

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 31st July 2014
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Rhiannon Jones (Acting Chair)
Beryl Crone
Nick Bennett
William Davies
David Jerman

In Attendance: Alex Wilson-Mills

Members of the Community: 3

Apologies: Endaf Meddins, Derrick Pugh, Myra Jones, Arthur Williams, Janet Rowlands and County Cllr Graham Jones.

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 19 June 2014 proposed by Cllr Crone and seconded by Cllr Jones.

Cllr Davies stated that he was not entirely happy with the process of events from June's meeting with regards to the council's response to a planning application. Cllr Davies continued by saying that in the meeting the council had discussed the planning application in detail and the approach that the council would take to reply to Powys County Council, however the final letter that was sent was not in line with what was agreed and raised concern and stated that in future no amendments should be made once agreed by the council. The clerk responded by saying that the letter had to be amended from the first draft as there was no evidence to support the statement made in the letter and as the clerk was going on holiday the Chairman kindly offered to circulate the amended letter on her behalf. As there were no objections raised at that point from any councillor the Chairman then forwarded the revised letter to Powys County Council. The clerk said that she understood Cllr Davies' concerns and that they would be noted in future.

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 had received a letter from SPEN of 16 July 2014 which the clerk read out in its entirety. In brief it stated that the Stage Three Feedback report has been amended to reflect the level of representation from Trefeglwys households and that changes to the Stage Two Feedback report have also been made and that copies of both amended reports can be found on the SP Mid Wales Connections Project Website.

One Voice Wales Report

The Clerk confirmed that there had still not been any response from the monitoring officer. Cllr Crone asked whether a letter should be sent to chase up the monitoring officer. The clerk stated that the Chairman had been telephoning the monitoring officer on a weekly basis and that there was nothing further that the council could do to speed things up and that hopefully the council should receive the response within the next couple of weeks.

60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation –Cllr Bennett confirmed that the notice board had not yet been delivered and should be next week. The clerk enquired as to why a credit note of £48 had been sent to the council from the company providing the notice board but there was no explanation at present.

Website – The clerk confirmed that the new website had now been finalised and that she had met with Roger of Upperbridge Enterprises on Wednesday evening to have a run through procedures for the new website with him. Now that the website had been approved the transfer would take a few days to cross over and would therefore not be available to view temporarily. Roger advised that he would be away on holiday the coming week and that things would be updated upon his return. The clerk apologised in advance for a delay in minutes, agendas etc being put onto the website.

Highways:

Footpath by Maestrannon – the clerk had forwarded an email received with statistics received from PS Andy Allen to all councillors. The clerk read out a letter received from a concerned resident regarding the footpath in its entirety and the council agreed to reply to the resident but at present were unable to update any further on the position. The clerk said that she would contact County Cllr Jones to check for an update on the Shires Committee. The issue of the grass not being cut was addressed and a letter received from Powys County Council, as referred to in details below in the post section explains the infrequent cutting of grass verges.

Clywedog Reservoir – the clerk read out a letter received from Powys County Council of 17 July 2014, stating that there was no funding at present to undertake the project of extending the earth bund up the pitch from Bwlchyglye dam.

Road serving the Waen – the clerk read out a letter received from Powys County Council of 17 July 2014 confirming that the section of road is included in future resurfacing schedules, but at present no definitive date and be scheduled. Patching repairs will be carried out on the road leading to the Cwm during the summer.

Reports: None

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Clerk's Wages July 2014 (gross)	£160.38
Clerk's Expenses July 2014	£ 26.90
One Voice Wales Training Fee	£ 30.00

The clerk asked the council if it was acceptable not to request a reimbursement of the training fees for the code of conduct undertaken by the clerk as there is only one application allowed per year the clerk thought it may be more beneficial to use it in the future for any further training which may incur higher costs. The council all agreed.

Monies In	Second Life Products Credit Note	£ 48.00
	Recycling	£ 91.21

Correspondence:

Post

- 25.06.14 – Mynydd y gwynt – consultation feedback session. Noted.

- 30.06.14 – PCC Ground Maintenance Service 2014. The clerk read out the letter as it explained how cutbacks were being implemented in order to achieve a budget savings of £200k throughout Powys for 2014/15. The letter confirmed that rural grass verges would receive the following cuts in a year; one cut of class 1 road junctions during May, with one full cut following starting middle June in order of priority – Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and unclassified roads by area.
- 19.06.14 – Ombudsman – Annual report 2013/14. Noted.
- PCC – Public Exhibitions on the Powys Development Plan July to August 2014 (poster) put up on the noticeboard in Trefeglwys.
- 24.07.14 – PCC – Sustainable Library Service for Powys – consultation exercise. Noted.
- July 2014 – Powys County Council – Deposit of Powys Local development Plan. Exhibition dates for consultation on documents. Noted and agreed to forward to all councillors by email.

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.

- 30.06.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0481, Grid Ref: 294563.16/289689.17. Full conversion and extension of granary to holiday cottage let, plus sewerage treatment plant soak ways (retrospective) at Goetre Granary, Van Llanidloes.
- 02.07.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0625, Grid Ref: 292101.37/291618.08 for householder: demolition of substandard single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension to form kitchen, utility, bedroom and bathroom at Felindyrnol, Llawr y Glyn, Trefeglwys.
- 04.07.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0669, Grid Ref: 296865.33/290511.93 for Full: Engineering operation to form an earth embankment to safeguard existing extant planning permission M/2007/0561 from flooding at Land adjacent to Lwyn Celyn, Trefeglwys.
- 07.07.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0527, Grid Ref: 296313.4/292752.12 for Full: Change of use of grazing land for equine use; erection of stable block and construction of ménage (retrospective) at Nantyglenyn Fach, Trefeglwys.
- 10.07.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0697, Grid Ref: 296612.63/290216.99 for erection of a garage at Llys Dyfed, Trefeglwys.
- 10.07.14 – Application Ref: P/2014/0649, Grid Ref: 296024.85/290253.13 for Full: Change of use of agricultural land into residential use together with erection of attached double garage, utility and first floor area for residential use (retrospective) at Wernffrwd, Trefeglwys.

Regarding the retrospective planning applications the council had responded to Powys County Council for each application stating that as the planning application had not gone through the correct procedures, Trefeglwys Community Council did not wish to comment and would leave it to Powys County Council.

Further planning letters received:

- Application Ref: P2014/0158 for listed building consent at Rhyd y Carw – Granted by Powys County Council.

- Application Ref: VAR/2014/0020 – discharge of section 106 at The Willows, 2 Cae Carreg. Granted by Powys County Council.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Davies raised the issue of a willow tree overgrowing on the roadside by Tynyrwtra, Llawr y Glyn. Cllr Davies explained that cars had been veering onto the verge to avoid the willow tree and this has been ongoing for sometime. Powys County Council have been out and put down tarmac to widen the road rather than remove the willow tree. Cllr Davies asked whether the council would write to Powys County Council and ask why they have taken the action they have rather than remove the tree which would have been a lot more cost effective as it is a waste of time and money that could have been utilised somewhere else where there are issues that need addressing. The council agreed to write a letter.

No other comments.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th August 2014.

The Acting Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 8.30pm.