

**Trefeglwys Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting  
7:30pm, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

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

**In Attendance:** Ann Jones

**Members of the Community:** 3

**Apologies:** Cllr William Davies and Cllr Nick Bennett

**Approval of Minutes** from Community Council Meeting 28th May 2015 proposed by Cllr Endaf Meddins and seconded by Cllr Beryl Crone.

**Matters Arising:**

**The Old School** - As we have still not received any information regarding the old school site from Mr Ted Jones a letter has been written to Mr Chris Jones. No reply has been received to date.

**Zoar Chapel Update** – As Cllr David Jerman was not present there was no update on Zoar Chapel.

**Post of Chairman** – Cllr Derrick Pugh had spoken to a member of the legal department at Powys County Council as we do not have a chairman at present. It was agreed that it would be acceptable to rotate the post at each meeting. A Councillor would have to be voted in each time.

**Highways** – An e-mail has been received by County Councillor Graham Jones from Adrian Jervis, informing us that the footpath from the village to Talgarth Lane junction will be completed in this financial year. The scheme is currently being prepared for tender before awarding to a contractor for completion this summer. The section from the village to the new development entrance is included for provision by the developer, but discussions will be held to see if this can be completed in conjunction with their works.

**Reports:**

**Meeting in Llanidloes regarding the Day Care facilities at Maesywennol Day Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.** Cllr Beryl Crone and Cllr Derrick Pugh attended. Cllr Beryl Crone reported that the meeting was fairly well attended by Service users (as PCC refer to them) staff of Maesywennol and volunteers plus many other interested parties.

They didn't tell us anything constructive and continually laboured the point that the Powys County Council budget has been drastically cut by WAG. It was obvious to all present that PCC's plan of campaign is to close The Day Centre Care unit unless it is taken over by an outside agency i.e. a voluntary group or charity.

The Social Care budget has been drastically cut and whilst there would be some revenue available to help another organisation to provide services it was not enough to continue at the present level. The figure of £189,000 was given as the annual cost of the Day Centre but no break down of individual costs were presented despite requests for same. And no figures or details as to how much revenue would be available and for how long should another provider be found where available from PCC.

The question was asked where these volunteers would come from. Most people at the meeting were already volunteers in different organisations and were also of the older population themselves. It was stated that youngsters are not interested in working for nothing, everybody expects/needs payment for work. Also volunteers should not be expected to perform duties of a personal nature for people attending the Day Centre and some of which had complex social/health needs that really needed the attention of qualified staff.

The Staff at Maesywennol were highly praised by the people present for the care they gave to the people attending the unit also Dial a Ride were thanked for the service they provide.

One member of Maesywennol staff requested more information re the setting up of a charity/social care group as proposed by PCC and a further meeting is to be convened for interested parties to attend.

It was suggested to the PCC representatives present that perhaps PCC members themselves should be setting an example to the community by making cuts themselves to save the public purse – to which there was no reply.

All in all a very disappointing meeting.

Cllr Derrick Pugh spoke at the meeting and emphasised how important the Day Centre at Llanidloes was for the locality. It provided the quality of life for the elderly and he thanked the Day Centre Staff for the way they looked after his late father. He also complimented Dial a Ride for their efforts in bringing the elderly to the Day Centre.

### **One Voice Wales AGM**

Cllr Derrick Pugh attended the Area Meeting at Castle Caereinion on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. During the AGM the current Chairman Mr Chris Backshall was re-elected as Chairman for 2015- 2016. The Vice-Chair, Cllr Dai Jones of Llanbryn-mair was also re-elected.

NEC Representatives and OVW Area Representatives for Montgomeryshire

Machynlleth Town Council proposed that Cllr Derrick Pugh should be re-elected. This was seconded and was unanimously supported. Cllr Rachel Davies was also re-elected. Both will now serve again on the Executive Board of One Voice Wales.

### **National Executive Committee.**

The Development Officer confirmed that One Voice Wales had submitted its final draft response to the Welsh Government in respect of the White Paper on Reforming Local Government (Power to Local people). This response had included the call for consideration to be given to the cluster approach to delivering local council services as opposed to a wider scale reorganisation of community and town councils across Wales.

### **Membership Recruitment and Retention.**

The Development Officer was pleased to report that to date there were 38 councils out of a total of 47 in the Maldwyn area that had confirmed membership, which was at the same level as last year. This could well now increase.

## **Training.**

The Development Officer reminded members of the importance and value of attendance at the various One Voice Wales training modules. Member councils were also reminded that they could consider requesting local delivery of these modules, possibly in small clusters.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Beryl Crone and Cllr Derrick Pugh for attending these meetings and for providing reports. Congratulations were also extended to Cllr Derrick Pugh for being re-elected on to the Executive Board of One Voice Wales.

**Letter** – It was decided that a letter be forwarded from Trefeglwys Community Council expressing our views on the disappointing outcome of the meeting regarding the future of the Day Centre at Llanidloes. Cllr Beryl Crone agreed to draft a letter and forward to the Clerk – letter to be sent to Mr Barry Thomas and Cllr Darren Mayor.

## **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
Cllr Derrick Pugh Mileage OVW meeting	£28.24
Upperbridge Enterprises	£163.20

Monies In	Recycling	£26.01
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**Accounts** - We have received the Accounts which have been checked by Ms Jackie Pugh they were agreed and signed by the previous chairman Cllr Endaf Meddins ready to send to the BDO.

**Insurance** The Insurance Certificate has been received from AON Insurance Company.

## **Correspondence:**

### *Post*

- Deposit of Powys Local Development Plan June 2015 with CD of Revised Deposit Plan
- Trefeglwys Eisteddfod Committee Thank you letter from Miss Margaret Jones for the donation sent
- Councillor Vacancy application letter from Mr Tim Parker.
- The Wales Training Strategy 2015-2019
- Membership Subscription notification for 1/8/2015
- Letter from Mrs Mary Shergold former Clerk.

The Council had received another letter from Mrs Mary Shergold, the former Clerk of the Council. The Council discussed this and decided to respond to the letter, most of which the Council had previously responded to. The Council wanted clarification on one main point relating to alterations that had been made to a letter dated the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 which had been forwarded to Scottish Power.

The Council also requested a reimbursement of £100 relating to a HMRC fine. The Council was concerned in relation to criticism made in the letter relating to a One Voice Wales investigation. These concerns have been passed onto One Voice Wales including the Letter and their view on the matter was sought.

### **Permission to dispose of Old Documentation and Literature**

Cllr Beryl Crone has kindly been sorting through the files for any irrelevant and old documentation. It was proposed by Cllr Myra Jones and seconded by Cllr Endaf Meddins that we have permission to dispose of old literature. We are to keep accounts for the previous seven years. All Councillors were in agreement.

### ***Email***

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/2015/0545 Grid Ref: 295675.35/288719.6 for Full: Erection of a free range egg production unit to accommodate 32,000 chickens together with associated feed bins, internal farm access and associated works at Glangwden, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

Cllr Rhiannon Jones declared an interest and vacated the room.

Cllr Endaf Meddins was proposed to take the chair by Cllr Beryl Crone and seconded by Cllr Myra Jones

Application Ref: P2015/0518 Grid Ref: 299587.66/292033.92 for Full: Extension to the existing Poultry unit to accommodate 16,000 free range egg production together with associated works at Upper Ffrydd, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

The Trefeglwys Community Council has **No Objections** to these **two** planning applications. A letter will be sent with supporting comments saying that the council feel that more jobs can be created in the locality, creating full time employment, expanding local business and help sustain viability in local interest.

Application Ref: P/2015/0443 Grid Ref: 295908.94/292815.96 for Householder: Erection of raised decking 1.2 metres high and creation of new doo access at Penybryn, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

**No Objections**

### **Chairman / Councillors Comments:**

Cllr Beryl Crone commented on the increase of Car Parking Charges. A letter will be drafted and sent to Mr John Brunt in Highways noting our displeasure.

An e-mail was brought to our attention by County Councillor Graham Jones from Adrian Jervis. It states that he has made some enquiries following the last meeting to gain some clarity over current and future proposals which are under consideration for community involvement in the delivery of various services traditionally delivered by the County Council.

Public toilets, street cleansing, library service, grass cutting and day care have been discussed. Grass cutting was a main concern and whether it would become the community's responsibility. Before anything progresses further consultation will take place.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.40pm.