

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 24th September 2015
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Myra Jones
Beryl Crone
Derrick Pugh
David Jerman
County Cllr Graham Jones
Endaf Meddins
Tim Parker
Nick Bennett

In Attendance: Ann Jones

Members of the Community: Mr J Ferguson, Mr Michael Breese Davies

Apologies: Cllr Rhiannon Jones

Appointment of Chairman for this meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Derrick Pugh and seconded by Cllr Myra Jones that Cllr David Jerman take the chair for this meeting (24th September 2015) Cllr David Jerman agreed to do so.

Wind Turbine Extension to Carno Windfarm – Mr Sion Thomas and Mr Llyr Thomas of Amegni attended the meeting to give a presentation on the proposed Wind Farm extension in Carno. Mr Thomas told the Councillors that originally 18 Wind Turbines had been applied for. Powys County Council were not happy with 18 and had indicated that if 5 were removed they would not object.

The new planning application is for 13 Wind Turbines. The public have between 2nd October – 23rd October 2015 to respond with comments on Powys County Council's Web Site. All windmills except for one will be in the Forestry. This application was discussed with questions asked – regarding the indextation on the community fund and restoration. We now wait to hear from Powys County Council with the paper of consultation and will respond when received.

Thanks were extended to Mr Sion Thomas and Mr Llyr Thomas for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 27th August 2015 proposed as correct by Cllr Beryl Crone and seconded by Cllr Myra Jones.

Welcome Two members of the Public were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Bus Services – We wrote to Mr John Brunt regarding the Bus Services. It has been indicated that the T83 route is to be discontinued.

Footpath to the Village – Work has started this week 21st September 2015 on the Footpath from the Caravan Park Turning to the Village Shop. 2 meetings had taken place this week and the telegraph poles will remain in place. Mr Colin Powell has kindly donated ground to accommodate the footpath.

Highways – A letter has been written to Mr Adrian Jervis regarding the surface of the road through the village of Trefeglwys. No reply has been received to date.

Reports:

Cllr Beryl Crone informed Councillors of the proposed Palliative Care Unit at Llanidloes Hospital. Funding from Macmillan of up to £200,000 can now be applied for. Councillors are urged to send letters in to Veronica Jerman at Llanidloes Hospital supporting the proposed project. Cllr Crone agreed to draft a letter on behalf of Trefeglwys Community Council and send it to Llanidloes. Thanks were extended to Cllr Crone.

The Ambulance Station is also to be moved to the Hospital.

Audit – The Audit Conclusion Form has been received from the BDO. The enclosed annual return was presented to the council. Now that the audit opinion has been given it was Approved and Accepted by the Trefeglwys Community Council. The annual return and notice of conclusion of audit will be displayed in the council notice board for 14 days as soon as reasonably possible and before the 30th September 2015.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Bills to be paid Clerk's Wages	£128.31
Clerk's Expenses	£27.56
HMRC	£32.07
Web Site Fee	£80.00
BDO Audit Invoice	£252.00

Monies In None

It was agreed to contact the Tax Office to see if it was necessary to pay tax on the Clerk's wages.

Correspondence:

Post

- Footpath Diversion Legal Document from Sian Barnes to be filed.
- One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting, Agenda to be held at Carreghofa Primary School on Tuesday 6th October 2015, 7.00pm – Cllr Beryl Crone and Cllr Derrick Pugh will be attending.
- Best Kept Village Competition letter from the Council for the protection of Rural Wales.
- Play for Wales Magazine.
- SLCC Magazine
- Letter from Mr Paul Renyolds
- Letter from Mr Colin Powell

A letter has been received from a member of the Community concerning a late payment to HMRC and a fine incurred by a previous Clerk in 2013. He states that he attended a council meeting in June 2013 where the council were requested to pay her fine of £100. The Council did not authorise payment of this money however on checking the minutes when they were available it appeared that the £100 cheque had been paid to HMRC. He stated that as a tax payer of this community felt most strongly that the precept should not be used to pay personal debts. He also wishes to know how the Council intends to deal with this unauthorised taking of taxpayers money.

This matter was discussed in detail and it was agreed to look in the HMRC file for the letter received regarding the fine. The Council had also written to the Clerk seeking re-imbursment. This request had been ignored. It was agreed to seek advice and write to the Police Commissioner for advice as to the way forward.

Letter

Cllr Tim Parker was asked to Declare an Interest in the following item.

A letter has been received from the Developer stating that Cllr Tim Parker should have Declared an Interest in the Application received for the erection of 26 dwellings at Phase 3, Llwynceilyn, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

The Developer wished that Cllr Parker be reported to the Ombudsman for his clear breach of the code of conduct and also that Cllr Parker has no further input on any correspondence or e-mails to do with this application.

It was agreed to contact the Ombudsman regarding the Developers complaint also sending a copy of Cllr Parker's Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Parker was informed of the complaint when he returned to the meeting.

Neighbourhood Policing Team – PC Tanya Jarman from Llanidloes Police Station has offered a visit in order to strengthen relations in communities. It was agreed that we will set a date at a later time to receive a visit.

Stop Sign – It was brought to the Council's attention by Cllr Tim Parker of the state of the STOP sign as you enter the village from the Llawryglyn turning. It was suggested that we write to Mr Chris Lloyd in Kirkamsfield Depot in Newtown asking for a possible site visit to advise, also stating that a car is parked very close to the junction on that road.

E mail

All email correspondence received had previously been forwarded to community councillors.

No correspondence was raised by councillors for discussion as not considered appropriate for Trefeglwys Community Council

Planning:

Application Ref: P/2014/1079 Grid Ref: 299790.27287669.46 for Full: Erection of single domestic scale 15kw micro wind turbine at Bwlch, Llandinam. Powys. This application had already been dealt with.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Endaf Meddins asked Cllr David Jerman if he would consider taking up the post of chairman on a permanent basis. It was agreed that Cllr Meddins would contact Cllr Rhiannon Jones to see if she would be in agreement with the arrangement. If so Cllr David Jerman would consider taking up the post.

County Councillor Graham Jones informed the Councillors of 2 cattle grids in bad repair at Cwmcydyn, Llawryglyn. The Landowners will be contacted and if in agreement the cattle grids will be removed.

Cllr Myra Jones has been contacted by the occupants of Penyrallt, Trefeglwys, they informed her that their recycling is not collected every Friday. County Councillor Graham Jones agreed to look into the matter.

Cllr Beryl Crone had been contacted by Mr Alan Bunford regarding the matter of the water at Zoar Chapel and the grass maintenance. It was agreed to ask Mr Bunford to have a word with Mr Emlyn Jones.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.