

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

Councillors: Cllr. J. Anwyl (Chair)
Cllr. D. Jerman (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. B. Crone
Cllr. P. Tranter
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. D. Pugh
Cllr. N. Bennett

Present: Kat Holwill (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** County Cllr. G. Mitchell
Cllr. M. Brench
2. **Declarations of Interest** (*Declarations of interest whether likely to benefit or disadvantage should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion*) None received.
3. **Confirmation of the minutes of meeting held 25th October 2022** The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Crone.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Hybrid meetings** Model standing order still awaited from OVW – to be adopted at the AGM in May.
 - b) **Vision & Purpose Statement** Draft to be emailed to Councillors for consideration. *Clerk to action.*
 - c) **Councillor vacancy** Members instructed the Clerk to publish the notice of co-option. Prospective candidates are to be asked to provide a short statement outlining their skills and what they could offer the Council. Councillors unaware of who requested the item in the County Times, *Clerk to investigate.*
 - d) **Cost of the uncontested Community Council Election May 2022** Costs have been received - £671.54. Councillors are concerned about the high cost, enquiries to be made with C.Cllr. Mitchell. *Clerk to action.*
 - e) **Wales Air Ambulance** Cllr. Pugh updated councillors including a report about the documentary that is being produced. Clerk to ensure the letter from TCC went to the CHC? *Clerk to action.*
 - f) **Remembrance Sunday** Councillors discussed this year's successful event.
 - g) **Poppy Wreath** Thank you letter to be sent to Gwilym and Sylvia Evans. *Clerk to action.*
 - h) **Lighting at Cenotaph** Request received from the village hall committee to fund permanent lighting at the Cenotaph. Approval proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Bennett.
 - i) **John Swancott charity** Three trustees are required to take the charity forwards – Cllrs. Smith, Bennett and Jerman put themselves forward for the role. Clerk to investigate the financial implications. Audit Wales to be contacted to ask if we have to include the charity money in the audit. Unity Trust Bank to be contacted to establish if there will be charges for a separate savings account for the charity. *Clerk to action.*
 - j) **Laptop lead** Clerk requested replacing the faulty charging lead for the laptop at a cost of £64. Approval proposed by Cllr. Jerman and seconded by Cllr. Bennett.
5. **Correspondence** *All correspondence received has previously been forwarded to Cllrs. Cllrs to comment on correspondence relevant to Trefeglwys Community Council):*
 - a) **SLCC / OVW Finance & Governance Toolkit update** relating mainly to legislation changes. Councillor training plan to be published on the website. *Clerk to action.*
 - b) **OVW Innovative Practice remote conference** "Gearing Ourselves Up to Provide for Successful and Vibrant Towns and Communities" Cllr. Pugh will try to attend.
 - c) **Welsh Government** Council Tax: Consultations on draft Regulations to extend exceptions to second home premiums and on Guidance. Noted.
 - d) **Welsh Government** Democracy & Diversity workshop Llandrindod Wells. No action.
 - e) **Welsh Government** Section 137 expenditure limit for 2023/24. Noted.
 - f) **Ellen Hjort** Research project Aberystwyth University. No action.

6. Reports

- a) **SLCC / OVW Conference** The Clerk reported to Councillors.

7. Finances/Accounts

- a) **Account Balances Current a/c** £11,263.31 **Windfarm account** £7,786.11
- b) **Payments:**
 - i. **Clerk's wages** £168.94 & **expenses** £34.70
 - ii. **HMRC** £42.20
 - iii. **SLCC / OVW Conference** £45 + VAT
 - iv. **Cenotaph lighting** £132.28 Cheque to be raised and amount transferred from Windfarm a/c
 - v. **TCC annual donations for Trefeglwys hall & Staylittie hall** usual payment date to be investigated.
Clerk to action.
- c) **Receipts:** none
All approved for payment by Cllr. Jerman and seconded by Cllr. Pugh.

8. Any other business

- a) Members discussed the King's coronation. Email to be sent to the village hall and the school. *Clerk to action.*
- b) Cllr. Jerman reported from the Ysgol Duffryn Trannon Governors meeting. Councillors congratulated Cllr. Jerman on his appointment as Chair of Governors.

9. Time and date of next meeting Tuesday 20th December, 7.30pm at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall.

The Chair thanked Councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Closed meeting: Confidential Matters

Council will go into closed session for discussion of confidential matters. The Council has deemed that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

- 1. **Clerk's salary scale** Councillors discussed the pay increment on the NALC salary scale for Clerks. The increment was proposed for adoption by Cllr. Crone and seconded by Cllr. Bennett.