

**Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 23rd October 2014
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

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

In Attendance: Alex Wilson-Mills

Members of the Community: 8

Apologies: Janet Rowlands

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 27th September 2014 proposed by Cllr Myra Jones and seconded by Cllr Crone.

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

Matters Arising:

SPEN –

Steven Edwards and Mike Conway attended the Council Meeting on behalf of Scottish Power. This led to a detailed discussion between the parties and the Council.

The Council discussed the difficulties that they had found themselves in and Scottish Power had understood the situation and had respected the views of the Council. They had in turn altered their correspondence and documentation to correct these issues. The Council thanked Scottish Power for their help.

The Council had now returned from a pre-determined position to being Consultees and were now able to deal with any Planning Applications that came before the Council from Scottish Power. Mr Steven Edwards explained that Scottish Power's preferred route corridor was the CC1 route. The Stage 5 Consultation would take place early in 2015 and the Council would be kept informed.

The Council reminded both parties that Scottish Power were aware of the views of the people living in the community of Trefeglwys and the Council would fully support them in their views on the undergrounding of cables through the community. The Council agreed that a letter would be sent to Scottish Power thanking them for their attendance and underlining some of the points raised at the meeting.

One Voice Wales Report – The clerk confirmed that there had been no response from the Monitoring Officer.

RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection – the clerk confirmed that she was waiting on a response from Powys County Council and will update at the next meeting.

Trefeglwys Community Shop – The Chairman read out an article from The County Times regarding the headline ‘Community Shop debts up to £250,000’. Cllr Pugh stated that the filming of the opening of the shop is still on the website and asked fellow councillors whether they wanted to keep the film on there under the circumstances. The council agreed to leave it on the webpage for now and for any for any updates to be posted on the webpage. Cllr Pugh as press officer for Trefeglwys Community Council confirmed that he would update the website for information purposes.

Highways:

Penffrydd Road – the clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Powys County Council and as yet no reply had been received.

Reports:

One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting

Cllr Pugh and Cllr Crone attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th October 2014 and reported back on various topics of interest. The main issues related to the Powys County Council publicising the recent deposit of proposals for its Local Development Plan.

Properties subject to "Local Planning Restrictions"

Members reported cases where there had been difficulties in relation to certain properties in Montgomeryshire, where individuals had been refused loans to purchase houses subject to "Local Restrictions", which in turn seemed to be creating housing pressures in the area. It was agreed that the Development Officer would pursue this issue when further details of such cases became available to him.

One of the topics of conversation at the meeting was the possible takeover of services such as Public Toilets, Grass Cutting etc. More information on this will be available in due course. The Council discussed the possibility that they may sometime in the future need to increase the precept to pay for these services if Town & Community Councils were required to take these services over.

One Voice Wales Annual Conference/AGM

Cllr Pugh also reported on the One Voice Wales Annual Conference/AGM that had been held at Llanellwedd, and members were reminded that all the key activities and presentations had been recorded and would soon be available to view on-line. One of the key speakers had been the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, whom members found very interesting. The recordings of the speakers had been sponsored again this year by Cllr. Pugh.

The next OVW Area meeting will be held at Llanbrynmair on the 27th January 2015.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Clerk's Wages September 2014 (gross)	£160.38
Clerk's Expenses September 2014	£ 23.60
Cllr Pugh travel expenses	£ 34.07

Monies In None

Correspondence:

Post

- 11.09.14 - Mynydd y Gwynt wind farm scheme (sweet lamb Complex, Y Foel, near Llangurig) – commencement on the wind farm scheme had commenced and future updates will be provided.
- 25.09.14 & 08.10.14 – PCC Re: Future Provision of Public Toilets. Forwarded to all councillors prior to the meeting and as the toilets in question were not under Trefeglwys durastriktion there was no further actioun required.

E mail

All email correspondence received had previously been forwarded to community councillors. No correspondence was raised by counillors for discussion as not considered appropriate for Trefeglwys Community Council.

Planning:

- 30.09.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0898. Grid Ref: 296104.23/292154.03 for Full: Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic (extension to domestic cartilage), erection of a building for domestic use together with construction of an access track (part retrospective) at Land at Penrorin, Trefeglwys, Caersws. The Council discussed the application and there were no objections.
- 06.10.12 – Application Ref: P/2014/0999. Grid Ref: 288900.72/292065.05 for Householder: Erection of a detached garden room/studio/store at Staylitttle, Llanbrynmair, Powys. The Council discussed the application and there were no objections.
- 15.10.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/1011. Grid Ref: 288236/294735 for erection of a single wind turbine at Maesmedrisiol, Pennant, Llanbrynmair, Powys. The council discussed the matter and felt as they had not objected to similar applications that they need to remain consistent and therefore no objections were made.
- 16.10.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/1021. Grid Ref: 2999129.35/29116548 construction of an Anaerobic Digester Plant including digester tank and digester store tank at Argoed, Trefeglwys. Roger from The Argoed was invited by the council to describe in full the application. There were many questions asked by the council to which full responses and explanations were provided. After much discussion the council had no objections and praised the application for being very enterprising and supported the project.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

The clerk had received an email from Mr Michael Breese Davies regarding bin collection at his home address. As Mr Breese Davies was in the room as a member of the public the Chairman asked him to address the council with the issue raised. The Council agreed to support his comments and would contact Powys County Council and Cllr Graham Jones said that he would speak directly to members at Powys County Council to help.

Cllr Bennett explained that after resolving the issue of the placement of the collection bin in Llawr y Glyn the bin has now gone missing. Cllr Graham Jones said that he would look into it and find out what's happened.

Cllrs David Bennett, Rhiannon Jones and Myra Jones raised the matter of the possibility of illuminated/flashing speed restriction signs at the edge of the village. The council discussed in detail and agreed that costs involved need to be identified and permission would be required from Powys County Council. The clerk is to write a letter to Powys County Council.

Cllr Crone raised concerns over the state of the roof at the Old School and also the issue of a number of household white goods that had been deposited to the rear of the school and enquired as to who

they belong to and how the council can raise the matter to improve the area. Cllr Jerman confirmed that he know of someone he could ask to enquire and would find out on behalf of the council.

Cty Cllr Graham Jones asked whether the council was aware of any alternatives for the Post office to be reopened in Trefeglwys. At present there was no update on the matter.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 27th November 2014.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.26pm.