

**Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 24th March 2016
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Councillors: Beryl Crone
Derrick Pugh
David Jerman
Rhiannon Jones
Myra Jones
Tim Parker
County Councillor Graham Jones

In Attendance: Ann Jones

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: Endaf Meddins

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 25th February 2016 proposed as correct by Cllr Beryl Crone and seconded by Cllr Derrick Pugh

Matters Arising

Water on road through the village

County Councillor Graham Jones has a meeting on 1st April 2016 with Mr Ted Jones the owner of the Old School Site in order to discuss the water problem in the village.

Web Site

The new Web Site will soon be activated by Mr Roger Malvern. All details will be checked for any errors Mr Malvern will be contacted. Cllr Rhiannon Jones has a different e-mail address. Permission was agreed by all Councillors to go ahead with the new Web Site but to check with the Community Council regarding requests for information about village events to be placed on the site.

Code of Conduct Training

One Voice Wales have been contacted and are in the process of arranging a training session. We will be notified in due course.

Road Surface through the Village of Trefeglwys and Tarmac. We have been informed that our request has been placed in the Capital Works Budget and is in hand.

Flower Box

It was agreed to ask Mr Emlyn Jones who has offered to make a replacement flower box free of charge to contact Cllr Tim Parker who can provide the wood.

Daffodil Bulbs It was suggested to obtain more daffodil bulbs next year for the village.

Purchase of Computer – It was agreed to find out from PCQ, Llanidloes the cost of a PC for Council use.

Filing Cabinet -The Clerk has obtained a filing cabinet free of charge for Council use.

Defibrillator – It was agreed to contact Mr Tim Ware regarding the charge for a new battery.

E-Mail An e-mail has been received from the Police requesting further information and this will be addressed.

Councillor Vacancy – A letter has been sent to Cllr Arthur Williams informing him that advice has been taken on the procedure that the Council has to follow regarding the attendance of meetings. Thanks were also extended to him for his many years as a Community Councillor. A vacancy notice will be displayed.

Minutes – Reference was made to an error in the November 2013 minutes on the Web Site. This was discussed by Councillors and a note made. Advice sought from One Voice Wales regarding any action to be taken.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Bills to be paid	Clerk's Wages	£128.31
	Clerk's Expenses	£ 442.04
	Extra hours incurred for the year dealing with FoI requests	
	HMRC	£32.07
	Playground Insurance Powys CC	£72.00

Monies In	Powys CC Recycling	£89.92
	Photocopies	£1.90

Correspondence:

Post

- SLCC Magazine
- Walk for Life Sunday 24th April 2016 for Kidney Wales Foundation
- Play for Wales Magazine
- Post Office Local Public Consultation letter informing of extended public consultation by two working days to allow for the Easter Bank holiday.
- Powys Outdoor Recreation Services Playground Inspection. It was agreed to pay the £72.00 inspection fee to Powys County Council.
- Letter from Powys County Council Planning Department acknowledging receipt of the Council's correspondence regarding the proposal Ref: P/2015/111 Grid Ref: 297735.28291454.26 for Change of use of existing agricultural building to sales and service base for agricultural machinery and related goods and proposed improved vehicular access at Ffynnant Farm, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.
- Zurich Municipal offering Insurance Quote.
- Commemorative Medal letter.
- Update letter from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd Re- Mynydd Lluest y Graig Wind Farm Proposal.

Recycling Site

Mrs Penfold has contacted the Council informing us that she had cleared 5 full sized bin bags and 5 large items from the re-cycling site in the village and placed it at a collection point and arranged for the "Tidy Wales" co-ordinator to have it removed by PCC workers. More flytipped items have been placed at the site. Signs are to be placed at the site.

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

It was unanimously agreed by Councillors to issue the following Statement.

Due to recent Fol's received by the Council, the Council wish to make it absolutely clear that they had neither seen nor approved the correspondence that had been sent to Scottish Power on 7th November 2012 by the then Clerk. The Council had approved a draft letter, which was read out at a Council Meeting by the then Clerk on 25th October 2012. Certain documents were sent to SPEN on the understanding that these did not constitute the views of the Council.

During a One Voice Wales investigation it came to light that the draft letter to be forwarded to SPEN was altered and sent without the Council's knowledge and authority. This should have been forwarded to SPEN without any alterations. Correspondence from TRAPP to be forwarded to SPEN had also been changed and headed Trefeglwys Community Council response to SPEN Proposals and Recommendations on possible alternative routes. These alterations had recommended alternative pylon routes through the community and given instructions to SPEN to disregard and eradicate the CCI route. The altered letter from the Council dated 25th October 2012 also stated "Therefore, the Community Council request that the CCI route plan should be eradicated and that the above comments and attached suggestions are taken extremely seriously by SPEN". Paragraphs had also been removed from the original letter.

On being aware of such alterations, the Council were concerned that they had been placed in a pre-determined position when it came to dealing with any Planning Applications from SPEN. The Council took legal advice on this and in turn with the help of our local MP and local AM the Council contacted SPEN and requested that all correspondence that had been forwarded to them via e-mail dated 7th November 2012 be returned forthwith as this information was not the view of the Council and had not been discussed or minuted at the following Council Meeting.

SPEN accepted the views of Trefeglwys Community Council and returned the documentation as requested. The Council were then able to revert back from a pre-determined position to being Consultees.

The Council had received strong criticism from landowners who were angry and stressed with the information they had read that pylon routes had been put forward across their land by the Council. The Council fully accepts their concern regarding this. They were shocked and very concerned to learn that information had been sent to SPEN without their knowledge or approval and have taken steps to ensure this will not happen again.

Due to the nature of the FoI requests received by the Council, the Council feel that under the circumstances, they cannot sustain the amount of time from their daily work in dealing with this correspondence which they feel is vexatious. Under the circumstances, the Council has decided to appoint a Solicitor to deal with these FoI's and issues of concern. There are many questions going unanswered.

This was a unanimous decision by all Community Councillors present.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

It wished to be stated that extra hours had been incurred by the Clerk to deal with FoI correspondence.

Cllr Myra Jones had been asked whether items of re-cycling are re-cycled separately Cllr Graham Jones stated that that was the case.

The Penffridd road remains in a bad state

Corner by Cyffiau – Cllr Graham Jones stated that Mr Emlyn Jones has spoken to the landowner, when the ground has dried up they will follow up the situation.

Sarn-y-Glyn Road – The matter is in hand with Mr Emlyn Jones.

Cllr Graham Jones requested that a letter be sent from Trefeglwys Community Council to Powys Council stating that we wished the Planning Applications be dealt with as paper copies and not on lap tops as they have suggested. The Councillors agreed that we wish to continue with the way they are dealt with now.

It was suggested that Cllr David Jerman become a signature on the cheque book. A mandate will be obtained.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th April 2016 at 7.30pm

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