

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 26th July 2022 7.30pm at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

Councillors: Cllr. J Anwyl (Chair)
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. P. Tranter
Cllr. B. Crone
Cllr. D. Pugh
County Cllr. G. Mitchell

Present: Kat Holwill (Clerk)
Duncan Burwood (Resident)
Julia Toy (Resident)
Eleanor Short (Chair of Cylch)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. N. Bennett
Cllr. D. Jerman
Cllr. E. Meddins
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 28th June 2022** The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Crone.
4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held on 24th May 2022** The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Crone.

Additional agenda item:

Julia Toy outlined the circumstances of her family with regard to the changes to English medium provision in the area and lack of school transport. Cllr. Mitchell outlined his position and how he supporting the affected families. Members discussed writing to Andrew RT Davies and the First Minister to express the strength of feeling in our local community. Letter to be drafted proposed by Cllr. Crone and seconded by Cllr. Smith. *Clerk to action.* Julia Toy left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Duncan Burwood discussed the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 50mph between Caersws and Llanidloes and ask members for their opinion.

Also the Welsh Government proposed 20mph urban speed limit was discussed with members. Cllr Pugh informed members about the upcoming PCC consultation regarding this issue.

Duncan Burwood left the meeting at 8.25pm.

5. Matters Arising

- a) **Finance & Governance Toolkit** The Chair and Clerk reported to members that they have completed section A of the health check (vision, purpose and community planning). The areas to be addressed are:
 - 1) Purpose and vision statement – to be drafted at August meeting.
 - 2) Annual report – Cllr. Smith offered to start putting some ideas together.
 - 3) Biodiversity plan – C.Cllr. Mitchell offered to help with the drafting of the plan.The Clerk explained the recommendation that a working group of councillors work through part A of the Self-assessment. Members deferred to August meeting.

Additional agenda item:

Eleanor Short (Chair of the Cylch) joined the meeting at 8.30pm. She updated the members on the current situation with regard to pre-school provision in Trefeglwys. The Cylch is a childcare provider for ages 2-4 and is a charity funded from grant money and from parental contributions. Mes Bach has been run by the school and was providing funded education hours 2.5 hour 4 x week. However, the school is not in a position to provide the

education hours any more. The Cylch committee are hoping to continue the provision subject to being able to recruit a suitable person. Members discussed writing to The Chair of Governors at YDT to raise disappointment that this has been allowed to happen and to express the council's concerns that the Cylch will also close and fewer children will then progress into the main school making the education provision in the village unsustainable. Letter to be drafted proposed by Cllr. Tranter and seconded by Cllr. Crone. *Clerk to action.* Eleanor Short left the meeting at 9.10pm.

- b) **Hybrid meetings & Community venue fund** Noted.
- c) **Good Councillors Guide 2022** Cllr. Pugh updated members on the reasons for the update. Cllr. Smith offered to print a copy that can be referred to in meetings. *Cllr. Smith to action.*
- d) **Request for a 50 mph speed limit along the B4569** Members discussed the response from PCC.
- e) **Welsh Government 20mph urban speed limit** Members discussed the proposed changes. It is unclear as yet how the local roads will be affected.
- f) **School governors representative** Cllr. Bennett has resigned, members nominated Cllr. Jerman for the role, subject to his agreement.
- g) **John Swancott charity** Representatives from the charity have requested that TCC take over the administration of the charity. Members agreed in principle, but requested further information.
- h) **Council tax** Cllr. Crone asked Cllr. Mitchell about the increase in council tax for second homes. Cllr. Mitchell outlined the PCC policy and will email further information. *Cllr. Mitchell to action.*
- i) **Seating on community trail** Members stated that this is not practical due to the topography.
- j) **Verges and plantings through Trefeglwys** The verges have now been cut.
- k) **Free exchange library** A resident has suggested that the old phone box be used as a free exchange library for the village. Members stated this is not in the council's remit, but we have no objections.
- l) **Annual report** Discussed in item 5a.

6. Correspondence *All correspondence received has previously been forwarded to Cllrs. Cllrs to comment on correspondence relevant to Trefeglwys Community Council):*

- a) **Welsh Government** Extending the Well-being of Future Generations Act's well-being duty consultation Noted.
- b) **Welsh Government** "A Fairer Council Tax" consultation closes on 4th October. Clerk to send link to the consultation again, members to discuss in the next meeting. *Clerk to action.*
- c) **One Voice Wales** Planning training session for town and community councillors. Noted.
- d) **Lynette Lovell** Mes Bach Pre-school Members discussed the reply received.
- e) **Boundary Commission for Wales** Representations from the public hearings. Noted.

7. Reports

- a) **PCC meeting 14th July** Cllr. Pugh attended the virtual meeting between Town & Community Councils and PCC. Cllr. James Gibson-Watt is the appointed Leader of PCC and he gave an introduction. Finance was discussed and it was stated that finance is going to be a big challenge in the future and PCC need to work with Town & Community Councils.
20mph speed limits were discussed. Legislation has been passed by WG on this issue. 30 mph will be reduced to 20 mph in several areas and 40 mph could be reduced to 30 mph. Councils will be able to buy their own speed limit signs from precept money, but this would need to be approved by PCC beforehand. PCC has appointed a new Officer to deal with this and there will be a consultation in the near future. Refuse collection – PCC has a staffing problem due to Covid. This appears to be worse in the North of Powys than in the South, which has resulted in some bin collections not being done on time.

8. Finances/Accounts

- a) **Inspection of the 2021/22 accounts** The accounts are available for inspection from 13th July-9th August.
- b) **Account Balances** Current £10,315.81 Windfarm £8,647.62
- c) **Payments and Receipts:**
Receipts: £7.46 Interest (Windfarm account)
Payments:
 - i. Clerks Wages £168.94 and expenses £21.35
 - ii. HMRC £42.40
All proposed for payment by Cllr. Pugh and seconded by Cllr. Smith.
 - iii. D. Jerman reimbursement. Deferred to next meeting.

9. Any other business

- a) **School transport issues** Discussed earlier in the meeting
- b) **Application Ref: 22/1199/TRE** Grid Ref: E: 293193 N: 291212 Proposal: Removal of tree in a conservation area Location: Tygwyn , Llawr-Y-Glyn, Caersws SY17 5RW. Support on health and safety grounds. *Clerk to action.*
- c) **Clerk's holiday** The Clerk reported she will be away from 5th-14th August.
- d) **Food waste collection** Residents have been complaining that there has been no food waste collection for two or three weeks. Cllr. Tranter proposed writing to the leader of the council James Gibson watt and Jackie Charlton to find out what is being put into place to rectify this. Seconded by Cllr. Crone. *Clerk to action.*

10. Time and date of next meeting Tuesday 23rd August 7.30pm at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

The Chair thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55pm.