

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

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

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

**Members of the Community:** 7

**Apologies:** Cllr John Williams

**Approval of Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 was proposed as accurate by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Preston, all agreed.

**Approval of Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013 was proposed as accurate by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Pugh, all agreed.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A Williams declared an interest when Planning Application P/2013/0755 was discussed.

**Matters Arising:**

**To consider co-option of two New Councillors:** As there was one applicant for each of the Councillor positions, two new Cllrs were co-opted onto the Community Council without the need for votes.

*Replacement Cllr for Cllr Hughes resignation - Mrs Beryl Crone*

*Replacement Cllr for Cllr Breese-Davies - Mrs Janet Rowlands*

Both new Cllrs read and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were given the relevant documentation regarding the Code of Conduct for Councillors. Both ladies then joined the Community Council members at the Meeting table.

**SPEN/Mid Wales Inquiry:** The Chairman read out the response received from the Legal Team of Scottish Power Energy Networks regarding the Community Council's complaint re their Planner, Steven Edwards.

The Chairman also advised that e-mails had been received from Banks Solutions (Co-ordinators re Conjoined Public Inquiry).

A resident asked the Community Council to send another letter to SPEN, either retracting the route or enclosing copies of e-mails. The Chairman reiterated that the Council cannot retract a route that it has not suggested; he also advised that the Community Council is quite limited as to what they can do at present and will await the report from OVW before making any further decisions.

Cllr Preston advised that SPEN consultations were still continuing on this.

Another resident suggested forwarding the OVW report to SPEN. The Chairman advised that if the Council is happy to send it to SPEN and, if agreed, then it could be sent. Cllr Rowlands advised that there would be no advantage in sending the report to SPEN, as they will continue to protect their employee.

At the request of Cllr Pugh, the Chairman read out an e-mail from One Voice Wales to Cllr Pugh. This stated that the investigator had spent over a day already on the investigation but due to it being a complex case and has the potential for litigation, extra time was required, which meant that approximately 2 to 3 further days' would be required before a position report can be provided to the Council. The CEO asked for agreement to the extra work that is likely to be incurred before OVW proceeded any further. Also, given Cllr Pugh's personal contributions to OVW the CEO was willing to write off any costs incurred to date but the additional work would incur charges that would need to be passed onto the Community Council.

Cllr Pugh advised that he felt very uncomfortable that his work for OVW be used to offset costs of this kind. He read out a statement that he requested minuted as follows:

*"I would recommend that the Council resolves to meet the costs of OVW on production of the investigation report and that individual Cllrs should not be expected to make a contribution; as the key objective of commissioning the report was to have the necessary evidence that serves to protect the important reputation of the Council, as well as of individual Cllrs. Any financial contribution from individual Cllrs could possibly result in unfair accusations of personal interest against one or more Cllrs, which would be highly unproductive and undermine the purpose and beneficial impact of the investigation report to the Community of Trefeglwys."*

Cllr Pugh then advised that he was going to reject the kind offer of OVW. All agreed that he was correct in doing this and that the Council will pay the full cost of the investigation. The Chairman stated that the Council had no other option but to clear the Community Council's name. Cllr Pugh recognised that the cost has now risen from 2 days to 3 days or more and stated that one cannot put a price on a Councillor's reputation.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation:** Cllr Jones advised of maintenance free seating that was reasonably priced. As information on the Llawyglyn noticeboard has not yet been given, it was agreed to adjourn decisions until September's Meeting.

**TRAPP:** Cllr Rowlands was nominated to attend the TRAPP Meetings on behalf of the Community Council and Cllr Crone will attend as 2nd Cllr. Clerk to confirm with TRAPP.

**Re-cycling Area/Cardboard waste unit:** Clerk has written to PCC to request this unit be installed – this has been chased but no response to date.

**Dog Fouling Bins:** The Chairman advised that the request for another bin to be placed the other end of the footpath linking the B4569 nr Sewerage Works to Bodiach road has been granted.

**Hywel Dda Health Board:** The Clerk has written to Russell George who is chasing to see if there is an update on this, as there is concern that the operations have not resumed.

Cllr Crone advised that she is on the Llanidloes Patients forum and has been kept informed on the situation and to date a locum has not been appointed, which explains why the abdominal operations have not resumed at Bronglais Hospital.

**Autumn Training courses:** Cllr Rowlands and Cllr Crone will attend Module 4 – Understanding the Law in Trefeglwys on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**Welsh Language Communities Alliance.** This is an invitation for Town or Community Councils to become a member of the Welsh Language Communities Alliance. After the 2011 Census results, it was felt that there is need to ensure people speak and use the Welsh language. The Chairman is currently looking into this option in further detail.

## Highways:

*Blocked culvert between 'Fron-Derw' and 'Penffynnon':* PCC are currently investigating this. Cllr Rowlands advised that this area has problems and although attempts to remedy were made around 6 months ago, it is still in a very poor state.

*Road serving Bryn Clywedog, Tremafon, Dolgwyddel Isaf and Dolgwyddel Uchaf:* The Clerk wrote to request a copy of the legal document that has the road "Stopped up". PCC has advised that they have contacted Archives for this.

*Waen Road:* The Chairman advised that this had been reported to PCC. Cllr Pugh emphasised the need to keep the Waen Road on the Agenda. Cty Cllr Jones confirmed that he has viewed this road and agreed it is in need of repair.

*Community Footpath:* Cllr Pugh confirmed who the landowner is.

## Reports:

**Staylittle Hall Floor refurbishment:** The Chairman advised that the quote was for £1525. The Community Council discussed this Cllr Bennett proposed that a donation be given of £750 towards the cost. This was seconded by Cllr A Williams and all agreed.

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

*End of Year Accounts:* The external auditors have signed off the Annual Return for 2012-2013.

*New Bank Mandate* for completion of signature details. Cllr A Williams, Cllr Jones, Cllr Preston signed.

*Payments In:* None

<i>Payments Out:</i>	BDO (External Auditors)	£156.00
	NWN Media Ltd (Advert for Clerk)	£230.38
	ICO Licence Renewal	£35.00
	Clwedog Association (Staylittle Hall)	£750.00

**Planning:** It was agreed that this item be brought forward on the Agenda to avoid unnecessary waiting to residents.

- **P/2013/0765** Application for an erection of a double garage with ancillary first floor accommodation at Dolydd, Staylittle. The Community Council discussed and agreed that they had no objections.
- **P/2013/0755** Application for erection of an affordable dwelling and formation of a vehicular access track at Land adjacent Brooklyn, Trefeglwys. Cllr A Williams declared an interest and left the meeting room.

A resident asked to speak regarding this planning application. He advised that he was not aware of this application until he received notification from PCC the previous day. He did not have any objection to the building of a house but he did have objection to the entrance/exit.

The Community Council discussed this and although there was no objection to the new build itself, there was concern raised over the proposed entrance/exit on to a road, which the Community Council understand belongs to a neighbouring farmer that leads up to his farm but it does have public right of way. This would cause considerable problems for the farmer, as this part of the road is very steep, leading to a corner; it is also a very busy road that has considerable use with heavy agricultural traffic and animals. Therefore, it is considered that the current existing entrance/exit for Brooklyn be used instead.

Cllr A Williams was asked to return to the meeting room.

- **P/2013/0513** Full Planning Permission is Granted for an erection of a single storey ground floor extension, Pantyrhedyn, Staylitttle. Noted.
- **P/2013/0375** Listed Building Consent is Granted for the demolition of existing part two-storey extension and replacement with 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. Noted.
- **P/2013/0376** Full Planning Permission is Granted for the demolition of existing part two-storey extension and replacement with a new two-storey extension, and a single storey ground floor extension and other associated works at Glangwden, Trefeglwys. Noted.
- **P/2013/0625** Full Planning Permission is Granted for an erection of a conservatory at Pantle, The Waen, Trefeglwys. Noted.

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

**Planning Portals.** Noted.

Letter from **Shelter** re donations. Put into Charitable donations file for discussion in December.

E-mail from Llanbrymair Cllr re **Broadband in Staylitttle**. Notices put onto Staylitttle and Llawryglyn noticeboards.

E-mail from OVW re **Energy Efficiency** Interest Free Loans for Councils. Noted.

E-mail from Age Cymru re their '**Scams and Swindles**' Campaign: Posters put up in Shop and village hall.

E-mail from Conservatives re information from Edwina Hart AM regarding **Powys Local Growth Zones Update and Brown signs**.

In Newtown, they are working with the Sirolli Institute and with the business and local community to explore the potential of establishing a model of community based economic development in and around the town.

The new guidelines for brown signs will reflect a positive approach to tourism signing in supporting small businesses and promoting tourism in Wales. Other changes will include a clearer application process and a widening of the type of tourist destinations that may be considered for signing, better reflecting the Welsh context.

E-mails from Plantscape re **Xmas Lighting**. Noted.

E-mails from Ceredigion HPW and OVW re **TraCC Bus and Community Transport Network Strategy** – Stakeholder & Partner Consultation, which finishes on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that no comment be made.

E-mail re **NHSD Direct Wales Symptom Checker**. **NHS Direct Tel: 0845 4647** Posters put on notice boards. Cllr Crone advised that complainants re the service can ring Shrop Doc direct (0844 40688) re any incidents that needs reporting but they will need to have date and time of incident, name, address and date of birth of person concerned and date and time of injury.

E-mail from OVW re 'Victim Focused Delivery' Event by **Police & Crime Commissioner**. There will be an event at Cwmbran on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 9-1pm. Noted.

E-mail from PCC re **Public Convenience Provision in Powys**. Under the new policy the running of public conveniences will be offered to community interest groups with an annual grant. It was agreed that this information be passed onto the Community Shop.

E-mails from Play Wales re **Play deprivation** and Play – Inclusive Provision and brochure from Play Wales. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Larger Councils Conference**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Ombudsman Casebook** – Issue 13. Noted.

E-mail from Natural Resources Wales re **Open Access Mapping Review in Wales. Review of maps showing open country and registered common land in Wales**. Natural Resources Wales is required by law to review the maps of Open Country and Registered Common Land at least every 10 years. Open access land is made up of finally registered common land and open country (defined under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 as mountain, moor, heath or down). Open country is mapped to the best identifiable boundaries on the ground. Any person with a legal interest in land shown on the map as open country or registered common land may appeal to the Welsh Ministers against the showing of that land on the map as registered common land or open country. Noted.

E-mail re **Parish On-Line Mapping** re Web Mapping software for Parishes in the UK. Noted.

E-mails from Montgomeryshire Community Health re **CHC Member Recruitment** and OVW **Members to the Wales Tourism Advisory Board**. To be put on notice boards.

E-mails re **Changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights in Wales**. Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2013 - Statutory Instrument Number 2013/1776 (W.177) was made on 15 July 2013 and will come into force on Monday 30 September 2013. The Order will soon be published on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk)

The Order amends Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 and introduces a number of changes to householder permitted development rights. These include:

- Providing householders with greater flexibility to enable them to make a wider range of improvements and alterations to their homes without the need to apply for planning permission.
- A move away from volume thresholds towards assessment of impact as the means of setting limits for householder permitted development rights.
- Introducing the concept of the “principal elevation” of the dwelling house. The “principal elevation” is the elevation of the original dwelling house which, by virtue of its design or setting, or both, is considered to be the most important. This therefore affects which part of the house can be extended.
- Greater protection for World Heritage Sites.
- A requirement for householders to use porous or permeable materials, or direct run-off to porous or permeable areas, when they lay hard surfaces on front gardens that face a highway.

The Order is supported by a technical guide and householder guide. Copies of both documents can be obtained from: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/policy/guidanceandleaflets/householder-permitted-development-rights/?lang=en>

E-mail from PCC re **Powys Funding Opportunities**. Noted.

Posters re Surgery Dates from **Welsh Conservative Office** – these have been placed on noticeboard.

E-mail re August 2013 Housing Bulletin from **Mid-Wales Housing Association**. Noted.

E-mail from FBA Group re **Wales Yearbook**. Clerk to complete.

Letter from Glyn Davies MP re hosting a five **'Memory Walks'** across the constituency in aid of **Alzheimer's Society and Bupa Care Homes**. This is to raise awareness of Alzheimer's. Cty Cllr Jones advised of one of the walks for the 18<sup>th</sup> September, which would be to the Felindre, and also advised that any donations were very welcomed. Donations were given to Cty Cllr Jones by Cllrs.

E-mail from OVW re **Bovine TB Eradication Programme**. The Badger Vaccination Grant will give farmers, landowners and other organisations in Wales the opportunity to vaccinate badgers against bovine TB. Vaccination should increase the level of immunity to bovine TB in a badger population and in the potential for onward spread of the disease to cattle.

Those wishing to vaccinate badgers will be able to apply to the Badger Vaccination Grant for financial support. Successful applicants will receive up to 50% of the eligible costs of badger vaccination. Up to £250,000 a year will be available for five years.

The grant will apply to privately delivered vaccination projects beyond the Intensive Action Area. The vaccination project in the Intensive Action Area will continue to be delivered by Government. The Government expect to be open for applications this autumn so that successful applicants will be able to begin vaccinating from May 2014.

E-mail from Montgomeryshire CHC re **Patient Engagement Event to review the appraisal for orphan and ultra-orphan medicines**. 6<sup>th</sup> September in Llanharan. Notices put on noticeboard.

E-mail from Welsh Government re **news/local government updates**. Noted.

E-mail from Powys Police re **Police & Crime Commissioner** update. This included surgery dates:

- Newtown Surgery – 20 September, 10.30-12.30
- Welshpool Surgery – 24 September, 11.00-13.00

E-mail from a resident re **information request**. Noted and approval was given so will be provided.

Letter from a resident re **information request**. Noted, some has already been provided and approval was given for the rest to be provided.

E-mail from OVW re report for **Older People's Commissioner for Wales**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re appointments of Members to Community Health Councils. Noted.

### **Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

The Clerk produced the meeting dates for the **Montgomeryshire Community Health Council**: It was considered that, as Cllr Crone is on the Llanidloes Patients Forum and receives the updates of the MCHC Meetings, it would not be necessary to appoint a Cllr to attend the MCHC Meetings.

**Town and Community Council Websites:** Once it has been confirmed that the grant is being paid to TCC, the Clerk will contact the Website provider to attend a Community Council Meeting.

The Chairman advised that the interviews for a **Replacement Clerk** had taken place the previous Monday and it had proved a difficult decision, as the quality of candidates were excellent.

The Chairman advised that the resident who earlier mentioned that another letter be sent to SPEN from the CC had reiterated, to the Chairman, that his request be reconsidered by the Community Council. The Council re-discussed this and agreed that there would be no benefit in writing to SPEN at this time.

Cllr Pugh asked if there were any objections to him dealing with OVW re their kind offer, all agreed.

Cllr A Williams advised that he had to abstain from signing the document that was produced at the last Council Meeting because he couldn't sign the same form as the rest of the Cllrs; this was due to

the fact that he had spoken to Steven Edwards regarding his own business and had involvement regarding Pylons on his land. He assured the Community Council that he has not had any other involvement.

The Clerk read out a diary of events and asked if the Community Council had any objections to her sending it off to OVW. There were no objections.

**Date of next meeting:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7:30 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 10:40pm.