSB report regarding Cemeteries. Concerns had been raised about the tidying up of the Gleiniant cemetery, i.e. the one on the RH side heading towards Caersws. After the Clerk had written to the Chapel Secretary, the Chairman is pleased to report a couple of families' sons have agreed to help and in fact have already made a start on the grave yard cutting.

**Finance:** The Clerk has received the Approved Accounts back from BDO, the external Auditors.

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

Payments In: None

Payments Out: D J Lloyd & Co (Hedge cutting in 2010 and 2011) £71.25  
BDO External Audit £144.00

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

**Planning Portals.** Noted.

E-mail from PCC re Speaker at the **Regulatory Meeting at Welshpool re mast.** Previously mentioned in Reports above.

E-mails, letters, brochures, maps and posters **National Grid.** } *Previously discussed in 'Matters Arising' above*  
Letter and brochure from **SP Manweb** } *under Scottish Power Energy Networks and*  
E-mail from Llandyssil Community Council re **Mid-Wales Project.** } *National Grid.*

Letter from **Russell George** A.M. regarding being available to attend a Community Council Meeting. Noted.

E-mail from **Montgomeryshire Play Forum** regarding FOCUS ON PLAY being held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 2pm to 4pm at Trehafren Hall in Newtown. Notice has been put on Community Shop noticeboard.

E-mail from Russell George and Glyn Davies re **Summer Surgeries.** Notices also put on notice boards.

E-mail from Pathfinder Officer at **Community Action for Climate Change** forwarding an e-mail from Renew Wales who are looking for paid co-ordinators throughout Wales to develop climate change action plans and secure mentors for community groups. Noted and forwarded on to a member of TRAPP.

E-mail from Pathfinder Officer at Community Action for Climate Change re **Community Low Carbon Heating Scheme and Energy Day at CAT** on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Notice put on noticeboards.

E-mail from Welsh Government re **Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report December 2012** – Town and Community Councils. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Equality Act 2010.** Noted.

E-mail from **RTC Safety** re surfacing repairs. Noted.

E-mail from Welsh Government re Tackling Poverty Action Plan 2012-2016. Noted.

Letter from **Hywel Dda Health Board** re Consultation and Meeting on Healthcare Services on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm – 9pm in Ceredigion at the Molan Centre in Aberystwyth. Cllr Meddins will attend with one other.

Acknowledgement from **ICO.** Noted.

E-mail from PCC re the **Rospa Playground Inspection Report.** To be passed on to Hall Chairman.

Letter from **Age Concern** and **Shelter** re donations. Will assess towards the end of the financial year.

E-mail from **TRAPP** re Minutes regarding County Cllr Jones and Cllr Breese Davies declaring interests. Both County Cllr Jones and Cllr Breese Davies agreed that this paragraph was correct.

Letter from **OVW regarding Motions for debate in the AGM** on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The Community Council discussed the motions and agreed to support all of them.

Letter from PCC regarding appointments on the **Standards Community Sub-Committee.** Cllr Hugh Patrick from Ystradfellte CC, Cllr Claire Evans from Rhayader TC and Cllr Derrick Pugh from Trefeglwys CC. These three Cllrs will remain in post until the 2017 elections. See Appendix 1.

Letter from Russell George about the **Hywel DDA Consultation Process Meetings** being more localised. Clerk to write a letter of support.

E-mail from OVW regarding **funding**. Noted.

E-mail from the Welsh Government re **Draft Statutory Guidance on Local Authorities Powers to Promote Wellbeing**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW regarding **Power of Wellbeing Guidance**. Noted.

E-mail from Shelter regarding **Welsh Art Auctions 2012** that will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at the London Welsh Centre, The Royal Cambrian Academy in Conwy on the 24<sup>th</sup> September and then the Washington Gallery at Penarth on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Noted.

E-mail from OVW regarding a research study: **The Potential of Community and Town Council is Economic Development**. The Community Council discussed this and agreed that the Chairman and Clerk complete this questionnaire on behalf of the Community Council.

E-mail from PCC regarding **Sustainable Tourism Powys Grant Funding**, up to a maximum of £5,000. Noted.

E-mail from OVW regarding **Village SOS** funding. Noted.

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

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

**P2012 0739** Full Planning Permission is granted by Powys County Council for the erection of a manure store at Esgairmaen, Van.

**P2012 0945** Application for erection of a single wind turbine 50kw (36.7m to hub) and associated works at Lower Cefn Penarth, Old Hall, Llanidloes. This is not in the Trefeglwys ward, it was accepted as information and the Community Council agreed not to comment.

**P2012 0804** Application for installation of 4 awnings at Trefeglwys Community Shop Ltd, Trefeglwys. The Community Council discussed this and agreed they had no objections as this would enhance the facilities.

**PCC has sent through CD's for ref: DECC Ref: 01.08.10.04/390c Llanbrynmair Wind Farm** Supplementary Environmental information. Powys County Council is a consultee. The Community Council acknowledge this but agreed that it has no comment at this time.

#### **Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

The Chairman queried why the **Dog Fouling bins and signs** had not yet been installed. The Clerk advised that this had been chased and they have been handed over to be installed as soon as convenient.

**Date of next meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7:30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9:33pm

**ELECTION OF TOWN OR COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR TO THE COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**BALLOT RESULT 2012**

**MONTGOMERYSHIRE**

Number of Town / Community Councils:	47
Number of Ballot Papers Returned:	22
Percentage Turnout:	46.81%

(1) CANDIDATES NUMBER	(2) CANDIDATES NAME	(3) TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL	(4)
1	Estelle Bleivas	Welshpool Town Council	2
2	Jill Kibble	Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council	3
3	Johnathan Nicholas Wakalam	Churchstoke Community Council	2
4	Derrick Robert Charles Pugh	Trefoglwys Community Council	10
5	Graham Rowlands	Llanidloes Town Council	2
6	Jean Williams	Tregynon Community Council	1
7	Richard John White	Newtown Town Council	2

**RADNORSHIRE**

Number of Town / Community Councils:	27
Number of Ballot Papers Returned:	14
Percentage Turnout:	51.85%

(1) CANDIDATES NUMBER	(2) CANDIDATES NAME	(3) TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL	(4)
1	Nathan Casey	Llandrindod Welle Town Council	1
2	Clare Evans	Rhayader Town Council	13

**BRECKNOCKSHIRE**

Number of Town / Community Councils:	36
Number of Ballot Papers Returned:	14
Percentage Turnout:	38.89%

(1) CANDIDATES NUMBER	(2) CANDIDATES NAME	(3) TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL	(4)
1	Anthony M D'Anna	Crickhowell Town Council	2
2	Anthony Hamnett	Llanfrynach Community Council.	2
3	John Hopkins	Talgarth Town Council	2
4	Alan Neil Jevons	Llangors Community Council	1
5	Rhona Muirhead	Hay on Wye Town Council	0
6	Anne Nicholls	Erwood Community Council	0
7	Hugh Patrick	Ystradfellte Community Council	3
8	John Steadman	Ystradgynlais Town Council	2
9	Ieuan Williams	Brecon Town Council	2