

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 19th June 2014
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Endaf Meddins
Rhiannon Jones
Beryl Crone
Nick Bennett
Derrick Pugh
William Davies
Myra Jones
County Cllr Graham Jones

In Attendance: Alex Wilson-Mills

Members of the Community: 4

Apologies: Arthur Williams, Janet Rowlands and David Jerman.

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 29 May 2014 proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Pugh.

Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Nick Bennett, Rhiannon Jones and Myra Jones declared an interest regarding SPEN and the new route put forward. Rhiannon Jones and Myra Jones remained in the meeting as there was dispensation for them to do so, but they would not be allowed to speak.

Matters Arising:

SPEN – The council had received a letter from SPEN of 29 May 2014 in response to the council's letter of 31 March 2014. The Chair confirmed that he had spoken to Steven Edwards regarding the Stage three consultation feedback report and that the council wanted the feedback to be shown as a percentage and not as figures shown for the community feedback. SPEN have taken the Council's concerns on board and have adjusted this accordingly and updated the website.

Steven Edwards also commented to the Chair that the route has now been changed back to the CC1.

Cllr Pugh stated that the council were now back in a position as Statutory Consultees and not in a predetermined position as they were previously. The council are now able to deal with any planning applications put forward by SPEN.

He also stated that that SPEN had recognised and agreed that the Stage 2 Consultation Information was not the views of the Council and they had now agreed to insert the percentage of 98-99% of community figures feedback in the Stage 3 Consultation Report. He felt that the time was right for the community to reunite as one and for the Community Council to stand by the views expressed by the community in their response to Scottish Power.

A similar situation to what has happened in Trefeglwys has happened in Anglesey and North Wales. The One Voice Wales 'Voice' Spring Issue 2014 explains a similar situation regarding pylons and undergrounding. The article states "Evidently there was here the potential for a divided island if one community fought the next to avoid hosting these pylons. But with lessons learnt from history regarding strength in unity, and through the charring of One Voice Wales, the Area Committees all voted unanimously in opposing any more pylons and support the subsea cables".

In Trefeglwys I think that we should work together and address the views of the community. This would in turn help to eliminate the concerns of landowners and local businesses of having pylons along the proposed route corridor.

One Voice Wales Report

The Chair confirmed that the monitoring officer had sent his apologies to the council as he has still not reviewed in full the report and hopefully he will get this done next week.

60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation –Cllr Bennett confirmed that the Notice board had been ordered and is on the way.

Highways:

Footpath by Maestrannon – the clerk confirmed that there had been no further information received regarding statistics from PS Andy Allen. Cty Cllr Jones confirmed that the Shires Committee had passed the scheme and it should now be dealt with but not sure when.

Clywedog Reservoir – the clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to PCC but at present there was no update regarding the request for earth bunds to be continued up the road.

Road serving the Waen – the clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to PCC but at present there was no response.

Road serving Argoed - the clerk had received an email from Cllr Rowlands confirming that the repairs had been done to the road.

Reports:

One Voice Wales – Area Committee Meeting

Attended by Cllr Pugh and Cllr Crone sent apologies.

Cllr Pugh reported the following from the area committee meeting.

The Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting was held on the 11th June at Castle Caereinion.

At the meeting, the current Chairman, Cllr Chris Backshall was re-elected and Cllr David Jones was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

During the meeting, nominations for an Executive Board member was requested Cllr Derrick Pugh from Trefeglwys was proposed and seconded and unanimously supported.

Cllr Pugh was also nominated onto the Powys Local Service Board Sub-Committee. He was also nominated as a substitute onto the Powys Regeneration Partnership.

At the meeting, Training, Membership Recruitment and Best Practice were discussed.

The next meeting will take place at Penstrowed Village Hall. Date to be confirmed.

Executive Board Meeting - Friday, 13th June 2014 at the Royal Welsh Showground.

Several topics were under discussion including Freedom of Information requests.

The Chief Executive provided a very comprehensive report on One Voice Wales on how we proceed for the future, (papers to follow).

Much of the information is normally e-mailed to the Clerks for Council's attention.

Code of Conduct Training – the clerk attended the code of conduct training held in Trefeglwys Village Hall on Wednesday 18 June by Gwilym Rippon of the SLCC on behalf of One Voice Wales. The clerk reported that it was most helpful and insightful for a number of scenarios to consider for declaration of interest. It also highlighted that all councillors are individually responsible for declaring their interest. However the clerk still had a couple of areas of declaration of interest that needed clarifying which answers were not provided in the training and would have to be followed up with Wynne Richards of PCC which were relevant for TCC.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Clerk's Wages June 2014 (gross)	£160.38
Clerk's Expenses June 2014	£ 86.37
Derrick Pugh Expenses	£ 22.54
SLCC Membership	£ 64.00

Monies In None

End of Year Accounts - after Internal Audit. The clerk confirmed that she had been unable to get in back touch with Jackie Pugh to do the internal audit and with the timescale had managed to get someone else to do the internal audit for the council. The accounts were signed off by the Chair with a note from the Chair expressing that he was happy with how the accounts were recorded but he was not happy with the extra expenses for the year.

Correspondence:

Post

- 27.05.14 – PCC Ranking Scheme for Undertaking Minor Works – circulated to all councillors and noted.
- OVW – Spring 2014/15 Newsletter – copy circulated to councillors.
- 03.06.14 – Montgomeryshire Area Committee Agenda for 11 June 2014 – covered by the Report from Cllr Pugh.

Planning:

- 06.06.14 The Planning Inspectorate – application by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) for an order granting development consent for the SP Mid Wales Connections Project. Cty Cllr Jones left the room as he is on the Planning Committee for PCC. Cllr Bennett also declared an interest and left the room. Cllr. Rhiannon Jones and Cllr. Myra Jones stayed in the meeting but did not speak on the application. The Council discussed their response to the Planning Inspectorate in detail and agreed to extract information from the community feedback report to represent the views of the community. A letter of objection to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 09.06.14 Planning Application Ref: VAR/2014/0039. Grid Ref:297241.98/291421.97 for VAR: application to discharge section 106 planning obligation attached to planning permission M/2005/0260 (Local Needs Occupancy restriction) at Brooklyn, Trefeglwys, Caersws Powys. Discussed by the council and no objections.
- 10.06.14 Planning Application Ref: P/2014/0554. Grid Ref: 288885.64/292068.86 for section 73 application to vary conditions 2, 4, 5 & 6 attached to planning application P/2013/1068 – design and access details at Staylittle Baptist Chapel, Staylittle, Llanbrynmair. Discussed by the council, and no objections.

- 05.06.14 Full Planning Permission Granted – Application Ref: P/2014/0106. Erection of an agricultural storage building at Birchen House, Trefeglwys, Caersws. Noted.
- 09.06.14 Application Ref: P/2014/0569. Grid Ref: 296393.95/288629.67 – construction of a rural enterprise/agricultural workers dwelling with detached garage at Glan Gwden, Trefeglwys. Cllr Jones declared an interest and left the room whilst the remainder of the council discussed the application. There were no objections.
- 18.06.14 Planning Application P/2014/0606 – change of agricultural land to extend existing holiday lodge park at Grandstand, Trefeglwys, Caersws. The council discussed the application in detail and it was agreed that a letter stating the concerns of the visual impact to the neighbouring residents needs to be addressed and that ample screening is considered in the application.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

No comments by Chairman or councillors.

The clerk also noted the following post received in the interim:

- Letter from Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee thanking the council for the donation. Noted
- Mynydd Lluest y Graig – Public drop in sessions. Noted
- PCC Adopt a Site Agreement – Recycling Area. Discussed and signed by the Chair and the clerk.
- Risk Assessment updated from AGM and agreed by Council and signed by the Chair.
- One Powys Plan 2014-2017 – circulated to Councillors and noted.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 31st July 2014 (later due to the Royal Welsh Show)

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.