

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 23rd April 2015
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Endaf Meddins (Chairman)
Rhiannon Jones (Vice Chairman)
Derrick Pugh
Beryl Crone
County Cllr Graham Jones

In Attendance: Ann Jones

Members of the Community: 0

Apologies: Myra Jones and David Jerman

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 26th March 2015 proposed by Cllr Rhiannon Jones and seconded by Cllr Derrick Pugh.

Matters Arising:

It was noted in the previous minutes of 26th March 2015 that it was suggested that Mr Bunford would contact Mr Emlyn Jones in order to solve the damp problem at Zoar Chapel. Cllr David Jerman had agreed to contact Mr Emlyn Jones.

The Old School – Mr Ted Jones the owner of the Old School property has not cleared the site of the abandoned appliances it was agreed to contact him again explaining that we will now contact the environmental health department.

Zoar Chapel Update – Cllr David Jerman was not present at the meeting so no update has been received.

Website Maintenance – Roger Malvern of Upperbridge Enterprises is updating the Web Site, we are still waiting to receive an invoice. It was agreed to contact Mr Malvern again in order to pay him for his work.

Highways

Water on Road – County Cllr Graham Jones has spoken to Mr Emlyn Jones twice regarding the matter. The Ffinant field may have to be dug up in order to solve the problem.

Penwtra Ditches have been looked at will be attended to when the weather improves. County Cllr Graham Jones will contact Mr Emlyn Jones again.

Reports:

Meeting at Elan Valley Hotel

Cllr. Derrick Pugh TCC representative on OVW attended a meeting with the Chief Executive of OVW and an Officer from the Welsh Government at the Elan Valley Hotel on the 17th April 2015 to discuss the White Paper Consultation.

The Council agreed to support the recommendations to the White paper and submitted comments from the Council.

OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting

This meeting was held at Machynlleth on the 22nd April 2015. Cllr. Pugh attended the meeting and reported back to the Council on various subjects.

Further to the extract from the minutes of the NEC held on 12th December (Compulsory training for councillors), members agreed that One Voice Wales should promote its capacity to provide basic training on the members' code of conduct and other key modules, both within the sector and to unitary councils.

Report from the Partnership Council.

Cllr. Grew confirmed that the last meeting of the Partnership Council had been in November. There were no significant items to report back from this meeting, but members were very concerned at the general direction that this and other sub-groups of the Partnership Council were going, with One Voice Wales having minimal involvement nationally. A letter sent by Cllr. Grew to the Minister was read out and members agreed to keep this item permanently on the agenda.

Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper.

The Chief Executive Officer presented members with a thorough analysis of this consultation exercise, both in terms of its actual content and also in respect of the historical background of discussions and negotiations conducted between One Voice Wales and the other central and local government sectors. Members shared his concerns relating to the content and tone of the White Paper with regard to the local council sector. These concerns included a suggestion that unitary councils should in future be responsible for defining and amending local communities/boundaries, a suggestion that area boards would be created in which the local council sector would not have a proper input, a strong indication of support by the Welsh Government for merging community and town councils in all parts of Wales and an alarming emphasis on seeking third party community bodies to take over the running of many public services. In general, there was a distinctive lack of opportunity or room for local councils to contribute to the evolving democratic landscape, although members noted that there were some positive aspects in the White Paper. There was also a criticism by certain members of the questionnaire used in this exercise, with many of the questions seeming rather "loaded" in their wording. It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer and the Development Officer should draft an initial response to this consultation, with input from members of the National Executive Committee. The response should be worded as positively as possible, although each of the major criticisms should be presented fully and clearly.

The next One Voice Wales Meeting will be held at Castle Caereinion in June. Date to be confirmed.

It was agreed to send an e-mail to the Welsh Assembly stating that Trefeglwys Community Council supports the White Paper saying that the White Paper emphasises who is in charge. Councils should be run by elected Councillors and should have more "say" especially now that we have to deal with services as Councillors. A copy of the e-mail to be sent to One Voice Wales.

Cllr. Pugh was thanked for his attendance at the meetings and for giving us his report. Cllr. Beryl Crone apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Bills to be paid Cllr Derrick Pugh travelling expenses	£46.09
Trefeglwys Memorial Hall Precept	£1,000.00
Staylittle Village Hall Precept	£300.00
Clerk's Wages and expenses Feb/March/April	£444.93
HM Revenue and Customs	£96.00

Monies In

None

Accounts - As no statements have been received since September 2014 from the bank it had not been possible to complete the End of Year accounts or finish the spread sheets. Statements have now been received and the spreadsheet has been filled in up to date. As the new clerk has taken over it was agreed to ask Mrs Alex Wilson Mills to finish the end of year accounts and it was agreed to pay her for her work. Ms Jackie Pugh has been contacted to look over the finished accounts but has not got back to us so far. Cllr Meddins agreed to ask Mrs Alex Wilson Mills.

Insurance Trefeglwys Community Council have already paid the Inspection fee for the community playground but the question arose who pays the Insurance for the playground. It was agreed to contact County Hall in order to find out who is responsible for payment.

Correspondence:

Post

- Consultation Launch – Shared ownership with a Safety Net Mid Wales Housing meeting Dates
- General Dispensation – School Modernisation and School Transport Review.
- ZURICH Municipal Insurance Information only
- Powys County Council Register of Electors

Email

All email correspondence received had previously been forwarded to community councillors. Cllr Beryl Crone noted the e-mail on archived documents. This has already been looked into.

Planning: Application Ref: VAR/2015/0007 Grid Ref: 296683.39/290194.72 for VAR: Application to discharge Section 106 planning obligation attached to planning permission M2002 0496 (occupancy restriction) at Rhos Celyn, Trefeglwys Caersws, Powys. No Objections.

Letters – Application P/2014/0527 Full planning permission granted for change of use of grazing land for equine use; erection of stable block and construction of menage (retrospective) Nantygelyn Fach, Trefeglwys

Application P/2014/1089 Full planning permission granted for Construction of earth bund Mid Wales Shooting Centre, The Ffinant, Trefeglwys Caersws.

Application P/2014/0764 Full planning permission refused for change of use of land from agricultural use to commercial use in connection with the operation of a rural enterprise at Long Hill Isaf, Trefeglwys, Caersws.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

County Cllr Graham Jones stated that we need to be aware of UDP Books with Policies. Any objections policy numbers are included in the documents and need to be quoted.

County Cllr Graham Jones also attended a meeting with Cllr Gareth Morgan stating a petition is being circulated urging everyone to help keep the Day Centre at Llanidloes open. A meeting will be held in June either in the Church Hall or Community Centre anyone welcome to attend and support, there will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

Date of next meeting: AGM on Thursday 28th May 2015 at 7.00pm followed by a meeting at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.30pm.