

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2016 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 01/16)

Present

Mr. A. Griffith (Chairman), Mr. R. Collins, Mr. W. Moran,
Mr. D. Dudley, Mr. R. Salvador, Mrs. S. Jones.

1. Apologies for Absence

01/16/01 Mr. S. Evans, Mr. M. Davies.

2. Talk on Trefnant nature reserve

01/16/02 Paul Furnborough Reserves Manager for North East Wales Wildlife (NEWW) gave a presentation to Members regarding the Trefnant Nature Reserve. NEWW has 3 full time and 3 part time members of staff.

The Reserve is located off Ffordd Pen y Maes but has closed access which means that if a member of the public wants access then someone from NEWW needs to be present. The Reserve was acquired in 2008 but has no funding attached to it. Is it not very well known or publicised. Reserves normally originate from great crested newt habitat being in situ. There is not a management plan for the site at present but NEWW hope to increase surveying this year. The site has not been grazed for 4 or 5 years but it may go back into grazing in September this year.

NEWW would like to get more people involved and plan to have a volunteer session on 11th February and maybe a meeting in the Village Hall to find out how many locals are interested in getting involved. Members suggested that NEWW engage with Trefnant School.

Paul was thanked for attending the meeting and informing Members about the Reserve of which they were not previously aware.

3. Declarations of Interest

01/16/03 Mr. Moran – Bowling Club donation -Min. 11/15/07

4. Minutes of last meeting

01/16/04 It was proposed by Mr. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Moran that the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising

- 01/16/05 Election (11/15/01)
An election has been called for 25th February 2016. The relevant paperwork is published on the village notice boards and website. The closing date for nominations is 25th January 2016. If more than 1 person is nominated then the election will go ahead. The cost of a contested election will be approx. £2,565 and a non-contested election £155.
- 01/16/06 Parking on the Square (11/15/04)
The chairman has decided not to go ahead with a meeting until a plan can be put in place for an alternative place for people to park. At present there doesn't seem to be a solution that will work.
- 01/16/07 Railings (09/15/23)
The clerk has received a response from Jon Chapman stating that Community Service could not do the work due to the location and Health and Safety issues.
- 01/16/08 Fencing on S Bends (09/15/23)
The Clerk has received a telephone message that stated that there was no money in the budget for a crash barrier on the bends as they would cost in the region of £80k to £100k. There is only £50k left in the budget for the whole of the County.
However, remedial measures will be taken at the AA box corner with provision for a footway and tightening of the entrance to Allt Goch to slow down traffic.
- 01/16/09 Café sign (11/15/16)
The Clerk has written to Mr. Hatenboer but has not received a response. The signs are still being placed on the pavement.
- 01/16/10 6. Correspondence received
A letter had been received from The Post Office stating that they are proposing to move Trefnant Post Office to the Village Store. It will change to one of the new local style branches with longer opening hours. The consultation period end on the 19th February 2016. It was decided that if Members wished to make comments on the proposal they could do this in an individual capacity.
- 01/16/11 Community Councils are being asked to take part in the Queens 90th Birthday beacons. It was noted that Trefnant do not have a suitable location for a beacon.
- 01/16/12 Damage has been found on the AA box corner Bus Shelter roof. On closer inspection it appears that someone tried to steal some of the slates as tyre marks were visible up to the

shelter. The Chairman has obtained a quote of £80 to repair the damage and it was agreed that this should be carried out as soon as possible.

01/16/13 The Chairman stated that a number of residents in the village have received 'notice of application to register mines & minerals- whole power of working – B25 (WPW)'.

01/16/14 All other correspondence was filed without comment.

7. Planning Matters

01/16/15 Appl. 30/2015/0938

- Removal of restriction on Bryn Glas, St. Asaph Road. This application had been received over the Christmas period and details e mailed to Members for comment. Observations: The reasons given for the removal are not a planning issue. No objections.

01/16/16 Appl. 30/2015/1172

Felling of Scots Pine at Bryn Tirion. This application had been received over the Christmas period and details e mailed to Members for comment. Observations: The tree is leaning badly so no objections.

8. Finance

01/16/17 Balances

Current a/c £2,376.92

Deposit a/c £ 696.01

Income

01/16/18 Precept instalment £1,556.00

Payments due

01/16/19 Clerks salary (Jan)100772 £206.94 Sect.112 LGA1972

Admin (Oct-Jan) 100774 £7.80 Sect.111 LGA 1972

Trefnant Village Hall 100773 £350.00 Sect.137 LGA 1972

The Village Hall donation was approved in the 2015/16 budget.

Action: Payments approved.

Budget /Cash Flow Statements

01/16/20 There are enough funds in the current account for expected payments except the election costs. If the election is not contested then funds are available but if the election is contested the estimated £2,565 will need to be funded from the 2016/17 precept.

01/16/21 2016/17 Budget

The Clerk had distributed a draft budget to Members prior to the meeting. £2,600 has been included for election costs. If the full amount is not required then it will be carried over to be used for the elections in May 2017. It was agreed that a

sum of at least £2,500 will need to be held in reserves for election costs in future.

Donations - £100 has been included for Trefnant Bowling club floodlights as proposed in November (Min.11/15/07).

- £2,500 has been included for Trefnant Village Hall Car Park project = 10% of estimated cost.

The total cost of proposed donations comes within the £8,582 Section 137 limit.

Insurance – the 3 year agreement with Zurich has ended so it has been predicted that the cost will go up.

Members agreed that they would not be introducing remuneration for Members when the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report is introduced.

Action: The draft budget of £11,215 was agreed by all present.

01/16/22 2016/17 Precept

Having agreed a budget of £11,215 Members considered the level of balances currently held together with expected costs to the year end and the cash flow statement for 2016/2017. With all this taken into account Members agreed to set a Precept of £9,663 for 2016/17.

01/16/23 Investment Strategy 2016/17

Members agreed that they set budgets for expected expenditure and a contingency/election fund only. The Council does not wish to hold excess funds without specific purpose and therefore does not anticipate having excess funds to invest during 2016/17.

Action: Investment Strategy agreed.

9. Any Other Business

01/16/24 It was noted that Mrs. Jolley had collected 10 bin bags full of rubbish on the Bodfari Road verges.

10. Date of next meeting

17th February 2016 at 7.30p.m. in Trefnant Bowling Club.

Meeting closed at 8.47p.m.