

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Judy Evans, Amanda Jenner, Nicola Dyson, Phil Hughes and David Corfield.

2013 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Peter Davies, Colin Jenkins, Rex Turner, Fiona Warburton and Rob Breakwell.

2014 Minutes of the Meetings from 19th March for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th March to now be approved and signed by GC.
Proposed by PH and seconded by JE.

2015 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, renewable energy, membership of voluntary organisations, school governors, school modernisation and school transport.

DC and GC declared an interest in Play area lease, Middletown.

2016 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

2017 Playgrounds

Play area lease, Middletown

Council have agreed to discuss the play area lease confidentially due to the ongoing legal nature of the situation.

Updating TCC assets on insurance policy.

AE spoke to our Internal Auditor, who confirmed that, from an accounting perspective, depreciation is a characteristic of a fixed asset register. However, for local Councils, the value of fixed assets recorded on the asset register should not change from year to year until disposal. The list of assets and the amount they are currently insured for was discussed. It was agreed to for AE to obtain a quote for our insurance renewal, if the assets were insured for the below values instead:

Bus shelters - £24,000

Seats and Benches - £4,482.68

Gates and Fences – £22,338.93

Notice Boards - £3,074.06

Playground Equipment - £100,000

Other Ground surfaces - £20,000

Laptop - £700

It was agreed that no longer want to insure any lamp posts (as they are the responsibility of the PCC and not TCC).

ACTION: AE

2018 Highways

Work will soon commence on the pathway that runs along the the A458 between the Breidden and Bank Farm Caravan Park.

A resident has made a complaint to CCAJ regarding the Bridle Path near the Dingle Farm, Middletown. They have not been able to go up the path due to the changes going on at Dingle Farm. Photos have been sent onto Calum Carr (Footpath officer for PCC), Calum was planning to have a meeting with the landowner. If TCC receive any further complaints on this matter, pass them onto CCAJ and CCAJ will pass them onto Calum Carr. Lots of residents have been unable to go up the path with dogs or on horses, due to the wild boars at the bottom of the pathway.

CCAJ has been emailing PCC regarding getting Hope Road on the list for capital funding, but has not been getting a response.

CCAJ has reported the road by Llwyn Melyn and copied Craig Williams MP into the email, both got an update back that was slightly different and therefore CCAJ thinks they may be confused about which section of road we have been complaining about. CCAJ hasn't yet had a response back from Matt Perry (PCC) after forwarding our email onto him with our complaints about this road.

GC has been contacted by a lorry driver regarding an accident on the A458, as you are leaving Middletown heading towards the Seven Sisters, lorry went up in hedge and car skidded on the mud that was left behind on the road.

2019 County Councillors' Report

See 'Highways'.

2020 Planning

24/0395/FUL | Proposed replacement dwelling, erection of detached garage and extension of existing driveway including all associated works | Highfield Helder Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX.

Trewern Community Council have considered this application. We have not received any objections, therefore we do not oppose this application.

2021 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £30,639.04 in the accounts at the end of March 2024.

Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PH and seconded by JE.

Payments

Clerk Salary £261.05 (March payment) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

PAYE - £225.80 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

CA Bowen - £585 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

GloverSure - £42 (domain name renewal) under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Proposed by DC and seconded by GC.

Zurich Insurance - £1,237.45 - It was agreed to hold off on this payment until we get a new quote for the updated list of assets.

2022 Correspondence

We have received a response from Russell George MS regarding our email about the safety of the A458. Russell George agrees with all the points we highlighted in our email and has raised these concerns with the previous Welsh Government Transport Minister, and has now taken up again with

the new Transport Minister Ken Skates MS. Russell George MS will keep us informed of the Minister's response.

2023 Any Other Business

Car Park Flood Light Outside BTCP school

We have received an email from BTCP school regarding a quote they have received to fit a timer to the outside flood light. They are asking if we could split the £300 labour cost three ways, between the school, the community council and the community centre. It was thought that the quote was quite high and PH will discuss this with the school.

ACTION: PH

It has been brought to our attention that someone is living in Border Garage in Middletown. We are not aware of any planning application for a change of use, AE to speak to planning dept for advice.

ACTION: AE

2024 Date of Next Meetings

21 May 2024 at Middletown Village hall and via MS Teams.