

Trefeglwys Community Council
Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 27th September 2012
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Nick Bennett
William Davies
Endaf Meddins
John Hughes
Rhiannon Jones
Derrick Pugh
Arthur Williams
John Williams

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

Visitor: Mr C Powell

Apologies: Cllr Breese Davies and Cllr Preston

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Endaf Meddins, took the Chair.

Approval of Community Council Minutes from previous Meeting, 23rd August 2012, was proposed as accurate by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Meddins, all agreed.

Declaration of Interest: None.

Matters Arising:

Tourism/Pylons: Mr C Powell approached the Community Council regarding setting up a working group that consisted of four main tourist facilities within the Trefeglwys area. Some of these have had individual meetings with Scottish Power Energy Network regarding undergrounding in the Trannon Valley in order to avoid the electricity transportation route having such a severe impact on businesses that depend upon tourism for their livelihood. However, they have to justify to Scottish Power why undergrounding is so imperative in this area and therefore, they have asked the Community Council to give their support and agree to them setting up a working group under the umbrella of the Community Council with a County Cllr sitting in on their meetings. The Community Council were willing to do this however, bearing in mind that one member of the group is also a Community Councillor and at the present time the Council did not have dispensation from the Standards Committee, the Council agreed that the Clerk write for clarification of the Community Council's legal position if they support this group.

Broadband: On the 31st July, Cllr Breese Davies and Cllr Meddins attended a 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. They were advised that 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 successful service.

The Community Council discussed this further and agreed that posters be placed in the Staylitttle area, as this area of the ward that suffers from unstable Telephone /Broadband facilities. Although BT has previously recognised there is a problem in Staylitttle, the Community Council agreed that the Clerk write to BT to express the importance of this being given priority.

Highways:

Trefeglwys – Llawryglyn road & B4569 Caersws – Llanidloes, via Trefeglwys - temporary closure. Cllr Breese Davies reported to the Clerk that the contractors for Severn Trent Water will be returning on the 22nd November to finally complete the work.

Blocked Culvert by the Waen turning on the Llawryglyn -Trefeglwys road that is causing flooding was reported. Clerk to write to PCC.

Reports:

Llawryglyn Notice Board: Cllr Davies confirmed that the work on the Staylitttle notice board was successful and will organise with Cllr Bennett the repair of the Llawryglyn notice board.

Old School site: The Clerk has received an e-mail from the Developer stating that he has organised for the hedges and footpaths to be cleaned up and the tidying of the old school has been started. He also advised that the Old School has now been let to Mr Jones in the Trefeglwys village.

It was agreed that the overhanging trees need cutting back further.

Glieniant Churchyard: Cllr Pugh declared an interest having spoken to PCC. The Community Council discussed this further and, as this comes under the powers of wellbeing, the Council agreed that the Clerk make enquiries from the Presbyterian Church in Cardiff.

OVW Executive Meeting of the 14th September: Cllr Pugh gave a report on various topics addressed during the meeting. The main topics were the Report from the Partnership Council, Independent Remuneration and the Powers of Wellbeing..

School Governors Meeting: This was postponed until October's Meeting.

Mynydd Y Gwynt wind farm: Clerk advised that Cllr Breese Davies attended this on behalf of TCC and his report is as follows:

- 27 turbines to be erected giving 67 mw of power.
- Developers put their application direct to Westminster, before the new regulations came in.
- Visibility can be seen from the hills around Trefeglwys and from the road Staylitttle side of the Clywedog dam.
- Cllr Breese Davies was concerned re the electricity transportation. SPEN are proposing two routes. One via Staylitttle across to Cefncoch and the other following the A44 to Llanidloes cutting across towards the Van possibly joining up with the proposed route from Llanbadarn Fynnydd at Gellilefrith.
- Developers were very unclear in their presentation re transportation, although SPEN are contracted to transport the power there was no one from SPEN in attendance on that day.

Hywel Dda Health Board Meeting re Consultation: Cllr Meddins attended this meeting in Aberystwyth and reported back to the Council that the future of the Wales NHS was discussed in considerable detail. This included that the Bronlais hospital would be downgraded from 5 to 2 but it will still continue with day surgeries and minor surgery. Longer term patients would be sent to the larger specialist hospitals and then go to their local community hospital for rehabilitation.

Hywel Dda's aim is for the Ambulance emergency response team services be cut down from 60 minutes to 20 minutes.

The Community Council agreed that they would not furnish a response to Hywel Dda until after all the relevant meetings regarding this had finished.

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

Payments In: Precept	£1833.00
Payments Out:	
Clerk's Salary	451.09
Clerk's Mileage to Welshpool 11 July and Staylitttle	38.46
Stationery Expenses	158.03
Trefeglwys Village Hall (for 2 years upkeep of Recycling Area)	60.00

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

Planning Portals. Noted.

E-mails from OVW re **Training**. Cllr Preston will attend "Understanding the Law" on the 11th October at Castle Caereion. Cllr Preston and Cllr J Williams will attend "Local Government Finance" on the 17th October at Trefeglwys.

E-mail from PCC re **Wind Turbine Consultation** advising that there has been a proliferation of applications for Wind Turbine's in Powys. For all future applications Planning Services will be consulting with not just the host Town and Community Council but those who adjoin the boundary. This decision was taken in recognition that the visual impact of turbine development is not confined to one Town and Community Council boundary. Noted.

Letter from **b2n re Interreg project**. Noted.

Letter from PCC re **Wales Rally GB**. Noted.

Letter from **Hywel Dda Health Board re Consultation**. Cllr Meddins attended a meeting regarding this on the 25th September (see above under reports). It was agreed that the consultation be put on October's Agenda for further discussion, as this would be after all the relevant meetings have been attended.

E-mail from **Powys Regeneration re RDP Tour, 27th September**. Noted.

The Clerk Brochure. Noted.

Letter from OVW enclosing '**The Voice**' and **Training Details**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens Newsletter**. Noted.

E-mails from **Montgomeryshire Community Health Council** re consultation meeting on 19th October in Llanidloes. Cllr Breese Davies will attend this meeting.

Bobath Children's therapy Centre Wales. Notice to go up on notice boards.

E-mail from OVW re **Police and Crime Commissioner Elections**. Notices to go up on notice boards. Cllr Pugh advised that this is a new body.

Letter from **Mynydd y Gwynt Ltd** re meeting re transportation route. See Cllr Breese Davies' report above.

Clerks & Councils Direct. Noted.

Letter from SP Energy Networks re **Consultation Stage 2 events**. Notices to go up on notice boards.

E-mail from Boundary Commission re **Electoral Arrangements consultation**. This won't be published until the 24th October and will run until 18th December. Noted.

Letter from Powys Teaching Board re **Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital**. Noted.

Donald Insall Associates Newsletter. Noted.

E-mail Play E-mail from Powys Regeneration re **Cambrian Mountains Initiative and B2N Conference**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Heritage Protection Bill** re drop-in events. Noted.

E-mail from **Play Wales** re new website: www.playwales.org.uk. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re public appointment for the **Expert Advisory Panel** for the National Literacy Programme. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re survey **Fair Trade Wales**. Noted.

E-mail from **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority** re their Consultation on Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2013-2014. Noted.

Letter from the Welsh Government with copies of **The Good Councillor's Guide 2012**, which were handed out to Councillors.

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

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

P2012 0928 Application for conversion of existing domestic garage into ancillary residential accommodation at Pen-y-bryn, Trefeglwys. The Community Council discussed this and agreed they support this application.

P2012 1018 Application for erection of a local needs dwelling together with a garage and associated works (revised proposal) at Land adj. to Merlyn, Trefeglwys. The Community Council discussed this and agreed they support this application.

P2012 0452 Full Planning Permission is granted by PCC for allowing the retention of a 47m high anemometry mast for a further 12 months at land at Mawnog Bryn Glas, Llawryglyn. Noted.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

The Clerk advised that there is a **SPEN Meeting** on the 2nd October at Cwm Trannon Shop for Cllrs and members of TRAPP to attend a workshop session to plan out the route for the pylons if they do have to come overland through the Trannon Valley.

Cllr Pugh advised that S4C TV had been in touch with himself and TRAPP re filming about wind farms and pylons in Mid Wales. Clerk confirmed that S4C had contacted her with regard to the SPEN meeting but she had advised them it had been postponed from the 25th September until the 2nd October.

Date of next meeting: 25th October 2012 at 7:30pm

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