

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 18th April 2013
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

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

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

Visitor: Steven Edwards from SPEN

Members of the Community of Trefeglwys and Llanidloes Without 18

Apologies: Cllr Preston

The Chairman welcomed everyone who attended the meeting and explained the reason for the attendance of members from the Llanidloes Without Community, which was due to a cancelled meeting with SPEN in their area.

Approval of Minutes from previous Community Council Meeting of the 28th March was proposed as accurate by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Hughes, members who attended the previous meeting agreed.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Arthur Williams. It was agreed with the Council and Community members that Cllr Williams be seated with the Community members.

Matters Arising:

SPEN/MID WALES INQUIRY: The Chairman advised that prior to the Community Council Meeting, Mr Edwards had met with some members of the Community to discuss a possible new route that had been suggested by some members of the Community. Although various routes had been suggested in the past by both SPEN and members of the Community, it appears that SPEN feel that this particular route would be more feasible. It will also divert away from Trefeglwys village and school.

The Chairman also advised that TRAPP is the organisation that represents Trefeglwys against Pylon Plans and this particular route was put forward to TRAPP who transcribed the route line onto a Map for SPEN to peruse. The Chairman then invited Mr Edwards to speak on behalf of SPEN.

Mr Edwards advised that Trefeglwys Community Council like other Community Councils has made it quite clear about their community's views on wind farms and the electrical transportation route by their objection statement for the Public Inquiry. Mr Edwards stated that SPEN has a duty to connect wind farms to a grid. The Secretary of State will make the decision with regard to the wind farms that are included in the Public Inquiry. This could mean that the electrical transportation route is projected by SPEN to be installed circa 2018/2019. It would only be when SPEN has progressed as far as mapping the position of the poles that they would write to the people.

Mr Edwards advised that initially, there were 3,500 responses but after Cefn Coch site was announced only around 300 comments were received, which indicates that opposition to the wind farms and hub has waned. Since then SPEN has continued to develop and refine these routes and further feedback has led to the Oakley Park option. The route would be presented at the end of June this year and comments would be invited. Mitigation type measures may be put in place. SPEN has now started generating awareness of these options.

The Chairman reminded the Community that it was a Community Council Meeting and not a public meeting so there was only a limited time to ask questions. He emphasised that it was important that the Community engage in communication with SPEN, otherwise the pylons will be placed by SPEN, as SPEN see fit. The Chairman also reiterated that the Community Council's position is very clear and it will not willingly accept anything that is likely to be detrimental to its community.

Lots of questions were then asked and responded to by both Mr Edwards and the Chairman.

If SPEN take the new route forward then a new consultation would take place and a copy of the route will be sent to every home in the Community for feedback. Mr Edwards would be willing to speak to residents regarding the route during the consultation period. He emphasised that the planning system will only look at the rights of a community not one individual. Landscaping and undergrounding would be assessed. County Cllr Jones enquired about undergrounding and was informed by Mr Edwards that this would only be in sections.

With regard to the Public Inquiry, impact from any wind farms lost may affect the type of connection, as this may be reduced in scale to perhaps a trident design (single pole). However, there is a possibility of the Llandinam route application failing then the route through Trefeglwys may be used as an alternative.

The Chairman reviewed the map that Mr Edwards had on the table and noticed that it was not the same route as suggested by members of the community, which he was given to believe was more feasible than the one Mr Edwards was referring to; he immediately challenged Mr Edwards regarding this. Mr Edwards advised that the route suggested by members of the community incurred constraints, ancient woodland and inclines. The Chairman then requested that this be discussed further at the meeting that was to immediately follow on with members of both communities and suggested that the route was pushed further East to avoid closeness to properties. Mr Edwards agreed to liaise with the group and also agreed to look at this further to see if a solution can be found.

County Cllr Jones asked if SPEN could visit the relevant people involved in this route individually. Mr Edwards agreed.

The majority of the group then left the meeting room and reconvened in the main hall with Mr Edwards. The Community Council continued with the Council Meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that Banks Solutions has advised that the Public Inquiry will start at 10 am on the 4th June at the Royal Oak Hotel, The Cross, Welshpool.

Cllr Arthur Williams re-joined the Councillors for the remainder of the meeting.

Highways:

Footpath along the B4569: TCC has received a letter from Russell George AM who has offered to assist in securing a footpath on this stretch of road if necessary.

Gleiniant: The Clerk has received a response stating that the corner is no different to many others on minor roads throughout Powys and given that Powys' policy is that barriers are not provided on the more minor road network, it is difficult to justify the need for safety barriers in this instant. There is possibly the scope for some verge reshaping that may help ease concerns so this will be brought forward in the future.

Trefeglwys to Llawryglyn road: Blocked culvert on the straight length next to Rhydycarw en route to Llawryglyn. This is continuing to be monitored.

Blocked culvert between Fronderw and Pen-y-Ffynon: PCC has advised that they attended this road several months ago reinstating a length of ditch and verge that an artic wagon had pushed in. This will be investigated. Cllr John Williams advised that the ditch would better serve if it was piped. Clerk to write to Highways.

U2766 Pant Road to Bryn Bedw. There are a couple of minor potholes and a culvert up this road with a headwall in need of repair. These issues will be attended to.

Road serving Bryn Clywedog, Tremafon, Dolgwyddel Isaf and Dolgwyddel Uchaf. The Clerk has been informed that this is a private road and not part of the publically maintained network so PCC have advised that this will not be maintained by them. Cllr Davies advised that one the residents advised him that this formed part of the old council owned road until the new bridge was built. Clerk to write to PCC to advise.

Snow around Llwynygog. PCC had a JCB go through from the forest end on Friday, 29th March. There needed a bit of clearing work between the forest and Llwynygog but the rest was pretty good.

Reports:

One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting, 17th April 2013. Cllr Pugh attended and reports as follows:

- Councillor Jones from PCC attended the meeting and explained some various concerns regarding the shortfall from the Welsh Assembly. Therefore, PCC will be facing some cutbacks.
- Powys has an aging/ailing population, therefore in the not too distant future there will be more demands on services.
- The number of PCC Councillors may be reduced from 73 to 65.
- Broadband needs to be faster and all is being done can to encourage this.
- The wind farm issue was discussed and it was agreed that the only legal way forward is to take part in the Public Inquiry.
- The committee discussed concerns of conflicting figures quoted for consultants to PCC. Therefore, meetings will now take place next week.

County Cllr Jones, who was at the OVW Area Meeting, commended Cllr Pugh on his vocal delivery at the meeting.

Dog Fouling Bins by a couple of footways – Gleiniant and Bodaioch: The Clerk had received a response from PCC stating that the Authority doesn't provide such bins any more. However, they might consider putting in litterbins that are also marked up for dog mess but the issue with this is a question of resource (after installation) for the emptying of the bins – at a time when budgets are being cut. The Authority does try to encourage communities to take the initiative here to identify offenders and apply local pressure to try to make dog owners more responsible. If this doesn't work then any evidence passed to Powys - name and address of dog owner, type of dog involved in the incident, the date, time and location when the incident occurred – can be passed to Environmental Health for them to take on as the law allows. TCC needs to be aware though that generally any fouling up country lanes beyond any speed limits sits beyond the law. If TCC feel that a site meeting might benefit to look at this issue then contact PCC. County Cllr Jones asked for a member of the Council to join him for a site visit to decide on bin positions for both roads.. Cllr Arthur Williams agreed.

Two members of the community asked to give further information on one of these footways. They reported that the community footpath has eroded away, mainly due to badger workings. County Cllr Jones suggested that, as this was between the two metal gates that Southern Water had installed, it may

be best to contact them in the first instance. However, as badgers were a protected species it might not be possible to remedy this area.

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

TCC has received the Audit briefing and forms for 2012-13. Copies of the End of Year Financial Accounts were distributed for Community Council's perusal and approval in order to be sent to the Internal Auditor. After discussion, Cllr Arthur Williams proposed approval and Cllr Davies seconded this, all agreed.

Payments In: None

Payments Out:	SLCC Conference	£58.80
	Mileage expenses to Cllr Pugh for OVW Area Meeting 17/4/13	£24.05

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

Planning Portals. Noted.

Letter from SSE Renewables re project update for **Nant y Moch Wind Farm**. They have delayed the submission of their Development Consent Order application. They will not be making any further significant investment in the project until the ambitions for the delivery of renewable energy in Wales is clearer. In the meantime, they will be continuing discussions with stakeholders and monitoring progress of other energy infrastructure projects in Wales over the next year. They will submit their DCO once they have clarity on outstanding issues. Noted.

Letter from **Russell George** re **Pedestrian Safety**. Mentioned above in 'footpath along the 4569.

Letter from Powys County Council re **Powys Local Development Plan** regarding candidate sites. To be put May's Agenda for further discussion.

Letter from Ceredigion County Council re **Ceredigion Local Development Plan**. Noted.
www.ceredigion.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1310

E-mail from OVW re **Appointment of Members to the Snowdonia National Park Authority**. To be put on Community Shop Notice Board.

E-mail from OVW and **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** re Plan. Noted.
<http://dyfed-powys.pcc.police.uk/en/priorities-and-policies/priority-setting/priority-setting.aspx>

E-mail from the Welsh Government and OVW enclosing guidance for farmers and local authorities re **Fallen Stock**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Measles outbreak in Powys**. Posters have been put up on notice board and a copy of this has been e-mailed to the Community Shop for display.

E-mail from OVW re **The Big Lunch 2013**. Passed on to Community Shop.

Letter from **Wales Rural Observatory** re Survey. It was agreed that this be completed by Chairman and Clerk.

Letter from OVW re **Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting** on 17th April . (See reports above).

Letter from **Llawryglyn Association** thanking TCC for their donation. Noted.

Letter from **CAB** thanking TCC for their donation. Noted.

E-mails from Banks Solutions re **Mid Wales conjoined Wind Farm PI**. (Mentioned above in SPEN/PI under Matters Arising.)

Letter from **OVW** re acknowledgement of **Membership renewal** and request for updated information. It was agreed that Cllr Pugh and Cllr Breese-Davies remain the representatives from Trefeglwys Community Council.

E-mail from **Rebecca Evans AM** attaching her newsletter. Noted.

E-mails from OVW re **Allotments/Community Growing Training Programme and also** bulk training for **Planning**: To be put on May's Agenda.

Planning:

P2013/0375 Application for demolition of existing part two-storey extension and replacement of a new two-storey extension and a single storey ground floor extension. Internal alterations. blocking up of existing windows, installation of new roof light and flue pipe at Glangwden, Trefeglwys. After viewing the planning details, the Community Council agreed they had no objections, as this would be in keeping with the rest the property.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Strong Roots Training on 20th May 2013. Cllr Meddins agreed to attend.

The Chairman advised that the **60th Anniversary of the Coronation** was on the 2nd June, which also incurred the same problem as last year for holding any celebration, as it was also holiday time. After discussions it was agreed that to commemorate this event by purchasing three new bench seats with commemoration plaques; one for each of the three villages in the Community.

The Chairman advised an employment related matter and it was agreed to discuss this at the end of June's Meeting.

Date of next meeting: 23rd May 2013 at 7:00pm for Community Council AGM and 7:30pm for Community Council Meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9:50 pm.