

**Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 28th August 2014
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Councillors: Endaf Meddins (Chairman)
Rhiannon Jones
Derrick Pugh
Beryl Crone
Nick Bennett
William Davies
David Jerman
County Cllr Graham Jones

In Attendance: Alex Wilson-Mills

Members of the Community: 5

Apologies: Myra Jones, Arthur Williams and Janet Rowlands.

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 31 July 2014 proposed by Cllr Crone and seconded by Cllr Jones.

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked Cllr Jones for stepping in as chair at the last meeting. The Chair then referred to the previous meeting and comments that were made regarding the planning issue that was raised. The Chair continued to say that he was unhappy to send a letter to PCC that had no evidence to support and as the clerk was on holiday he forwarded the amended letter to all councillors. As no objections were received from any councillor the amended letter was forwarded to PCC and he stated that he did what he thought was best at the time.

Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Nick Bennett and Rhiannon Jones declared an interest regarding SPEN and the new route put forward. Cllr Jones remained in the meeting as there was dispensation for her to do so, but she would not be allowed to speak. Cllr Bennett left the room when the matter was discussed.

Matters Arising:

SPEN – The council referred back to the letter from SPEN of 16 July 2014 and discussed further and agreed to write to invite Scottish Power to attend the council meeting in October so the council is updated on the current position in relation to Pylon Routes through the community of Trefeglwys.

One Voice Wales Report – The council discussed and debated at great length the response received from the Monitoring Officer of 11 August 2014. Councillors sought clarification on several points and wanted their views to be made known to the Monitoring Officer. The council unanimously felt that they would leave the decision to refer the matter to the Ombudsman to the Monitoring Officer.

The Council discussed the statements which had been given to the Council at the time of the OVW Investigation. It was requested that all the 200 or more e-mails that had now been returned by OVW during the Investigation should be printed out in their entirety, including all attachments. This was agreed to be done by the Clerk. The Council were now aware of the extent of the amount of work that had been done by Cllr. Meddins the Chair and Cllr. Pugh who had been appointed by the Council to liaise with OVW on behalf of the Council. The Council unanimously thanked them both for all their hard work and achievement.

The clerk read out an email received from the former chairman of 24 August 2014 and the council discussed. Cllr Crone agreed with the former chairman's comments and the council also agreed that it was the monitoring officers' place to report his findings and not the councils as stated by the former chairman in his email.

60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation –Cllr Bennett confirmed that the notice board had arrived and was in place. The refund received was for not requiring legs on the notice board.

Trefeglwys Community Shop – The Chairman read out a letter received from Tim Ware Chairman of the management committee of Trefeglwys Community Shop. The council were saddened by the situation of the closure of the shop. There was a meeting to be held on 5 September 2014 at 12.00 mid day for shareholders meeting followed by a creditors meeting to discuss the future of the shop.

Highways:

Footpath by Maestrannon – the clerk read out a letter from County Cllr Jones in response to the letter the council received from Mr Alan Bunford. Cllr Crone mentioned that WAG were currently offering funding for pedestrian/cyclists and asked whether this could be a possibility for the footpath. The approximate costs for the footpath are £48,000 and at present there is no funding available. However as the footpath is with the Shires Committee the council can but only wait.

Road serving Llawr y Glyn – the clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to PCC and currently awaiting a response.

Reports: None

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Clerk's Wages August 2014 (gross)	£160.38
Clerk's Expenses August 2014	£ 41.14
Clerk's extra wages for work undertaken for Foi Request	£231.64
Ico Renewal	£ 35.00
Cllr Pugh's Expenses for photocopying for Foi request	£ 21.40

Monies In

Foi request payment (from former clerk) £ 64.10

External Audit for accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 - the clerk read out the response from the external auditors and the council were all happy with the outcome and the chairman and the clerk signed the form in approval.

Correspondence:

Post

- 27.08.14 – Post Office Re: closure of Trefeglwys Community Shop closure and the closure of the services from the post office. Noted.
- 20.08.14 – Letter from PCC Re: New contractors Parry & Evans for collection of paper in recycling area. Noted.

All email correspondence received has previously been forwarded to community councillors. Any councillors to comment on correspondence relevant to Trefeglwys Community Council.

Planning:

E-mailed and forwarded to councillors for feedback before the council meeting due to 21 day response time, no objections were made.

- Application Ref: VAR/2014/0051, Grid Ref: 293068.3/291182.33 for VAR: Discharge of planning obligation 2 (2) only of planning permission M22156 (occupancy) at Dolafon, Llawr y Glyn, Caersws, Powys. Discussed no objections.
- Application ref: P/2014/0764, Grid Ref: 295420.64/292232.39 for Full: change of use of land from agricultural use to commercial use in connection with the operation of rural enterprise. Construction of vehicular access and access track. Formation of hard standing and associated engineering operations. Erection of storage shed (retrospective) and erection of proposed storage shed together with landscaping scheme and all other associated works at Land at Long Hill Isaf, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys. Discussed and no objections only comment to remain consistent on councils stance regarding retrospective planning.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Pugh referred to the Minutes of May 2014. The former chairman had sent an email to Cllr Pugh and Cllr Pugh stated that the former chairman disagreed with the comment that Cllr Pugh "had it in for him", he said he could not recall using this statement. The former chairman asked whether this could be retracted as it is not the case and never has been and objected to the interpretation.

The clerk stated that the minutes could not be amended as they had been signed in approval but the point would be noted in the minutes of tonight minutes to be referred to.

Cllr Bennet and Cllr Jerman had received a letter from residents regarding the positioning on the bin by the old school in Llawr y Glyn. The council discussed and Cllr Jones said that he would be meeting with a representative of PCC and would discuss the situation.

The Chair said that Alan Hughes of Staylittle Cemetery had asked whether the council would contribute towards the maintenance of the cemetery grounds. The council discussed and agreed that as they do not contribute to others that they would remain consistent and unfortunately would not be willing to contribute.

No other comments.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th September 2014.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.50pm.