

Trewern Community Council

Annual Report 2023/24



Introduction

Trewern Community Council serves the areas of Trewen, Middletown, Buttington and Hope. Information about the Council, including Minutes and Agendas of Meetings can be found on the website: www.trewerncommunitycouncil.co.uk

The Community Council meets monthly (with exception to August and December), usually on the third Tuesday of the month at either Middletown Village Hall or Trewern Community Centre, alternating between the two locations. Since March 2020, meetings have also been held virtually via MS Teams.

The Council consists of ten Councillors, with administration duties handled by the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, the Council's sole paid officer.

Members	Community Council Ward
Cllr. Gill Corfield (Chair)	Trewern
Cllr. Phil Hughes (Vice Chair)	Trewern
Cllr. Fiona Warburton	Trewern
Cllr. Judy Evans	Middletown
Cllr. Nicola Dyson	Trewern
Cllr. Rex Turner	Trewern
Cllr. Peter Davies	Trewern
Cllr. David Corfield	Middletown
Cllr. Rob Breakwell	Middletown
Cllr. Colin Jenkins	Trewern

Meetings are announced through an agenda issued by the Clerk at least three days prior to the meeting. Agendas can be viewed on the Community Council's website or on one of the Community Council's Noticeboards.

Financial Report

The Community Council's income is derived from a precept, which is a part of the Council Tax collected by Powys County Council and paid in three installments in April, August and December. Expenses include the Clerk's salary, insurance, subscription to One Voice Wales and other operational costs. A pie chart depicting breakdown is available below:

Expenditure

Category	Estimated Percentage
Play/open Spaces	18%
Insurance	10%
Village Hall Grants	32%
Clerk Salary	25%
Office Expenses	8%
Capital Reserve	5%
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Fees	2%
External Audit	1%
Equipment purchased	1%
Chair/Councillors Allowance	1%
Buttington Cemetery	1%
VAT	1%

Application No.	Location	Community Council's Observation	Powys County Council's Decision
23/0502/REM	Land Adjoining Ivy House Trewern Welshpool SY21 8EL	Site meeting requested with Planning Officer and clarification on plans	Refused
23/0691/FUL	Land Adjacent West Of Penyfoel Farm Middletown SY21 8DG	Concerns raised	Refused
22/1953/FUL	Land Adjoining The Wallers Trewern Welshpool SY21 8SZ	Concerns raised	Approved
23/0844/FUL	Llwyn Melyn Bacheldre Lane Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EG	No comment	Approved

23/0812/OUT	Land At Sandiacre Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DA	No objection	Application withdrawn
23/0840/OUT	Land Adj Three Hills Middletown Welshpool SY21 8DJ	No comment	Approved
23/1176/FUL	The Sycamores Garreg Bank Trewern SY21 8EA	Concerns raised	Approved
23/1313/RES	Land Adjacent West Of Penyfoel Middletown Welshpool	Concerns raised	Pending consideration
23/1023/FUL	White House Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX	No objection	Approved
23/1434/HH	Keepers Cottage Bryn Lane Hope Leighton SY21 8JD	No objection	Approved
23/1580/CLE	5, Fair View (mobile Unit) Trewern Welshpool SY21 8DW	No comment	Approved
23/1673/FUL	Land At Buttington Quarry Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SZ	No comment	Approved
23/1689/RES	New Dwelling At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool	Requested clarification on plans	Approved
23/1911/FUL	1 Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EE	Requested clarification on plans	Pending consideration
24/0036/FUL	Old Mill Farm Tre-Wern Welshpool, SY21 8ED	No objection	Application withdrawn
24/0228/HH	Lower Bryn Bryn Lane Hope Leighton SY21 8JD	No objection	Approved

Council Business

- The defibrillator formally located outside Cefn Chapel has now been relocated to the outside of Buttington Trewern CP School, near the entrance to the school hall/Community Centre. The code for the machine is on the machine itself.
- The Council continue to regularly raise concerns about road conditions with Powys County Council, particularly regarding drainage and pot holes. Specific issues include the poor state of U2474 to C2162 Hope Road, U2252 Bacheldre Lane's deterioration and verge slippage on U2253.
- Following a fatal accident involving a Middletown resident near Bank Farm Caravan Park, the Community Council met with MPs Craig Williams and Russell George to address long-standing safety concerns on the A458 A formal letter was sent to the Welsh Government with recommendations for improving road safety.

Other Information

Representatives of the Community Council sit on a number of 'outside bodies'. Two members of the Council attend meetings for the Burgess Land Trust (currently Councillor Peter Davies and Fiona Warburton); and Representatives of the Council sit on the committees at Middletown Village Hall (currently Councillor Judy Evans) and Trewern Community Centre (currently Councillor Phil Hughes).

Buttington Trewern CP School is based within the Community Council's area and a number of Councillors, past and present, have sat as Governors on the Governing Body. Currently Councillor Phil Hughes is a Governor at the School representing Trewern Community Council.

Acknowledgements

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