

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
7:30pm, Thursday 23rd June 2016
at Trefeglwys Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors: Beryl Crone
Derrick Pugh
David Jerman
Myra Jones
Nick Bennett
Endaf Meddins
William Davies
County Councillor Graham Jones

In Attendance: Ann Jones

Members of the Community: None

Apologies: Rhiannon Jones, Tim Parker

Approval of Minutes from Community Council Meeting 26th May 2016 proposed as correct by Cllr Beryl Crone and seconded by Cllr Myra Jones.

Matters Arising

Code of Conduct Training

Training is available in the Village Hall, Trefeglwys on Thursday 7th July 2016 6.30pm – 9.00pm. An e-mail has been forwarded to each Councillor. It was agreed to apply for a training bursary scheme.

Purchase of Computer – In Hand

Councillor Vacancy – A Councillor Vacancy notice has been displayed in the notice board for the relevant period. No one has applied. No names have been brought forward to the council. It was agreed to ask if anyone was interested in joining the Community Council.

Accounts

We have received the Accounts which have been checked by Mrs Tracy Hughes an Accountant, they were agreed and signed by the Chairman Cllr David Jerman and approved by all Councillors ready to send to Grant Thornton.

Mandate

The Mandate has been taken to the HSBC bank

Precept

Due to the incorrect information received in applying for the precept County Councillor Graham Jones explained that he had been in touch with Powys County Council and the change of payment could be made on the poll tax over the next two years to householders if agreed by the Council.

Highways

Road by Ystradfaelog Turning has been re-built but is still not that successful.
Grass cutting – County Councillor Graham Jones will contact Mr John Brunt.

Reports

One Voice Wales Montgomery Area Committee Meeting AGM

Election of Chairman 2016/17

RESOLVED that Cllr. David Charles Jones be elected as Chairman for 2016/17.

Election of Vice Chairman 2016/17

RESOLVED that Cllr. Gareth Davies be elected Vice-Chairman for 2016/17

NEC Representatives

RESOLVED that Cllr. Rachel Davies and Cllr. Derrick Pugh be re-elected to represent the Area Committee on the National Executive Committee.

Representation on Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that representation on various outside bodies be agreed as follows:

Powys Local Action Group (formerly, Powys Regeneration Partnership) – Sian Meredudd (Llandrindod Wells) with Cllr. Derrick Pugh as deputy representative; Powys Public Service Board – Cllr. Derrick Pugh with Sian Meredudd (Llandrindod Wells) as deputy representative; Powys Teaching Health Board Stakeholder Group – Cllr. David Charles Jones; Powys Community Safety Partnership – Cllr. Rachel Davies.

Dates of Area Committee Meetings 2016/2017

Resolved that the following dates to be provisionally agreed for the coming year:

Tuesday 4th October 2016, Tuesday 24th January 2017, Wednesday 19th April 2017 and Wednesday 14th June 2017.

Area Meeting

The Development Officer confirmed that the National Executive Committee had not met since the last Area Committee meeting, but that it would be meeting at the end of the week. He summarised some of the key issues facing One Voice Wales at the present time, in particular those relating to the fact that there is now a new Welsh Government and a new minister with responsibility for local government in place. It was felt that the previous proposals to reorganise local government, both unitary and local councils, would now be delayed somewhat and that new proposals could well emerge in due course. It would be important, in the meantime, for councils to consider carefully any options to take over assets or services from unitary councils and the potential for future cluster arrangements would continue to be pursued by One Voice Wales on behalf of member councils.

One Voice Wales Montgomery Area Committee Meeting

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, possible in small clusters. Two members had recently attended a successful training module on chairing skills.

Membership Recruitment and Retention

The Development Officer reminded members that he would be grateful to hear from them on any specific examples of situations or activities where councils have benefited from membership of One Voice Wales.

Best Practice

The Development Officer reminded members that this was an opportunity for delegates to discuss examples of good practice within the sector, either in the various aspects of running a local council or by way of local and/or partnership projects undertaken.

Correspondence

Deterioration in Post Office Services in Rural Areas

Members discussed this item, which has been requested as an agenda item at the previous meeting. Cllr. John Hopkins had raised concerns that Post Office facilities and services in rural areas such as Castle Caereinion had deteriorated substantially during recent times and that the community now received only two short visits per week by the mobile unit (from 9am to 10.15am). The Chairman reported that the visits to Llanbrynmair by the mobile unit had become unreliable of late and other members presented their own experiences of the changing face of post office service delivery in the area. Cllr. Eurwyn Pierce Jones informed members that the unit driver was attempting to experiment with various time schedules to see what would best suit each community. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting of the Area Committee and, if the service has not improved by that time, a press campaign on the issue should then be commenced.

Any other relevant business at the discretion of the Chairman

Private Landlords

Cllr. Derrick Pugh reminded members that new legislation had been introduced placing certain obligations on private landlords of domestic properties, including that of training.

The next meeting will be held at Penstrowed Village Hall – 4th October 2016.
Thanks were extended to Cllr Derrick Pugh for his report.

Finance:

All monies in and out agreed by the council

Monies Out

Bills to be paid	Clerk's Wages	£128.31
	Clerk's Expenses	£ 44.00
	HMRC	£32.07
	Cllr Derrick Pugh Travelling Expenses	£13.82
	Milwyn Jenkins and Jenkins	£600 + VAT
	Aon Insurance	£248.12

It was agreed that the Clerk claim for 10 hours extra next month for work undertaken

Monies In - None

Aon Insurance-

Local Council Policy Document Number LC/M/001628, and Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance from 1st June 2016 – 31st May 2017.

Correspondence:

Post

- Post Office letter Changes to Tregynon Mobile service.
- Mid Wales Health Care letter. County Councillor Graham Jones had attended a meeting at Llanidloes re Mid Wales Health Care. Aberystwyth Hospital will continue with it's A & E Dept. Problems are with obtaining consultant doctors. The Palliative Care Suite at Llanidloes is still going ahead. The Ambulance Station remains where it is due to lack of access visibility.

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.

Re-cycling

An e-mail has been received from Laura Samuel (CSP – Local Environment) regarding the Trefeglwys Community Recycling Site, explaining that all community recycling sites in Powys are currently under review. This is following a cabinet report that was approved on 12th April 2016.

It was agreed to write to John Powell Portfolio asking for another Green Garden Waste Bin.

ICO e-mail and reply letter.

An e-mail received from ICO and reply letter was read out and discussed at the meeting and approved by the Council .

Planning – Application Ref:P/2016/0562 Grid Ref: 296513.01/290665.54 for New Three Bay Garage with office and storage area at Birchen House, Trefeglwys, Caersws, Powys.

There were no objections to this planning application. It was unanimously approved by all 7 Councillors.

Application Ref: P/2016/0633 Grid Ref: 290588/290004 for Erection of one 24.8m to hum (36.6m to tip) wind turbine with control box and all associated works at Derwillwydion, Llawr-Y-Glyn, Caersws, Powys.

There is already one turbine on this property, it was agreed to state that we do support diversification in farming but are slightly concerned as one turbine has already been erected. Also the proximity was concerning. It is difficult to comment on this planning application as no plans are present.

Chairman / Councillors Comments:

Cllr Endaf Meddins reported a blocked pipe by Rhiwdefeity. County Councillor Graham Jones will follow up the matter.

Cllr Beryl Crone reported that the river now requires dredging which is a matter for the environmental agency. Also the gates on the right of way cannot be opened. It was suggested to ask the land owner if he could help on this matter.

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

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.15pm.