

**Trefeglwys Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**7:30pm, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**  
**at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors:	Nick Bennett Michael Breese Davies William Davies John Hughes Rhiannon Jones Endaf Meddins Sue Preston Derrick Pugh John Williams
<b>In Attendance:</b>		County Cllr Graham Jones Mary Shergold (Clerk)
<b>Visitor:</b>		Mr R Williams (Resident)
<b>Members of the Community of Trefeglwys</b>		Approximately 40
<b>Apologies:</b>		Cllr A Williams

The new Chairman, Cllr Meddins, welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** from previous Community Council Meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> April was proposed as accurate by Cllr Breese-Davies and seconded by Cllr J Williams, all agreed.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Bennett

**Matters Arising:**

**SPEN/Mid Wales Inquiry:**

Cllr Bennett moved to sit in the public area of the meeting room.

Previously, on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013, SPEN held a presentation of two new suggested route options CC1d and CC1e; CC1d is the one that is most relevant to the Community of Trefeglwys.

The new Chairman invited Mr Russell Williams to speak regarding the CC1d route.

Mr Williams expressed his disappointment at the way he felt that he had been treated over this issue. He advised that he understood that Cllr Breese-Davies, the previous Chairman, had suggested alternative routes and this had been confirmed by Mr Edwards from SPEN at a Llanidloes Without Community Council Meeting. He questioned various issues and conveyed that no one whom the alternative route had impact on had been consulted. Mr Williams advised that he already has the largest proportion of power cables in Trefeglwys on his land running east to west and now the new proposal suggests that he should have possibly another 15 running South to North. Mr Williams advised that he felt he had become the sacrificial lamb thrown blindly to the wolves of SPEN in order to save the rest of the Community.

Ms Susan Williams sent a letter to the Community and asked for it to be read out at the meeting, The Chairman read this out, which reiterated some of Mr Williams's remarks and questioned the legal issue. The letter stated that she was dismayed at how the proposals had been administered and questioned the decision maker and reasons. She also advised that she was concerned about Mr Edwards' conduct and those routes and proposals had changed at a rapid rate in the previous few weeks. Ms Williams said it

appeared that Scottish Power were using Community Councils to gain influence, she raised concerns as to the lack of power the general public may have. In conclusion she asked for clarification as to the Community Council's position regarding pylons.

Cllr Pugh asked to speak prior to Cllr Breese-Davies's response and said it was completely understandable how Mr Williams felt, which was no different to other landowners. Cllr Pugh said that he had received a telephone call from Glyn Davies MP for Montgomeryshire who was concerned about the unrest in Trefeglwys. The MP said it would be inappropriate for him to tell Scottish Power where to put the pylons even if they would take note of what he said. He also stated that their policy was to try and stop the windfarm developments, which in turn would stop the pylons. Cllr Pugh clarified some points and the Community Council's role as Consultees to the visiting members of the community.

Cllr Pugh also read out an e-mail dated 21 May 2013 that the Clerk had sent to Mr Edwards requesting that he confirmed that the Community Council had not proposed any route to him but merely passed on suggestions from local community members at his request. Cllr Pugh also read out Mr Edwards' confirmation by e-mail also dated 21 May 2013 that this was correct. Cllr Pugh said that it was unfair for Mr Edwards to contact any single Cllr, as that would put the Cllr in a vulnerable position. He added that Mr Edwards had made a serious allegation about the Community Council and felt that the Council deserved an apology. The Chairman suggested that a letter be sent to SPEN, as per Cllr Pugh's suggestion and also another to Llanidloes Without Community Council to explain the situation. All agreed. The Chairman then asked Cllr Breese-Davies to respond.

Cllr Breese-Davies responded to the allegations and assured Mr Williams that some members of the community had proposed an alternative route but SPEN had altered the proposed route to the CC1d route. Cllr Breese Davies confirmed that he, himself, had not proposed any route but had merely passed on the information to Mr Edwards, at Mr Edwards' request. This was due to Mr Edwards cancelling his attendance of the CC meeting in March therefore, he was not available to hear the comments but he requested the latest views from the community in writing with those views drawn on a map to make it easier for him to understand. Cllr Breese Davies reiterated that the Community Council had not proposed any route and if he said anything in the last Community Council meeting that gave that impression then he apologised.

Cllr Breese-Davies advised that he had tried to keep everything transparent but he had not mentioned the individuals who proposed the initial route, as they asked for anonymity. He was aware that some individuals had contacted Mr Edwards direct and suggested a similar route on the understanding that if all else fails and the wind farms are given the go ahead. He assured everyone that he had done his very best in his role, both as Chairman and individual Cllr, to respect and represent all of the Community and if he has made a mistake then he humbly apologised.

The Chairman read out a factual statement of Community Council events to clarify what had happened in relation to contact with SPEN since September 2012.

During this Agenda item many comments were made from community members and many members felt that no further contact be made to SPEN. When questioned why the Community Council was in communication with SPEN, Cllr Breese-Davies explained the Vyrnwy example and also compared the situation to that of insurance – 'Just in Case'.

Many further comments/questions were asked and responded to and it was made clear to the community members that if the two wind farms, Llanbadarn Fynndd and Laithddu, are rejected by the Inquiry then no pylons would need to come through Trefeglwys. The Community Council and TRAPP members advised the other community members on what they could do to try and ensure that the pylon issue is eradicated. They were informed that the Community Council has put forward their objection of the two wind farms, which affect Trefeglwys, to the Public Inquiry and community support of this objection would be welcomed. In the meantime, the Community Council will organise for more feedback forms to be sent to the Community Shop.

Mr Williams read out and queried an e-mail that Cllr Breese-Davies, in his previous role of Chairman, had sent to Mr Edwards. Cllr Breese-Davies advised that Mr Edwards had requested the route that the local residents had proposed, in writing.

Cllr Pugh proposed that in future, all e-mails pertaining to Council business are copied to each individual Cllr and County Cllr Jones to avoid any future misunderstandings. This was seconded by Cllr Davies, all agreed. It must be noted that at all times the Clerk must be copied in on e-mails.

A resident reminded everyone that the Community Councillors do their job voluntarily and this job can be a thankless one.

A TRAPP member reminded everyone about the Public Inquiry on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

The Chairman said that Cllr Breese Davies had always acted with good intentions. He then closed the SPEN item by thanking members of the community for attending.

Cllr Bennett then re-joined the rest of the Council.

The Chairman advised that various e-mails had been received from Banks Solutions re **Public Inquiry**, including PCC's Full Statement of Case.

**Powys Local Development Plan:** A set of plans had been circulated to the Cllrs to peruse. The questionnaire/comment form was completed with no objections to site reference numbers 330, 331, 334 665 but an objection was made for 908.

County Cllr Jones suggested that the Clerk write to the two developers to ascertain current situation regarding housing needs.

**Training:** Cllr Preston found the training course on the 20<sup>th</sup> May to be very informative and will report further on this at the next meeting.

Other training course details were advised but it was agreed that there was no training courses available that had not already been attended by members.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coronation:** It was agreed that further discussion on this be postponed until the next meeting.

## Highways:

**Footpath along the B4569:** E-mail received from PCC stating that it has been agreed to meet again with the Developer in the Autumn to discuss and seek agreement to provide an improvement in verge width/pedestrian refuge at the critical point on the corner. The re-grading of the remaining length of existing verge up to Trannon Junction will be carried out this Summer so that some improvement for pedestrians can be realised without undue delay.

**Trefeglwys to Llawryglyn road:** Blocked culvert on the straight length next to Rhydycarw en route to Llawryglyn. Resolved.

**Blocked culvert between Fronderw and Pen-y-Ffynon:** Clerk to chase PCC

**Road serving Bryn Clywedog, Tremafon, Dolgwyddel Isaf and Dolgwyddel Uchaf:** Clerk had written to PCC to advise that this road formed part of the original road but so far no response has been received. Cllr Davies and County Cllr Jones met with PCC who has agreed to investigate to see if the road had been 'stopped up'.

**Community Footpath:** Clerk has written to Severn Trent Water but today no response has been received. Clerk to write to PCC.

## Reports:

**Dog Fouling Bins by a couple of footways – Gleiniant and Bodaioch:** Cllr Arthur Williams met with County Cllr Jones for a site visit regarding bin positions for both roads. It was agreed that one would be

placed on left hand side of Gleiniant bridge and the other would be placed opposite 'Glendale'. Clerk to confirm with Andrew Jones.

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

Payments In:	Beaufort Wind	£1238.72
	Precept	£1980.80
Payments Out:	Trefeglwys Memorial Hall re Meeting Room for Meetings	£180.00
	Mr Allen – Flowers for Village Boxes	£10.00
	AON Insurance	£250.03

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

**Planning Portals.** Noted.

Letter from **SPEN** re Presentation in Trefeglwys Village Hall (Mentioned above in SPEN/PI under Matters Arising.)

Letter from **OVW** enclosing copies of the 'The Voice'. Noted.

Letter from **Powys County Council** re **Post 16 Transformation**. This is a new Powys Commissioning Board for 16-19 year old learners. The plan is that there will be a new 16-19 joint planning and commissioning system, which will be implemented from July 2013. Noted.

Letter from **Ceredigion County Council** notifying the adoption of their **Local Development Plan 2007-2022**. Noted.

Letter from **Llanidloes High School** re volunteers. They currently have 125 learners to match places up with during their spare time during weekends or the holidays. The learners need to complete 15 hours of community participation. There is a Community Participation Fayre where organisations can promote themselves and the learners can sign up for something they are interested in. on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at the High School 9 am – 11 am. Noted.

Letter from PAVO re **Powys Befrienders** Promotion and notice. They would be happy to attend one of the CC meetings to talk about the service. The project allows people aged 50 plus who are isolated and lonely to receive support from a volunteer for a period of 12 months. Noted and poster to be put up in Community Shop.

E-mails from Banks Solutions re **Public Inquiry**, including PCC's Full Statement of Case. (Mentioned in Matters Arising above under SPEN/PI.) Noted.

Acknowledgement of receipt of donation from **Wales Air Ambulance**. Noted.

E-mails from **Montgomeryshire Community Health Council** re Meeting Dates, Measles' vaccinations, etc. Posters already put on noticeboards. The Chairman will attend meetings when possible.

E-mail from OVW re **North Wales Development Officer** vacancy. Noted.

E-mail from **S4C** regarding posters for 'living history' TV series. Posters already put on notice boards.

E-mail from **Powys Rural Housing Officer**. Noted.

E-mail from Play Wales re **Play and early years**. Noted.

E-mail from Russell George re **Hywel Dda** letter regarding a temporary halt of cancer surgery for Colorectal and Abdominal Surgery until June 2013. In the meantime, patients will be offered surgery at Wilybush or Glangwili Hospitals. Noted.

E-mail from **Sirolli Institute** regarding **Proposed Enterprise Facilitation Project**/Public Meeting. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re Consultation of Welsh Government's draft **Social and Environmental Guidance to Ofwat**. Consultation ends 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Noted.  
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/owfat-social-environmental-guidance/?lang=en>.

E-mail from PCC re **Powys Local Development Plan**. An initial Consultation Report is now available:  
[http://static.powys.gov.uk/uploads/media/Powys\\_LDP\\_Delivery\\_Agreement\\_Revised\\_March\\_2013.pdf](http://static.powys.gov.uk/uploads/media/Powys_LDP_Delivery_Agreement_Revised_March_2013.pdf)

E-mail from **Lamps and Tubes Illuminations Ltd** re **Queens 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Coronation**. Noted.

Letter from **PCC** re **Notice of Audit 2012/2013**. Already placed on Noticeboard.

Letter **Severn Hospice** re acknowledgement of donation. Noted.

E-mail from Russell George regarding Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: **Vibrant and Viable Places; A New Regeneration Framework – Guidance for applicants to access Welsh Government targeted regeneration investment**. The Vibrant and Viable places funding will be directed at town centres, coastal communities and Communities First clusters.  
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandconomy/regeneration/vvpframework/?land=en>. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re '**Big Lunch** tips'. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Commercial Christmas** introduction who are a Christmas lighting supplier. Noted.

E-mail from Russell George re New First World War grant programme, Silverstone heritage and more from the **Heritage Lottery Fund**. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re **Wind Energy Seminar** for Councillors and Planners at Carno on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 9:00 am – 4 pm. It was agreed not to attend.

E-mail from Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg regarding the **Welsh Language, A Living Manifesto**. Noted.

Letter from **RWE npower** renewables enclosing the funding monitoring form. Noted.

E-mail from OVW re Welsh Affairs Committee Press Announcement: **Crossing the border- road and rail links between England and Wales** - Government Response received. Noted.

E-mail from Ms Williams enclosing a letter regarding **CC1d route**. (Read out Under Matters Arising item: SPEN/PI above).

E-mail from PCC re **European and External Funding**. Noted.

## **Planning:**

**P2013 0237** Full Planning Permission has been granted for the erection of a single storey extension at **The Cwm**, Trefeglwys. Noted.

## **Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

Cllr Breese-Davies apologised for any embarrassment that may have been caused during the above SPEN item.

Cllr Breese-Davies requested that a discussion regarding a Cllr for the **TRAPP** Meetings be put on next month's agenda, as well as a Cllr to possibly attend the **Public Inquiry**. All Agreed.

Cllr Breese-Davies also enquired what the Council wanted to do with the remainder of the **60th Jubilee Mugs** and it was agreed that these be donated to Cwm Trannon Shop to sell.

Cllr Pugh raised concern about the **Waen Road** that has been badly damaged due to the heavy lorries and some vehicles have damaged their tyres due to the state of the road. There has been an attempt to repair the road but this has not been very successful. Clerk to write to PCC.

Cllr Pugh advised that the Community Council has received a lot of compliments regarding the **old Gleiniant Cemetery** and the beautiful spread of daffodils that had come to sight.

Cllr Preston raised concern of the poor surface of the road between two cattle grids from **Cwm Cidyn** heading towards Esgairmaen at Llawryglyn (pot-holes). Clerk to write to PCC.

Cllr Bennett raised concern of the poor state of the **Belam Road** going up towards Ty Newydd. This has been due to water running down the road causing pot holes.

**Date of next meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7:30 pm.

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