

Trefeglwys Community Council
Meeting
7:00pm, Thursday 22nd March 2012
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

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| <u>Present:</u> Councillors: | Nick Bennett Michael Breese Davies William Davies John Hughes Rhiannon Jones David Mantle Sue Preston Derrick Pugh |
| In Attendance: | County Councillor Gwilym Evans Mary Shergold (Clerk) |
| Visitor: | Ffion Jones (Young Farmers) |
| Apologies: | Cllr Meddins and Cllr Williams |

The Chairman welcomed Ms Ffion Jones who attended on behalf of the Trefeglwys Young Farmers regarding the Queen's Jubilee.

Approval of Minutes from previous Community Council Meeting, 23rd February, was proposed as accurate by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Jones, all agreed. Approval of the Planning Meeting on the 2nd March was proposed as accurate by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Mantle, all agreed.

Matters Arising:

Queens's Jubilee:

Beacon: The owners of Cilhaul farm have kindly agreed that the beacon can be set up on one of their highest hill tops. It was agreed that for health and safety reasons the community would not be encouraged to go to the site but the beacon will be able to be seen from many areas including Trefeglwys village itself. Cllr Preston will organise a first aider to be present throughout this event.

Further discussions took place regarding the other planned activities and it was decided to cancel these due to the Eisteddfod Urdd taking place on the Monday, as this would greatly affect the amount of people attending the Bank holiday events.

Ms Jones will cancel the disco but the Community Council would like it known that they very much appreciated Mr Daniel Jerman's kind offer to do the disco free of charge, as this was an extra special occasion.

The Clerk will cancel the hall booking and contact the Police and Fire Brigade re the beacon.

The Community Council agreed that notices be put up to keep the community informed.

Mugs: The Mugs have arrived and the Clerk has contacted the Headteacher of Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon re presentation of these. Due to the Eisteddfod practise taking place on the Friday, the Head Teacher has suggested either the morning or afternoon assembly on Thursday, 31st May 2012. The Community Council agreed that Thursday, 31st May afternoon assembly would be suitable. The Chairman will attend with Cllr Bennett and the Clerk. The Clerk to contact Vice Chairman for his confirmation of attendance. County Councillor Evans will also attend as Chairman of the School Governors.

Packaging the mugs for presentation was discussed and it was agreed that Polystyrene containers and bags be purchased to alleviate any possible damages.

Bunting: This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Hughes contact the Hall Committee regarding bunting for the hall area.

Cllr Hughes confirmed that the Memorial Hall would display the Union Jack flag for the Jubilee weekend.

The Chairman thanked Ms Jones for attending the meeting

Waun Garno Wind Farm Report by PCC: On 6th March, the day that the Planning Committee was due to discuss this report, Cllr Breese Davies had written a letter and handed this to the Chairman of the Planning Committee regarding the incorrect reporting of TCC's comments. This was to ensure that this would be corrected before the Meeting. County Cllr Evans had also brought this incorrect reporting to the notice of the Chairman. Shortly before the Meeting Cllr Breese Davies was asked to speak on behalf of TCC and also two other speakers spoke against this planning application going ahead.

After their deliberation, the County Council decided to refuse planning permission for Waun Garno.

On the 13th March, PCC also refused two more wind farm planning applications.

The Chairman advised County Cllr Evans that PCC should be commended for their webcast of these events as it showed the public that PCC is listening to its electorate.

Cllr Pugh advised that there are now two documentaries available regarding Waun Garno wind farm, which can be viewed on the TRAPP website. The Chairman, whilst appreciating the work involved, commended Cllr Pugh on his diligence in producing these two well-balanced documentaries. All Agreed.

Carno III Wind Farm: The Community Council previously voted in favour of not objecting to this wind farm, as they understood that the wind turbines would not have an adverse effect because they would be sited near the existing ones and the existing routes and powers lines would be used.

The Chairman asked the Council if they wished to discuss this further in light of several impending wind farm planning applications being viewed by PCC. The Council agreed to postpone further discussion of this for the time being.

Boundaries of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales: A press release was issued by OVW and a letter has been sent to the Community Council and also a letter from County Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairperson of Montgomeryshire urging Councils to respond by 4th April 2012.

The proposal summary:

The Commission proposes a new constituency of 'South Powys', which contains the existing constituency of Brecon & Radnorshire and the south part of Montgomeryshire up to but not including Welshpool. This new constituency would have an electorate of 78,136.

The electoral divisions of Machynlleth, Llanbrynmair and Glantwymyn will be joined to the existing constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd and divisions from the county of Conwy to make up the new constituency of 'Gwynedd', which would have an electorate of 73,297.

Whilst the remainder of Montgomeryshire, which includes Banwy, Llanfair Caereinion, Welshpool Castle, Welshpool Gungrog, Llanerchydol, Trewern and everywhere north of them, which with divisions from Denbighshire, Wrexham and Conwy will form a new constituency of 'Glyndwr and North Powys'. This new constituency will have an electorate of 74,554.

A full copy of the report is available on the Boundary Commission for Wales's website <http://www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk/2013>

Elections: The notices have been put up in Staylitle, Llawryglyn and Trefeglwys and the relevant documents have been received and sent out to Council Members for completion. The Chairman reminded the Council that these had to be in by 4th April but the Clerk had offered to take them either to

Llandrindod or Welshpool next week. The forms were handed to the Clerk for depositing with the Democratic Services.

Cllr Mantle advised that he will be standing down in May. The Chairman, speaking on behalf of the rest of the Council, said that they were deeply saddened to hear this and would be sorry to lose their fellow Cllr. However, they completely understood Cllr Mantle's reasons and appreciated his sincere commitment as a Cllr.

The Chairman also mentioned that the Community Council will also be saddened to lose their County Councillor, Gwylim Evans, as he has been an incredible support to the Council over the last thirty-five years and had always attended the monthly meetings. The Community Council will be always indebted to him for his dedication.

Cllr Pugh mentioned that he has been asked by Glyn Davies MP and also the Chairman of the Conservative Party if he would consider standing for the vacant County Cllr seat. Cllr Pugh advised that he had regrettably declined due to his work commitments. He stated that Gwylim's commitment over the years was outstanding, and it would be difficult for anyone to step into his shoes.

The Chairman also advised that he had also been approached by various bodies to stand for County Cllr and also felt he would have to decline. He thought that anyone replacing Gwylim would find that he is a hard act to follow due to his incredible commitment.

TRAPP: The Clerk advised that TRAPP's bank account has now been set up. It was agreed that the original donation of £50 would now be reissued by the Community Council.

Highways:

Trefeglwys – Llawryglyn road: Previously, the Chairman advised that the damaged large sign had still not been replaced. County Cllr Evans advised that this sign is at the depot and will be erected very soon.

The Clerk has received a letter from PCC Highways relating to the gritting of the above road, which confirms that this road cannot be given priority over the other roads. This was discussed by the Community Council who requested that the Clerk write again emphasising the Council's disappointment and the fact that this is used as a through route to Staylittle. Sat Nav's also direct drivers through the village, which causes a problem especially for the large Lorries who find they become stuck and try to turn around.

Reports:

Powys Teaching Health Board re Listening Events Monday, 5th March, Llanidloes: TCC Chairman attended and reported that approximately 100 people attended, including County Cllr Evans. They were split into workshop groups of ten with a 'Director/Manager' from the PTHB with each group, listening and taking notes. At the end of the workshop session, each Director/Manager spoke for each group with similar concerns, which were:

- Downgrading Bronglais.
- Depleting services will detract from the hospital the appeal of top consultants and international students wishing to apply to work and study here.
- Moving maternity to Glangwill is not acceptable.
- Closing/downgrading A & E is not acceptable.
- Already spent considerable money extending A & E – to lose it is madness.
- Transportation is a major problem from this rural area.
- Shrewsbury Hospital services – some being transferred to Telford makes Mid Wales a desert for NHS services.

There was great criticism of Hywell Dda Health Board not being in touch with local communities, refusing to attend meetings and not listening. This was contradicted by a Board Member who said they would attend providing an invitation would come via Powys Health Board.

The Assembly Health Minister, Lesley Griffiths, intimated that it wasn't her problem until Hywel Dda presented their recommendations to her.

OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting: Cllr Pugh chaired the meeting and reported that Mr Richard Hobbs from PCC Highways gave a presentation re road signs.

Cllr Pugh advised that the most controversial item on the agenda was that of the proposed boundary changes. The next Area Committee Meeting will be in June.

"Strong Roots" Project: Cllr Pugh attended and reported that the attendees were split into different groups and discussed:

- Sustainable development
- Climate Change – the global climate perspective
- Food supply and natural resources
- Settlement and the built environment
- Critical infrastructure
- Commerce
- Health and wellbeing.

Dog Fouling: Clerk has reported this and the Dog Warden is visiting the areas of concern.

Flower boxes: The Chairman advised that if boxes are used then they would be approximately £80 each. The Community Council discussed this and all agreed that raised beds would probably be the best option instead of boxes but would leave the decision to the group who may be willing to take this project on. The Chairman will forward a request to the Gardening Club to see if they would be interested in taking on this project.

Old School: The Clerk has contacted them regarding the remedial work but with regard to the moving forward with the construction, they say that they are still endeavouring to finalise the Section 106 Agreement.

The Community Council discussed the above site and the old hall site, which appears even more of an eyesore. It was agreed that the Clerk write again to the developers regarding the hedging and both sites.

Finance:

Carno Wind Farm Monitoring Form: The Clerk read out the completed details of the form and all confirmed agreement for this to be sent.

Items to be agreed by the Community Council for payment and monies in:

Payments In: None

Payments Out:

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| TRAPP donation | £50.00 |
| Room Hire | £180.00 |
| Membership of OVW | £103.00 |
| Clerk's Expenses | £114.96 |
| Clerk's Salary | £416.39 |
| Clerk's Mileage (SLCC Meeting & Election posters) | £49.29 |
| Cllr Pugh's Mileage (Roots Training Course) | £30.65 |

Correspondence: To receive those listed below and other items of general correspondence.

Planning Portals. Noted.

Letter from PCC re 2013 **Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales**. This was previously referred to the 'Boundaries' item above.

Letter from **Ceredigion** County Council re **Local Development Plan 2007-2022**. There will be Examination Hearings commencing on the 17th April 2012 at Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron. Noted and notice to go up on noticeboard.

Letter from PCC re **Powys Local Development Plan**. Public Exhibitions have and are taking place. The dates have been put up on Noticeboard. Representations must be received no later than 30th April 2012. Noted.

Letter from **Redwood Giftware**, a local company based in Welshpool. Noted.

E-mail from One Voice Wales re **Traffic in Villages** attaching a toolkit and checklist for community traffic. Noted.

E-mails **Firebrake** acknowledging TCC's response re Wales Arson Reduction Strategy 2012-2015. Noted.

E-mail Powys County Council re **Archives** Newsletter. Noted and to be passed on to relevant person re Church reminiscence evening.

E-mail from One Voice Wales re **Hydro Power Development on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate**. The Welsh Government would particularly like community organisations to work with specialist companies to identify sites within the Welsh Government Woodland Estates (WGWE), which is managed by the Forestry Commission Wales (FCW), where community scale (less than 5MW) hydro schemes could be developed to generate renewable electricity using water. Deadline is 30th April 2012. Noted.

E-mail from One Voice Wales re **Training**. Noted.

Letter from PCC **Highways re Llawryglyn-Trefeglwys Road**. Mentioned above in 'Highways'

Clerk & Councils Direct Brochure. Noted.

Letter from **Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre** re donation. The Community Council agreed not to donate on this occasion.

The **Clerk Brochure**. Noted.

Letter from PCC re **Elections**. Mentioned in 'Election' item above.

Letter from **Hywel Dda Health Board** re Pre-Consultation Engagement. Noted.

E-mail from **Mid Wales Housing** re developing affordable housing at Red Bank, Welshpool. Noted.

E-mail from Welsh Assembly Government re **Remuneration Panel for Wales**. Clerk has filled this in and will send by the 20th April deadline.

Letter from **OVW re membership renewal**. The renewal of membership was agreed by all.

E-mail from Welsh Government re **Commission on Devolution in Wales**. The Commission on Devolution in Wales is coming to Machynlleth and Welshpool areas to gather local views on the powers of the National Assembly for Wales. The Commission, launched last October, is currently looking at the financial accountability of the National Assembly for Wales and whether tax varying and borrowing powers should be devolved to Cardiff Bay.

The Commission will be holding drop in sessions at Y Plas, Machynlleth on Wednesday 28 March, 10.00-11.00am and at Y Loft at Coed y Dinas, Welshpool on Friday 30 March, 1.30-2.30pm. They would

welcome anyone's attendance at these or any of their other events. For more information on these local events please visit their website: <http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/events/> Noted.

Letter from **Chairperson of Montgomeryshire** urging Councils re Boundaries Commission proposals. Mentioned in 'Boundaries' item above.

Newsletter from **Boundary Commission for Wales** re initial Proposals for Parliamentary Constituencies Consultation. Mentioned in 'Boundaries' item above.

All e-mails previously sent to Cllrs prior to meeting.

Planning: To receive and resolve responses to consultations by PCC.

P2011 1124 Full Planning Permission is granted for the change of use from agriculture land to form additional curtilage together with a two storey extension at Rhos Fawr, Bwlch Y Fan, Llanidloes.

Chairman's/Councillors' Comments:

The Clerk attended the SLCC Meeting whose main speaker was from the Unity Bank and she brought back details for future reference.

Cllr Jones advised that the Flower Festival Committee is trying to borrow old photographs that would be of interest for the reminiscence evening. Suggestions were put forward by the Council and these will be passed on to the Committee.

Cllr Jones also mentioned that the Committee asked if there would be any objections for the Village Hall/School Car Park being used over the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday period. It was agreed that there were no objections.

Cllr Preston made enquiries regarding the new signs for the shop that had been erected and removed. It was confirmed that these were erected on the verges of the highway and therefore, was inappropriately placed.

Date of next meeting: 26th April, 2012 at 7:30pm

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10pm