

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 22nd October 2015
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Rhiannon Jones
Beryl Crone
Derrick Pugh
David Jerman
William Davies
Endaf Meddins
Nick Bennett

In Attendance: Ann Jones

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: Cllr Myra Jones, Cllr Tim Parker

Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Nick Bennett and seconded by Cllr Endaf Meddins that Cllr David Jerman be appointed officially as Chairman of the Community Council. Cllr David Jerman agreed to take on the position. Cllr Rhiannon Jones remains our Vice Chairman.

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 24th September 2015 proposed as correct by Cllr Endaf Meddins and seconded by Cllr Nick Bennett.

Matters Arising:

Carno Wind farm Extension. Following the last meeting a letter was received from Jane Foxley at Powys County Council asking for approval for the Wind Farm extension. In the letter it stated that 18 windmills were to be erected. An e-mail was sent to Jane Foxley stating that we were informed by Sion Thomas that 13 were to be erected. It was noted that we could not comment as we wished to obtain the correct information. No reply has been received to e-mail or telephone messages.

Bus Petition – Cllr Beryl Crone informed the Councillors that a Petition in aid of the T83 bus route was available to support but would be finishing on 30th October 2015. We have already written to Mr John Brunt but have not received a reply.

There is also a new petition for Car Parking Charges which is accessible on line on the National Assembly Web Site if anyone wishes to support.

Zoar Chapel – Mr Alan Bunford has been contacted and asked to speak directly to Mr Emlyn Jones, Mr Bunford was happy to contact him regarding the problem of drainage at the Chapel.

Footpath to the Village – A letter has been received from Mr Alan Bunford thanking the Council for all their support in the battle to secure pedestrian safety along that dangerous length of the B4569 which is a welcome asset to Caravan Site visitors, Lodges and nearby Estates especially at night as this section of road is not illuminated. He asks that a thought for the future would be one or two lights on the BT poles which would ensure night safety.

Speed Limit – It was agreed that the speed limit through the village should remain at 30mph. The costing of a flashing sign was looked into, this would be approximately £3,000.

Powys County Council are looking into the possibility of extending the footpath around the corner by the Caravan park turning

Road Surface – No reply has been received to date from Adrian Jervis regarding the road surface through the village. Mr Brian Davies has also been contacted.

Stop Sign – Mr Chris Lloyd has agreed to renew the Stop sign on the Llawryglyn road and suggested contacting the local police to ask the car owner whose car is parked on the junction to move if required.

New Village Sign - Ms Norma Ledbetter contact the Council with a choice of two village signs. One with the 30mph speed limit included and one without. All Councillors were e-mailed and asked their opinion. The preferred choice was without the 30mph sign as we already have a free standing speed limit sign. The position of the sign will also be moved to the Caravan Park turning. Ms Ledbetter has been contacted.

Reports: Cllr Beryl Crone and Cllr Derrick Pugh attended two meetings.

One Voice Wales AGM 3rd October 2015. Usual reports from the Chairman and CEO. Plus updates on responses to 2014 motions (listed in separate document) 9 motions were presented for consideration this year including a couple regarding the uncertainty surrounding the future of Town/Community Councils, the extra responsibility which is being placed on volunteer's shoulders. The need for the re-direction of funds from the Unitary Authorities "block grant" to avoid double rating. Concerns about the reduction in Rural Bus Services, Improvements to North/South road. Artery and after debates and counter motions the agreement to increase membership fees to OVW by up to 3%.

At present fees are 27p per household of interest NALC charge 32p per person in household hence they have more funds than OVW. All motions were carried.

Leighton Andrews. AM – Minister for Public Services – just a brief outline of his speech, he spoke about the development of more powers to those Town and Community Councils who completed competency test to prove they were capable to administer any powers that were handed to them. Also spoke about the proposed New Boundary Map which is to be published at the end of November for consultation and shows WAG's preferred options. Powys will not be affected by this Boundary change.

Dr Jonathan Owen C.E.O. of NALC (English equivalent of OVW) spoke about how English Councils are coping or not with the devolution of services how they worked in tandem with OVW. That the two organisations had a lot of common concerns around the devolution of service, the funding and expectation, expertise etc of councils.

Keith Edwards, Independent Consultant, working for WAG on the Public Service Transformation agenda, again he spoke about the devolution of service, the need to give careful consideration before taking over any services, specifically the Funding and Sustainability of any services.

Full coverage of these 3 gentleman's speeches will be available shortly on OVW website and the Trefeglwys Community Council's website. Courtesy of Cllr Derrick Pugh.

OVW Area Meeting 6th October 2015 – No reply from John Baldwin Powys County Council regarding the proposed reductions in Rural Bus Services (letter sent 11th June 2015)

Area Committee have submitted several responses to consultation from WAG and have also presented a Manifesto of ideas to WAG for them to consider adopting before the next elections (which is on the OVW website).

OVW to introduce an Awards scheme for Good Practice in Councils, details will be on the website (clerk should have password to enter)

The importance of training was again highlighted especially Code of Conduct, some debate as to it being made mandatory for all councillors to attend training also for County Councillors. Training can be delivered locally if 8 or more attend the session.

Paper on Proposed changes in the Remuneration of Members of Town and Community Councils needs to be discussed as soon as possible and decisions made to adopt all or part of the document.

Next meeting January 2016 at Abermule Community Centre.

It was agreed to place the Proposed changes in the Remuneration of Members of Town and Community Councils as an Agenda Item at the next meeting to be discussed.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Bills to be paid Clerk's Wages	£128.31
Clerk's Expenses	£22.05
HMRC	£32.07
Cllr Derrick Pugh Travelling Expenses	£39.66

Monies In One Voice Wales Conference Fee Returned £150.00

Mrs Penfold from Glantrannon then attended the meeting to ask Councillors for their help and advice. Mrs Penfold and Louise Lloyd have been attending to the 3 Flower Boxes that have been placed under the village signs. Due to the work on the footpath the one box has been moved. The boxes were paid for by the Community Council and stocked mostly by these ladies. Cllr Beryl Crone agreed to ask the Contractors if they knew of the location of the box.

Correspondence:

Post

- Citizens Advice letter asking for financial assistance as a contribution towards providing their services.
- Wind Turbine letter from Jayne Foxley
- Roger Malvern – regarding the change of website provider. The SharePoint Public Website feature on which our website is built is being withdrawn by Microsoft in March 2017 from then on our website will no longer operate on that platform. A new platform has been chosen. It was agreed to ask Mr Malvern if he could attend a council meeting merely to explain the situation.
- Refund of Fee from One Voice Wales
- Community Delivery letter from W Barry Thomas
- Concurrent Functions and Village Hall grants from Ann Owen (Form to fill in- inform Trefeglwys and Staylittle Community halls)
- Ombudsman form sent and acknowledgement reply letter
- Dyfed Powys Police letter and reply
- External Audit Arrangement Annual Returns information letter.
- Letter on Update of three weekly rubbish collections from November 2nd 2015
- Russell George – Invitation to a meeting with Mobile Network Operators at the Elephant and Castle Hotel (Function Room), Newtown on Friday 13th November 2015 at 2.00pm
- Letter from Mrs Mary Shergold
The Community Council will write to acknowledge receipt of the letter. As all the Councillors had not received a copy of the letter by post so therefore not all the Councillors had received a letter before the the meeting held on 22nd October 2015. It was felt inappropriate by

everyone to deal with the letter until all the Councillors had time to digest it before the next meeting to be held on 26th November 2015.

A copy will be given to each Councillor along with a copy of the HMRC letter.

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: P2015 0899 Grid Ref: 287132.8/298358.2 for Installation of a wind turbine and all associated works at Land at Ty Isaf, Bont Dolgadfan, Llanbrynmair, Powys. This planning application has already been dealt with.

Application Ref: P/2015/0891 Grid Ref: 296746.9/292614.53 for Erection of a free range egg production unit including silos and associated works at Maestregymer, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

The Community Council had no objections to this application. The reason being it will help sustain viability of farming through diversification.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Myra Jones in her absence was concerned about the piece of replacement tarmac just outside the village.

Cllr Nick Bennett also mentioned the tarmac by Sarn-y-Glyn.

Cllr Derrick Pugh informed the Councillors of the films that will be placed on the website. Thanks extend to Cllr Pugh for all his hard work which will also be a credit to Trefeglwys Community Council.

Cllr Beryl Crone informed the Councillors that it was possible to apply for Tesco funding through grants towards projects. Cllr Crone agreed to fill in the survey on line.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

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