

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2024

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), Judy Evans, Amanda Jenner, Nicola Dyson, Phil Hughes, David Corfield, Peter Davies, Colin Jenkins, Rex Turner, Fiona Warburton and Rob Breakwell.

2033 Apologies

None.

2034 Minutes of the Meetings from 16th April and 7th May for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 16th April to now be approved and signed by GC.

Proposed by PD and seconded by FW.

Minutes from the extraordinary meeting held on 7th May to now be approved and signed by GC.

Proposed by FW and seconded by PD.

2035 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.

2036 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

2037 Playgrounds

Play area lease, Middletown

The right of way next to the Breidden has been closed, after Mr Harris had an independent H&S report completed and therefore Mr Harris has decided to close the right of way so the play area can remain open. Council have agreed to discuss the rest of the play area lease confidentially due to the ongoing legal nature of the situation.

Updating TCC assets on insurance policy.

Following on from amendments made to our list of assets, these changes will reduce the renewal premium by £89.07. Making your renewal premium £1148.38. Everyone happy with these changes. Proposed by PH and seconded by FW.

2038 Highways

A458 Safety concerns

Due to the closure of Middletown Village Hall car park, it was agreed to move the A458 public meeting to Trewern Community Centre. Everyone happy with the flyer layout and details. TCC are hoping the delivers for the Border Gossip would be able to deliver them around the Ward. AE to amend the location of the meeting on the flyer and send to CCAJ to upload to FB and JE to upload to Village Hall FB page. All agreed it was worth printing 700 copies of the flyer for £40.

Proposed by PH and seconded by FW.

ACTION: AE/JE/CAJ

The Bridle path issues near Dingle Farm, Middletown - PCC footpath dept and Trading Standards are arranging a joint inspection.

It has been brought to our attention that lorries are getting stuck going up Harp Hallow (past The Smithy, Buttington). Resident has requested for a weight limit to be put on the road. PD to ask resident to email CCAJ about the issue.

ACTION: PD/CCAJ

There is a 2.5" pipe with water sticking out onto the road going up towards Little Hope, Hope Rd. There is a worry that in winter the water will spill out onto the road and freeze. PD to send CCAJ a photo of this and CCAJ will then forward this onto Highways.

ACTION: PD/CCAJ

A resident has brought to our attention that there is bricks hanging out of the old barn next to the Breidden and they are concerned that the asbestos roof was hanging out too.

2039 County Councillors' Report

See 'Highways'.

2040 Planning

24/0325/REM | Section 73 application to remove condition 6 of outline planning permission 21/1621/OUT in relation to provision of a footway | New Dwelling At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool Powys

Trewern Community Council has considered this application. We would like to refer you to our previous response (shown below) relating to the last two applications from this same development. We didn't receive the clarification we requested.

Again, we are unable to make comment on planning application, 24/0325/REM, at this time and would like to request further information to clarify what the proposed layout and plans will look like.

Previous planning responses....

23/1689/RES | Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of outline planning permission 21/1621/OUT for the erection of a dwelling, access and all associated works | New Dwelling At Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool Powys

23/1911/FUL | Application for a detached double garage not included on outline or reserved matters application 23/1689/RES and extension of residential curtilage to extend use of garden to existing fenceline | 1 Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EE

Trewern Community Council have considered both of these applications.

We are unclear and confused by the plans submitted on both applications, as they are not like-for-like. Therefore we are unable to make comment at this time and would like to request further information to clarify what the proposed layout and plans will look like.

Application number 23/1689/RES, also refers to a previous planning application 21/1621/OUT. The status of which is showing as 'unknown' on the online planning portal. Please could you also clarify the status of this application now.

We would also like to take the time to ask the planning dept to look at the Planning Portal with regard to searches -

- Trewern

- Tre-Wern

Applications are made using both spelling versions and applications who use 'Tre-Wern', do not show when searching 'Trewern' (which is the correct way to spell the area) on the portal.

2041 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £37,392.19 in the accounts at the end of April 2024. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by PD and seconded by RT.

Payments

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

Zurich Insurance - £1148.38 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

Middletown Village Hall - £50 (for hall hire) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

One Voice Wales Membership Renewal - £243 under L.G.A 1972 s143.

Proposed by RB and seconded by CJ

VAT Return

VAT Return completed for VAT spent in 2023/24 - £302.50.

2042 Correspondence

TCC has received an email from mywelshpool.co.uk asking for comments on the situation with the right of way in Middletown. The County Times have also rang to get comments on the A458 public meeting.

2043 Any Other Business

Car Park Flood Light Outside BTCP school

Anna Griggs is looking at further quotes for this work.

We have not received an invoice from Wootton Tree Services for the work done in Middletown. TCC have previously agreed to give a donation to their chosen charity if we did not get an invoice. AE to ask Wootton Tree Services if they have a chosen charity as we would like to make a donation on their behalf as a thank you for their work.

ACTION: AE

2044 Date of Next Meetings

18 June 2024 at Trewern Community Centre and via MS Teams.