

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 20th December 2012
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Nick Bennett
Michael Breese Davies (Chairman)
William Davies
Rhiannon Jones
Endaf Meddins (Vice Chairman)
Sue Preston
Derrick Pugh
Arthur Williams
John Williams

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

Members of the Community attending: None

Apologies: None

Approval of Minutes from previous Community Council Meeting of the 22nd November 2012 was proposed as accurate by Cllr John Williams and seconded by Cllr Preston, all agreed.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Matters Arising:

Public Inquiry into five proposed wind farms applications (i.e. the Llaithddu, Carnedd Wen, Llanbrynmair, Llanbadarn Fynydd & Llandinam wind farm applications made under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989) **and an overhead line application in Powys** (SP Manweb's application between Llandinam Wind Farm and Welshpool Substation) should be considered at the conjoined Inquiry.

The Chairman attended the Conjoined Public Inquiry Introductory Meeting on Wednesday, 28 November 2012, and reported as follows:

Mr Poulter was introduced as the Inspector appointed to hold the Inquiry. It is envisaged that he will be assisted during the Inquiry by a second appointed Inspector who may be Welsh.

Purpose of the Meeting - was to discuss what was before the Inspector, how the applications and inquiry should proceed, and to help finalise arrangements for the pre-inquiry meeting – not to hear evidence, or discuss the applications.

Reasons for Conjoined Inquiry - It was emphasised that the purpose of holding a conjoined inquiry is enable the Inquiry to better consider cumulative effects. Full consideration will be given to local issues in sessions relating to individual applications.

Provisional timetable – from issue of Relevant Notice, to Pre Inquiry Meeting (PIM) - It is anticipated that the date to be set for registration and submission of outline statements will be 4 weeks before the Pre Inquiry Meeting (PIM) – i.e. mid January 2013.

Provisional view on arrangements for the PIM - It is intended to hold the PIM on Monday 18th February 2013. Participants were also asked to hold Monday 25th February in reserve, should it not be possible to resolve all matters pertaining to the Inquiry timetable on the 18th.

Provisional timetable – from PIM to opening of the Inquiry - Full Statements of Case would be required within 4 weeks of the PIM, and Proofs of Evidence would normally be required at least 4 weeks before the opening of the Inquiry.

The provisional date for the opening of the Inquiry is Tuesday 4 June 2013.

Preliminary view on arrangements for the Inquiry - It was agreed that the Inquiry team would investigate possible venues in Welshpool and Newtown, as they would be more central to the communities affected by the proposed developments. However, it is intended that at least one day and/or evening session would be held at a venue within each locality of the proposed developments, to enable individuals wishing to make representations to do so with minimum inconvenience.

The applicants were asked to jointly consider how the recoverable costs of the Inquiry should eventually be apportioned, i.e. whether the cost would be shared between DECC and Developers.

At this point, County Cllr Jones was asked by the Community Council to enquire about PCCs costs.

The Chairman advised that if the Community Council wished to participate in the inquiry then it should complete the registration form and return it along with two copies of their outline statement by no later than Monday 21 January 2013. The Chairman also advised that TRAPP had approached him with a view to the Community Council and TRAPP participating in the Inquiry as a joint group; the Community Council discussed this and agreed to submit a statement as a separate body.

The Chairman advised that this Inquiry could be as long as one year and, as he would no longer be Chairman during the whole duration of this Inquiry, did the Council wish for him to continue with the Inquiry or would the Vice Chairman prefer to take this on, bearing in mind how time consuming this matter is. It was agreed that this would be discussed nearer the time of the impending meetings.

Meeting Dates 2013: The 2013 dates were agreed by the Community Council. Clerk will circulate.

Highways:

Waen Road: Clerk spoke to Highways who were hoping to be able to resolve the matter this week.

Gleiniant Road: The problem was initially resolved but then returned and again Highways are hoping to resolve the matter this week.

Temporary Road Closure of the B4569 & C2021: A draft letter was agreed, which praised the contractors on the excellent job done.

Reports:

TRAPP Public Meeting: This was well attended. The speakers were Glyn Davies MP, Russell George AM, Michael Breese Davies (Chairman of TCC) and Dr John Carpenter. The meeting was informative and Dr John Carpenter's talk was very reassuring in that members of the Government were taking heed of wind farm development shortcomings.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Pugh for all his time and efforts on the production of the videos that were now on YouTube. The Clerk mentioned that there was a buzz on the sound system, which is not really adequate for reproduction and this incurred double the work load for Cllr Pugh to remedy it before going on-line with the video. The Community Council discussed this and other comments regarding the poor sound system and it was agreed to write to the Chairman of the Memorial hall regarding possible replacement of the sound system.

SPEN & National Grid: The Chairman advised that SPEN is willing to meet with every family involved in the CCI route if they wish.

Concern was raised by some members of the Council that rumours were being circulated regarding pylon routes being suggested by Cllrs. The Chairman advised that at the TRAPP meeting he was invited to view the terrain near Llyn Ebyr by some nearby residents who were meeting up with Scottish Power early December. He did take up this offer in order to broaden his knowledge of that particular area within the community but confirmed that he never suggested any routes for the Pylons at that time nor in the past. The rest of the Councillors confirmed also that they have never suggested any routes for the Pylons.

The Chairman had advised the Community Council's situation at the TRAPP Public Meeting on the 23rd November and this confirmed that no routes had been suggested by the Community Council.

National Grid has sent a project update, which is also on line: www.nationalgrid.com/midwalesconnection. National Grid is hoping to use some of the new "T" poles for its Mid-Wales route.

Glieniant Churchyard: Cllr Pugh advised that the graveyard has now been cleared of overgrowth and he had placed a wreath on the graveyard gate. Cllr Pugh also advised that the County times had done a feature on the graveyard, as well as the Cambrian News.

The Clerk advised that they had been notified by the Presbyterian Church in Cardiff that the Graveyard is the responsibility of the Trustees of Llawryglyn Chapel. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Trustees advising them that the Graveyard had been restored and request they make arrangements for its future upkeep.

The Chairman praised Cllr Pugh on his dedication in completing this task and also thanked the Clerk for helping. He praised the other seven volunteers for all their hard work also.

School Governor's Meeting: Cllr Bennett advised that he is still unable to report on this matter at the present time.

Boundaries Commission: The Clerk confirmed that the letter that was drafted and agreed by the Community Council has been sent off to the Boundaries Commission by the deadline date and an acknowledged has been received.

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

2013-2014 Budget: This was circulated to Councillors for approval. After discussion, the Council approved the budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Precept: This was discussed and it was agreed that to avoid a deficit the precept would need to be increased by £1 per household.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: The Clerk advised the details of allowances from the Annual Report. The Community Council agreed that the HMRC mileage allowance will be adhered for the forthcoming financial year instead of the NALC allowances.

Donations: It was agreed that this be put on February's Agenda so that a final decision can be made.

Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme: Clerk to complete this on behalf of the Council.

Payments In: None

Payments Out: None

The Chairman advised that the bus shelter had needed a more serious clean than first thought and he had contacted outside help to do this. The Council agreed that this was acceptable.

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

Planning Portals. Noted.

E-mail from **OVW** re **Climate Change Survey.** Completed.

Letter from **Welsh Assembly Government re Publication of Collections, Infrastructure and Markets Sector Plan and its role relative to Regional Waste Plan First Reviews – Interim Planning Position.** 'Towards Zero Waste' is a Waste strategy Document for Wales and it sets out a long term framework for resource efficiency and waste management in Wales up until 2050. Noted.

Letter from **All Wales Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline.0808 8010 800.** Noted.

E-mail from **National Grid Mid-Wales Connection Project** re latest edition of **Project News**. (Mentioned above under 'Reports'.)

Letter from **PCC** re **LED Streetlight Replacement Scheme** explaining that the reason for undertaking this scheme has been to reduce costs and to reduce the Authority's carbon footprint. Noted.

E-mail from **OVW** re **Keep Wales Tidy's Annual Review for 2011-12**. Noted.

E-mail from **Forebears re Trefeglwys Histories on Website**. A website facility called 'Forebears' has put a link on its website for the trefeglwys community website and has asked if TCC would agree to put the Forebears link on the community website <http://forebears.co.uk/wales/montgomeryshire/trefeglwys#histories>. The Community Council agreed.

E-mail from **Age Concern** re **change of name**. It is now Age Cymru Powys. Noted.

E-mail from **Society of Local Council Clerks** re **Wales Training Seminar, 17th April 2013**. The Community Council agreed that the Clerk attend.

Letter from **National Assembly for Wales** re **Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill**. Noted.

E-mail from **OVW** re **Policy Consultation – Volunteer Responders**. Noted.

Letters from **Marie Curie Cancer Care, Stroke Association and Shelter** re donations. Donations to be put on February's Agenda.

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

Letter from **PCC** re **Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation**. Noted.

E-mail from **OVW** re invitation for nominees to attend **Buckingham Palace Garden Party** in June. Cllr Davies nominated Cllr Pugh and this was seconded by Cllr Jones, all agreed.

E-mail from **OVW** re **Training for 2013**. The Community Council agreed to put this on February's Agenda for further discussion.

E-mail from Wales Government re **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – December 2012 – Community and Town Councils – Powys** www.remunerationpanelwales.org.uk. (See above under Finance.)

E-mail from **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service** re their **Annual Performance Assessment 2011-12**, which is available for viewing via their website at: http://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/English_Documents/MAWW_Performance_Assessment_2011-2012_eng.pdf. Noted.

E-mail from **Welsh Water** regarding advice for **Winter Weather**. Clerk will do a notice for noticeboard.

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

Planning:

P2012 0945 Application for erection of single wind turbine 50kW (36.7m to hub) and associated works at Lower Cefn Penarth, Old Hall, Llanidloes. (Duplicated.) County Councillor Jones advised that this has already gone through the Planning Committee.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

The Chairman congratulated Cllr John Williams on winning the **Charolaise cup** at the Builth Wales Winter Fare. The Chairman also congratulated Gareth Lewis, in his absence, on being appointed **Senior Young Farmer Member of Montgomeryshire**.

Cllr Preston raised concern over the state of the road near "**Cwm Cidyn**", Llawyglyn where there are potholes and water damage.

Cllr Preston advised that her husband has volunteered to repair the **Noticeboard**. Cllr Davies will supply the repair equipment.

Cllr Preston also raised concern over the damaged fence, which is nearly opposite to '**The Fron**'. Cllr Bennett will advise the Clerk who owns the land.

Cllr Bennett advised that the road water problem in Llawyglyn is currently being sorted by PCC who found that an underground pipe had broken near '**Gesielfa**'.

County Cllr Graham Jones enquired as to which **streetlight** was not working in Llawyglyn; Cllr Bennett will check this and advise County Cllr Jones of the light number.

Date of next meeting: 24th January 2013 at 7:30pm. The Chairman gave his apologies for this next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9:40pm