

Trewern Community Council

Annual Report 2024/25



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. Colin Jenkins	Trewern
Cllr. Nicola Dyson	Trewern
Cllr. Sarah Davies	Trewern
Cllr. Peter Davies	Trewern
Cllr. David Corfield	Middletown
Cllr. Rob Breakwell	Middletown
Cllr. Judy Evans	Middletown

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:

Trewern Community Council		£
Budget	Receipts	
2024/25	2024/25	
23,691.00	Precept/Grants	23,691.00
180.00	Interest Received	214.91
	VAT Refund	302.50
	Border Gossip	3,619.89
	Other	5,750.00
23,871.00	TOTAL	33,578.30

Receipts

- Precept/Grants
- Interest Received
- VAT Refund
- Border Gossip
- Other

Budget		
2024/25	Payments	
3,679.00	Play/open Spaces	1,844.38
1,227.88	Insurance	1,148.38
4,600.00	Village Hall Grants	4,600.00
4,600.00	Clerk Salary	4,602.81
924.48	Office Expenses	1,274.83
4,000.00	Reserve Funds	5,500.00
0.00	s137	0.00
278.00	Fees	300.20
308.25	External Audit	700.00
0.00	Equipment purchased	0.00
2,175.00	Chair/Councillors Allowance	1,496.00
1,598.28	Buttington Cemetery	1,734.01
300.00	VAT	1,239.10
23,690.89	TOTAL	24,439.71

EXPENDITURE

- Play/open Spaces
- Insurance
- Village Hall Grants
- Clerk Salary
- Office Expenses
- Reserve Funds
- s137
- Fees
- External Audit
- Equipment purchased
- Chair/Councillors Allowance
- Buttington Cemetery
- VAT

General Funds		
Opening balance as at 31 March 2024		30,614.04
Add Receipts		33,578.30
Less Payments		24,439.71
Balance 31 March 2025		39,752.63

Application No.	Location	Community Council's Observation	Powys County Council's Decision
24/0395/FUL	Highfield Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX	No objection	Approved
24/0646/FUL	5 Mobile Home at Fair View, Tre-wern, Welshpool SY21 8DW	No objection	Approved
24/0863/CLE	Crofters Barn Trewern Welshpool SY21 8EG	No comment	Approved

24/0325/REM	New Dwelling At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool Powys	No objection	Approved
23/1689/RES	New Dwelling At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool Powys	Requested further information	Approved
23/1911/FUL	1 Gate Farm Criggion Lane Trewern Welshpool SY21 8EE	Requested further information	Approved
24/1228/LBC	Llwyn Melyn, Trewern, Welshpool SY218EG	Concerns raised	Application withdrawn
24/1386/FUL	Breidden Garage (Border Garage) Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EJ	Support with condition	Approved
24/1392/FUL	Land East Of All Saints Church, Off The A458 Middletown Welshpool	Support with conditions (parking arrangements and hearse access requested)	Approved
24/1410/FUL	Lower Heldre Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8TD	No comment	Approved
24/1578/HH	Laburnam Cottage Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EB	No objections	Approved
24/1564/VAR	Kaikoura Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8DF	No objections	Approved
24/1623/HH	Keepers Cottage Bryn Lane Hope Leighton SY21 8JD	No objection	Approved
24/1571/REM	Barn At Fronhaul Buttington Welshpool Powys SY21 8DU	Objection – request to remove condition not supported (shared access concerns)	Application Withdrawn
24/1839/FUL	Land At Gate Farm Trewern Powys SY21 8EE	Concerns raised	Pending Consideration

Council Business

- Throughout 2024/25, Trewern Community Council has been actively addressing a range of important local matters. Following a tragic accident on the A458 near Bank Farm Caravan Park, Middletown, the Council held a well-attended public meeting with residents, elected officials, and stakeholders to discuss road safety. Productive discussions were held with MS Russell George, MP Craig Williams, and County Councillor Amanda Jenner, and a formal letter of concerns was sent to the Welsh Government. The Council continues to monitor developments and keep residents informed.
- This year also saw the closure of Border Gossip, a much-valued local publication. Due to a lack of volunteers to continue its production, the Border Gossip team made the difficult decision to wind it down. Trewern Community Council is grateful to have received a generous donation of £3,619.89 from the remaining funds. These funds will be held separately and used for tangible community projects, particularly those linked to road safety and wellbeing, in line with the spirit of the donation.
- TCC continues to raise concerns with Powys County Council regarding the condition and safety of local roads. With the support and continued pressure from County Councillor Amanda Jenner, repair work on the deteriorating section of U2253 near The Dingle was completed in 2025.
- The lease for the Middletown play area with The New Saints Football Club came to an end in March 2024. After constructive discussions, the play equipment was sold to the club for £5,300. TCC is no longer responsible for the site's maintenance or liabilities.
- During the year, Councillor Rex Turner resigned from his position due to ill health. His long-standing service and dedication to the community were deeply valued and appreciated.

by the Council and residents alike. The Council was pleased to welcome Sarah Davies, who was co-opted to join as a new Councillor and is already actively contributing to Council matters.

Other Information

Representatives of the Community Council sit on a number of 'outside bodies'. One member of the Council attends meetings for the Burgess Land Trust (currently Councillor Peter Davies); 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.

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