

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Nick Bennett  
Endaf Meddins (Vice Chairman)  
Derrick Pugh  
Arthur Williams

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Breese Davies (Chairman), Cllr Jones, Cllr Preston, Cllr Hughes

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Meddins (Vice Chairman) took the Chair and welcomed those that managed to attend in the awful weather conditions.

**Approval of Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 was proposed as accurate by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Bennett, 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.

It was agreed at the last Community Council Meeting that the Council register and sends in its outline statement.

A pre-inquiry meeting under rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 18 February 2013 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday 25 February 2013 at The Pavilion, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys. Cllr Breese-Davies and Cllr Meddins will be attending on behalf of the Community Council.

The Clerk has spoken to Chris Banks of Banks Solutions who is coordinating the Inquiry and he has confirmed that at or just after the Preliminary Inquiry in February, it will be decided what dates each of the individual wind farms and/or overhead line will be discussed. Therefore, it will not be necessary for everyone to attend all of the meetings, only those that are affected by a particular wind farm or overhead line. This means, there may be an extension of time, as to when the Full Statements and Proofs of Evidence need to be submitted; at the earliest this will be by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Therefore, this is the deadline that the Clerk has currently given to those who have been asked to provide additional Proofs of Evidence.

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

**Highways:**

**Gleiniant Road C2178:**

- *Culverts:* The problem was that some of the pipes connecting the culverts were broken, these have now been repaired.

- *Barrier:* PCC has responded stating that the Authority has a policy that barriers are not provided on the more minor road networks unless there are exceptional circumstances. However, they have agreed to view the site and consider what the options are.

Road near “**Cwm Cidyn**”, Llawryglyn: PCC are proposing to sweep and then assess the potholes and water damage.

**Speeding on the B4569:** A resident has written a letter about some horrendous speeding incidents that were witnessed by him and is a cause of great concern. The Clerk has confirmed to the resident that the Community Council are constantly chasing this but PCC will not consider providing the extra length of footpath from the new development to Talgarth road until the footpath which is to be installed by the developers has been completed. This was discussed by the Community Council who expressed grave concerns and it was agreed that a further letter be sent to PCC Highways.

#### **Reports:**

**School Governor’s Meeting:** It was agreed that this be omitted from further agendas until further notice.

**One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting:** Cllr Pugh attended this meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January and reported that a presentation was given by the Post Office.

There are no further closures of Post Offices planned and also they will now encourage all shops to open their Post Offices for the same period of time as the shop hours. There was strong criticism of the Post Office Van, as it proved inadequate for its purpose.

Reference was made about the poor support that Powys County Council received from the Welsh Assembly Government. A letter from One Voice Wales will be sent to the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Cabinet of PCC highlighting their concerns and urging them not to increase Council Tax for 2013 because of the current economic climate. Cllr Pugh was requested to produce a Press Release on this.

**Fence near “The Fron”.** It was agreed that the repair of the fence was the landowner’s responsibility.

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

E-mail from Wales Government re Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils 2013-2014 stating that the new sum is £6.98.

An up to date Financial Report for 2012-2013 was circulated to Councillors, who gave their approval on its contents.

Payments In:	Precept	£1833.00
	Recycling Qtr 2	£119.23
Payments Out:	Election Expenses:	Trefeglwys: £206.70
		Llawryglyn: £185.30
	Invoice from PCC re Bus Shelter and Bicycle License	£5.00
	Clerk’s Salary from September to December 2012	£619.95
	Clerk’s Mileage Expenses	£45.67
	Clerk’s Stationery Expenses from September to December 2012	£164.20

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

**Planning Portals.** Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Appointment of Chair to Career Choices Dewis Gyrfa.** Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Appointment of Alcohol & Education Members to the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse**. Noted.

Letter from Ceredigion County Council re Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance: **Aberystwyth Shop Fronts and Commercial Facades**. Consultation ends 15<sup>th</sup> February. Consultation can be viewed on: [http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/utilities/action/act\\_download.cfm?mediaid=45089&langtoken=eng](http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/utilities/action/act_download.cfm?mediaid=45089&langtoken=eng)  
Noted.

Letter from OVW re **A Sustainable Wales** – Consultation Events. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re a **new Welsh national planning policy document** has been published, which states that economic benefits should be given the same consideration as social and environmental issues when councils are drawing up local plans. It also stipulates that council planning departments should support the move towards a low carbon economy by, for example, encouraging the development of clusters of industrial and commercial uses that derive environmental benefit from co-location. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Funding News**. Noted.

E-mail from PCC re **Annual Council Reporting Framework**. Noted.

Letters from OVW enclosing an edition of **'The Voice'**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW **Strong Roots Project Training**. At the December Community Council Meeting it was agreed to discuss Training at the February meeting.

E-mail from **Rural Housing Enabler** – North Powys. Noted.

**The Clerk** Brochure. Noted.

**Clerk & Councils Direct** Brochure together with the 2013 **Supplies guide and yearbook**. Noted.

Letter from **HM Revenue & Customs** re **Employer Event** at Shrewsbury on the 5<sup>th</sup> February. Noted.

Letter from PCC re **School Governor Interests – Standards Committee**. Noted and copy passed to Cllr Bennett.

Letter from PCC re **Charity Trustee Interests – Standards Committee**. Noted and a copy retained for Cllr Jones.

E-mail from Shelter re **Charity Bike Ride**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re their response **Local Government (Democracy) Wales Bill**. Noted.

**Next Steps for the Local Development Plan: Community Engagement:** Early in 2013 the County Council intends to hold engagement exercises with Town and Community Councils. Noted.

E-mail from **Montgomeryshire Community Health re Meeting** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, this was later cancelled due to Snow. Minutes were attached from November's Meeting. Noted.

Letter from **Hywel Dda Health Board** re their Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to discuss the consultation on clinical services. They have approved a series of recommendations, which can be found on [www.hywelddahb.wales.nhs.uk/Consultation](http://www.hywelddahb.wales.nhs.uk/Consultation). The submissions made during the consultation are clearly very important and they fell into two distinct groups: those from professional bodies, which broadly support HDdHB's proposals (while raising issues about the implementation of 'community care'), and those from residents and community organisations, which object strongly to any centralisation at the expenses of access.

The consultation shows that there is overwhelming support for HDdHB's Option B proposals for *Emergency Services* at three main sites. Almost everyone who took part in the consultation supports this

approach, though there is important vociferous local opposition to the proposed nurse-led minor injuries service at Prince Philip, and some want full A&E restored there.

There is very strong support for the general principle of care in the community, but many people (including supporters) have very strong concerns about its practical implementation – in terms of GPs' current willingness and capacity, and whether adequate funding will be provided. Apart from the tension between centralisation and access (which is particularly evident in Pembrokeshire), there are widespread worries about the manageability and deliverability and safety of care in the community. This is a huge issue for many consultees and seems likely to define the challenge facing HDdHB.

*Montgomeryshire Community Health Council* – the status quo is not acceptable, but there has been insufficient co-ordination between Hywel Dda, Powys Teaching and Betsi Cadwaladr Health Boards; but the collaboration that has now been put in place is welcomed. Noted.

**Planning:** None

**Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

Cllr Pugh mentioned that although salt piles had been placed up the Gleiniant roads it stopped on the left hand side of 'Awelfryn'. County Cllr Jones agreed to organise for some to be delivered up there.

The Clerk raised an issue about the date of the next meeting and it was agreed that this be brought forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013.

**Date of next meeting:** 21st February 2013 at 7:30pm.

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