

Trefeglwys Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 25th January 2022 at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

Councillors: Cllr J Anwyl(Chair)
Cllr D Pugh
Cllr N Bennett
Cllr D Davies
Cllr M Smith
Cllr E Meddins
Cllr P Tranter
Cllr M Brench
Cllr B Crone

Present: Kat Holwill (Clerk)

- 1) **Apologies** Cllr D Jerman (Vice Chair)
- 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 21st December 2021** Councillors agreed the minutes as an accurate record, proposed by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr M Brench.
- 4) **Highways**
 - a) **Junction markings on Talgarth Lane**
 - b) **Signage in Staylittle (Esgairgoch)**
 - c) **Passing places on the Waen**
 - d) **Bump in the road at Sarny Glyn**
No update has been received on the above highways items.
 - e) **Condition of roads including access lane to Ty Uchaf** Cllr P Davies has confirmed by email that he has passed these concerns on to the relevant person in highways. Cllr Davies to be contacted for an update for the February meeting. *Clerk to action.*
- 5) **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Hybrid meetings** OVW are currently updating the model standing orders, and have suggested we wait until they are done before we update ours. Microphone options to be investigated for February meeting. *Clerk to action.*
 - b) **Precept 2022-23** to be submitted. *Clerk to action.*
 - c) **OVW training opportunities and bursary.** The Clerk updated members on the opportunities offered by OVW, and the bursary scheme available for specific courses. Clerk to circulate list of upcoming courses. Members were asked to contact the Clerk if they wished to attend. *Clerk to action.*
 - d) **Closure of small schools.** The Clerk read out the letter drafted by Cllr Pugh which was collated from correspondence and views received from the Councillors. Clerk to redraft and email to TCC Members for approval before emailing to the persons requested. *Clerk to action.*
 - e) **Website update** The Clerk informed Members that she has had additional website training, so can update the news section and add links.
 - f) **Land at Zoar Chapel** – ownership? No update.
 - g) **Llawryglyn Village Association.** Correspondence has been received requesting funding support and outlining community and fundraising events and activities planned. Members asked if the Association is a charity? The question was raised as to whether there is an official process for a

funding application? Councillors agreed to donate £250 towards one year's worth of costs, asked to be informed how the Village Association is using the money, and to receive information on the fundraising / match funding. Councillors stated they will be happy to review this information in 12 months. Donation to be paid from the Windfarm account. Proposed by Cllr Anwyl and seconded by Cllr D Davies. LVA to be signposted to PAVO for further funding opportunities if necessary. *Clerk to action.*

- h) **Request for gritting by Trefeglwys School** Correspondence has been received from Cllr P Davies explaining that each school has the opportunity to pay for the application of salt/grit during the rounds and this is the choice of the governing bodies. School to be informed. *Cllr Bennett to action.*

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

- a) **Welsh Government Review of the ethical standards framework** Noted
- b) **Welsh Government Welsh tax act (power to modify) bill** Noted
- c) **Welsh Government Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) regulations 2021** The Clerk explained to Members that because she has been in post less than 12 months the SLCC recommends completing the ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) rather than the *CiLCA*. WG offers a bursary for 50% of the costs (Total cost £120+VAT). Members agreed to support the Clerk to complete the ILCA, proposed by Cllr Anwyl and seconded by Cllr Smith.
- d) **Welsh Government Shaping Wales' future programme, letter the from Minister for Social Justice.** Noted.
- e) **Welsh Government consultation on The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils.** Noted.
- f) **Welsh Government Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence national strategy.** Noted.
- g) **Welsh Government Reports: Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales.** Noted.
- h) **National Lottery Heritage fund.** No action.
- i) **Boundary Commission Wales Second consultation and public hearings.** There are 5 public hearings coming up, the nearest is in Aberystwyth on 30th March. Clerk confirmed that a link to this is on the website.
- j) **Powys Localities Initiative** Noted.
- k) **One Voice Wales Gift card scam.** Noted.

7) Reports

OVW Area report:

Cllr. Pugh attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee on the 17th January. The meeting was held remotely and tributes were received for the former Chairman Mr. Gareth Davies who passed away recently. The Chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman and apologies were received.

Some of the topics on the Agenda were:

Discussions on Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Hybrid Meetings and requirements needed to comply with the new legislation

Training for new members including the Code of Conduct.

The Clerk was to keep a record of training received.

Elections: Discussions took place and it was explained that all Councillors needed to be elected after the 1st May. Therefore all previously co-opted Councillors would be referred to as elected Councillors.

Date of next meeting - 5th April 2022

Councillors asked if there is a training record / audit on file? *Clerk to action.*

8) Finances/Accounts

- a) **Account Balances** Current account: £11,366.36 Windfarm account: £8,970.83
- b) **Stationary request** Clerk requested permission to purchase stationary items to complete the

accounts (10.99 for 2 folders, £4.56 for a pack of punched pockets and a contribution towards printer ink).

- c) **VAT refund** Clerk confirmed that the last VAT refund received was for 2018/19, so the claim for 2019/20 would need to be submitted this financial year. *Clerk to action.*
- d) **Receipts:** £1,833 paid in to current account (Precept)
- e) **Payments:**
 - i. **Clerks wages** x 2 months = 332.08
expenses x 2 months = £43.95 Members asked the Clerk to work out the “working from home allowance” back pay owed. *Clerk to action.*
 - ii. **HMRC** x 2 months = £83
 - iii. **OVW invoice for Clerk’s Code of conduct online training** - £30
 - iv. **Bus shelter licence** - £5
 - v. **Village Hall hire for 2021** – cheque for £240
 - vi. **Transfer** of £85.46 from the Windfarm account to the current account for Defib pads

All proposed for payment by Cllr D Pugh and seconded by Cllr M Brench.

Members asked when the last payment was received from the windfarm? *Clerk to action.*

9) Councillors’ comments & AOB

- a) The issue of the poor road surface on the Llwyglyn road was raised. The surface is shiny and slippery and becomes dangerously icy in the winter. Members agreed to add this to the list of ongoing highways issues and pass onto Cllr P Davies. *Clerk to action.*
- b) Deterioration of the white line through Trefeglwys. Members agreed to add this to the list of ongoing highways issues and pass onto Cllr P Davies. *Clerk to action.*
- c) A member asked if any celebrations were planned for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee? Members agreed to contact the village hall committee and the school to find out. *Clerk to action.*
- d) A letter has been received from a resident with regard to bus provision. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting. *Clerk to action.*
- e) A member has been contacted by a resident of the Waen with regard to parking / access at his property. Resident to be advised to contact Aled Jones of PCC. *Cllr Davies to action.*
- f) Concerns had been raised about dog fouling in the churchyard. Posters have been put up to discourage this.
- g) Pictures were circulated of damage to the memorial trees at the Gleiniant Cemetery in Trefeglwys. Concerns were raised with the members who supported the seriousness of the situation, and suggested that the police be informed. *Cllr Pugh to action.*

10) Time and date of next meeting Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Cllr J Anwyl thanked Councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.