

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 27th June 2013
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

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

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

Visitor: Mr R Williams (Resident)

Members of the Community: Approximately 20

Apologies: None

Approval of Minutes:

from previous **Community Council Meeting of the 23rd May 2013** was proposed as accurate by Cllr John Williams and seconded by Cllr Davies, all agreed.

from previous **Community Council AGM Meeting of the 23rd May 2013** was proposed as accurate by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Bennett, all agreed.

Amendment to the **Community Council Minutes of the 28th March 2013:** Members of the Community: One (This was accidentally omitted from the original minutes). Confirmation of this being accurate was proposed by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Davies, this was agreed.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Arthur Williams and Cllr Bennett declared personal interests in the SPEN item.

Matters Arising:

SPEN/Mid Wales Inquiry:

Prior to leaving the meeting room, Cllr Arthur Williams wanted to clarify a comment made in the minutes of the previous meeting. He advised that Mr R Williams did not have the most pylons on his land in Trefeglwys. Mr R Williams responded that he was quoting from what had been mentioned at a previous Council Meeting.

Before the Chairman invited Mr R Williams to speak, he read out a letter from Cllr Breese Davies who had made a decision to resign with immediate effect from the Community Council. It was with regret that the Community Council had no option but to accept Cllr Breese-Davies' resignation.

The Community Council had previously received a letter from Mr Williams requesting copies of all correspondence/e-mails relating to SPEN matters. There was a discussion regarding the e-mails from and to SPEN with regards to the previous Chairman, as to whether he ought to be reported to the Ombudsman.

Cllr Davies said that he and the other Councillors were not aware of the emails in question until Monday prior to the meeting and he felt that the Cllrs had been kept in the dark.

Cllr Pugh explained his role on the Standards Committee and advised that this current situation would have made him duty bound to report the situation within the Community Council. The Chairman pointed out that all the Councillors would be in the same situation; had the previous Chairman not resigned then this issue would have been passed to the Ombudsman. Cllr Pugh stated that if these emails, which have now emerged, were made known to the Council sooner, the Council would not be in this current position. Cllr John Williams asked the Clerk why she had not acted when she received copies of the e-mails. The Clerk advised that it is normal practice for the Clerk to be copied in on e-mails; also that she did act and addressed the situation with the previous Chairman at the time.

Cllr Arthur Williams stated that the Community Council has lost a very good Cllr who has always done his best for the Community and this will be a great loss to the Council. The Chairman said that Cllrs are not professional experts but they try to do the best they can for their community.

Cllr Arthur Williams and Cllr Bennett then left the meeting room. The Chairman then invited Mr R Williams to speak.

Mr Williams said that SPEN has moved so fast on the CC1d route and asked if there was anything the Community Council could do to for him and his neighbours regarding retracting the route. The Chairman advised that the Community Council cannot revoke an agreement/decision that they have not made.

Although suggestions were made to complain to PCC Planning Department, it was agreed that this would be pointless because the application had not yet been submitted. After further discussion, it was agreed there had been a few occasions whereby Mr Edwards had allegedly made statements that were untrue and misleading and that this should be brought to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer of SPEN. The Chairman asked Cllr Pugh to look into the legalities of this with OVW.

Mr R Jenkins wished to make it clear that he was not one of the local members who had put forward the basis of the CC1d route.

The Chairman advised that a further letter had been received from Ms Williams who wished it to be read out asking what the Community Council were doing about eradicating the Pylon situation.

The Clerk advised that the Council had been working constantly in writing letters of objection that had been sent to SPEN and others. Also, the Community Council had already submitted their Outline Statement to the co-ordinators of the Conjoined Public Inquiry objecting to the two wind farms that are necessitating the need for the new pylon route.

A lot of work had been put into drafting the Full Statement and Proofs of Evidence, which had been produced for that evening's meeting for final approval by the Council. The Clerk also advised that supporting letters would be welcomed and gave the details where to send them.

The majority of the community members then left the meeting and Cllrs Williams and Bennett re-entered the meeting room.

The Clerk advised that various e-mails had been received from Banks Solutions who are the co-ordinators re Conjoined Public Inquiry, including PCC's Full Statement of Case.

After discussion, it was agreed that there would be no Cllr replacing Cllr Breese-Davies for the TRAPP Meetings but Cllrs will attend the Public Inquiry.

The Clerk advised that the Community Council had been sent a CD on Powys Wind Farms regarding the Mid-Wales Conjoined Wind Farm Inquiry by the solicitors, Geldards LLP. This contains the large area plan of the proposed and existing wind farms in and around Strategic Search Areas B & C.

60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation: Adjoined to July's Meeting.

Social and Environmental Guidance to Ofwat Consultation: It was agreed not to comment.

Private Water Supplies Consultation. It was agreed not to comment.

New Councillor: Cllr Hughes resignation has been received in writing and the notice for the vacancy has gone on the notice board. To date, there are no applications made to PCC.

Correspondence/e-mails: Discussed in SPEN/PI item.

Re-cycling Area/Car Park:

Mr Bunford met with the Clerk to show the level of damage to the grass area behind the Zoar Chapel, from cars using the non-parking area, which is laid out to lawn. It was agreed that Cllr Preston will look into the matter.

A request has been made by a resident regarding a cardboard waste unit in the Trefeglwys recycling area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to PCC to request this unit be installed.

Highways:

Blocked culvert between 'Fron-Derw' and 'Penffynnon': PCC are currently investigating this.

Road serving Bryn Clywedog, Tremafon, Dolgwyddel Isaf and Dolgwyddel Uchaf: PCC confirm that at the time land was bought for the new alignment and upon completion the old road was 'stopped up'. There is no recollection of PCC having maintained this road since it was stopped-up. PCC can confirm this piece is not part of the publically maintained highway. Clerk to write to PCC to establish who currently owns this road.

Community Footpath: This footpath isn't classed as PCC responsibility and PCC are not aware whose responsibility it is. It was agreed the Clerk write to PCC again.

Waen Road: Once the hauling has finished it will be assessed and repairs brought forward as appropriate.

The road from Cwm Cidyn heading towards Esgairmaen at Llawryglyn: The repairs to the poor surface of the road between two cattle grids from Cwm Cidyn heading towards Esgairmaen at Llawryglyn will be brought forward.

Belam Road going up towards Ty Newydd: PCC has advised that this has been done.

Reports:

Training: Cllr Preston circulated to the Cllrs photocopies of training information, which contained examples of what had been completed in other communities and gave an insight into the Roots Project.

OVW Area Committee Meeting: Cllr Pugh reported that Chris Backshall was voted in as Chairman, David Jones as Vice Chairman.

Mr Christopher Salmon, Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, gave an interesting presentation with a Q&A session. In future, crimes will be treated with less tolerance with regard to cautions; the perpetrator may be prosecuted instead.

Cllr Pugh was appointed onto the National Executive Board and reappointed onto the Local Service Board and also the Powys Regeneration Partnership.

The Adults Social Care Scrutiny report has been produced and can be forwarded if requested by Cllr Pugh.

Powys Local Development Plan: County Cllr Jones suggested that the Clerk resends the LDP documents together with the response from the local developer.

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

End of Year Accounts: The Internal Auditor approved the End of Year Accounts and these were presented to the Council further approval and signing of page 1.

New Bank Mandate for signatures. Adjourned to July's Meeting.

<i>Payments In:</i>	Recycling Qtr 4	£124.04
<i>Payments Out:</i>	Clerk's Salary for March, April & May	£545.92
	Clerk's Expenses	£248.00
	OVW Strong Roots Training for 2 Cllrs	£30.00
	Upper Bridge Enterprises Website Renewal	£242.70
	HMRC	£100.00
	SLCC Membership	£63.00
	Cllr Preston – Reimbursement for photocopies	£6.00
	Trefeglwys Eisteddfod	£150.00

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

Planning Portals. Noted.

Letter from PCC re **War Memorials Project.** Noted.

Letter from **OVW re 2013 Conference and AGM on Saturday 5th October** at the Royal Welsh Showground. Adjourned to July's Meeting.

E-mail from **Age Cymru Powys** attaching their newsletter. Noted.

E-mail from **Mid-Wales Housing Association** re housing bulletin, which highlights the official opening of Heol Rhedyn, Newtown. Noted.

E-mail from **Russell George AM** re newsletter and Advice Surgery dates. Noted.

E-mail from **Menter Iaith Maldwyn** re financial support. TCC agreed not to support.

Letter from PCC re **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.** Noted.

Letter from **Mynydd y Gwynt Ltd** has begun its formal statutory consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Noted.

Intouch Spring update. This mainly concentrates on the **Newtown Bypass** which is proposed to start Llanidloes side of Glandulas, proceed along the back of Mochdre Enterprise Park, and there will be a roundabout that will allow access to the Garth Owen area, proposals include a flyover over the existing Dolfor road and road to Kerry and will proceed to the right of Morrisons and Dyffryn Estate finally joining up with the existing A483 to Welshpool via a roundabout just past the existing national speed limit signs.

E-mail from **PAVO** re Stakeholder Feedback 2013. Questionnaire to be completed by Clerk on behalf of the Community Council.

E-mail from **Dyfed Powys Police** re launch of Commissioners Police and Crime Plan. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Welsh Affairs Committee** Press Announcement. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Commission on Devolution in Wales.** Notices placed on noticeboards.

E-mails from Burgess – Salmon re **Mid-Wales Conjoined Inquiry** – Session 1. (Part of the Mid Wales Public Inquiry.) Noted.

E-mail from **Welsh Government re Draft Guidance on Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011**. Consultation. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Appointment of Members to the Residential Property Tribunal**. Notices put on notice board.

E-mail from OVW re **ICT Websites Grant Programme**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Natural Resources Wales**. Noted.

E-mail from **Rebecca Evans AM** attaching a Newsletter. Noted.

Letter from **Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee** re financial support. Agreed a donation of £150.

E-mail from **PAVO** – re Play Conference. Notices put on noticeboard.

E-mail from OVW re **Draft Technical Advice Note (TAN) 23 Economic Development**. Noted.

E-mail from **Gwyl Cerdd Dant Ystrad Fflur a'r Fro 2013** re a donation. TCC agreed not to donate.

E-mail from Chairman of the **Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery**. Drop-in sessions are: 24th July (all day) at Royal Welsh Show, 13th August at Plas Dolerw, Newtown. Noted.

E-mail from Welsh Government re **Consultation of Renting homes**, which ends 16th August 2013. Noted.

Letter from **Mr J Hughes** confirming his retirement from the Community Council.

E-mail from Montgomeryshire Community Health re **Mango Neurological Voice Job Advert**. Notice put on noticeboard.

Letter from OVW enclosing **The Voice**. Noted.

Letter from the **Ombudsman** enclosing their **Annual Report** for 2012/13. Noted.

Letter of thanks from **Mr Gwilym Evans** for nominating him for an **MBE**. The Community Council was pleased to hear that the nomination was successful.

Letter from **Aberystwyth University** regarding **Welsh Classes** adverts. TCC agreed to their request to advertise classes on the TCC website.

Letter from Mr PC Jones re **The Welsh Memorial in Flanders Campaign**. Noted.

Planning:

P/2013/0513 Application for erection of a single storey ground floor extension at Pantyrhedyn, Staylittle. The Community Council agreed they had no objections to this application.

P/2013/0548 Application for erection of a domestic extension at Y Bwthyn Maes Y Blawd, Van, Llanidloes. The Community Council agreed they had no objections to this application.

P/2013/0526 Application for installation of a single 50kW wind turbine (hub height of 24.76m, height to blade tip of 34.38m) siting of control box and associated infrastructure including underground electricity cable and temporary crane hard standing and access track at land at Hirnant (N:287969/E:294176), Staylittle. The Community Council agreed they had no objections to this application.

P/2012/1018 Full Planning Permission has been granted by PCC for an erection of a local needs dwelling together with a garage and associated works at land adjacent to Merlyn, Trefeglwys.

P/2013/0625 Application for the erection of a conservatory at Pantle, The Waen, Trefeglwys. The Community Council agreed they had no objections to this application.

Employment Matters:

The advert for a replacement Clerk was agreed. It was agreed to extend the hours from 12 to 18 hours per month and this be paid monthly at £8.91 per hour.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Arthur Williams paid tribute to Cllr Breese-Davies' contribution to the community during his time on the Council and that his resignation would be a sad loss to the Council.

The Clerk requested permission to write to the developer of the old school regarding the dilapidation of the old school house. All agreed.

Date of next meeting: 18th July 2013 at 7:30 pm. Cllr Arthur Williams and Cllr Jones gave their apologies.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 11:20pm.