

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 2016 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 05/16)

Present

Mr. A. Griffith (Chairman), Mr. R. Collins, Mr. W. Moran, Mr. W. Kirkby, Mr. S. Evans, Mr. M. Davies, Mrs. A. Maguire, Mr. R. Salvador, Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. P. Hughes.

1. Apologies for Absence

05/16/01 Mr. D. Dudley.

2. Declarations of Interest

05/16/02 Mrs. S. Jones with regards to planning application 30/2016/0368 – The Tweedmill. (Min 05/16/09)

3. Minutes of last meeting

05/16/03 It was proposed by Mr. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th April 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

05/16/04 Cherry Trees (04/16/06)

Greenfingers estimate the cost of the trees, compost, stakes and ties to be £60.65 per tree including VAT.

Cambrian Woodland Services quoted £950 for removing the dead trees and installing 5-6 foot flowering trees along the whole length of the road.

It was noted that the ivy has been cut off the existing cherry trees. The issue of sponsorship was discussed and it was decided to defer the decision on the best way of funding the project to the next meeting.

05/16/05 Annual Return 2016

The Annual Return and documentation is currently with the Internal Auditor.

5. Correspondence received

05/16/06 Mr. D. Tibbetts had informed the Council that he would have liked to attend the A.G.M. but was unable to get access to the Bowling Club in his wheelchair. The entrance to the Bowling Club is wide enough for a traditional wheelchair but not a motorised one. The Bowling Club do not have the finances to enable them to widen the existing doorway. The Council had agreed to hold the meeting on the Bowling Club veranda but Mr. Tibbetts was unable to attend at the last minute.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Tibbetts to give sufficient notice if he wishes to attend a Council meeting in future so that an alternative venue can be arranged.

05/16/07 Code of Conduct

The Welsh Government has made the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct)(Wales)(Amendment) Order 2016 which makes changes to the Model Code of Conduct in Wales.

Having reviewed the amended Model Code of Conduct it was agreed by all present that it be adopted without any changes.

05/16/08 All other correspondence was filed without comment.

6. Planning Matters

05/16/09 Appl. 30/2016/0368

Construction of Car Wash with office cabin, wash & valeting bays at The Tweedmill. Mrs. S. Jones declared an interest as she is an employee of The Tweedmill. The following observations had been made by the Chairman on the Councils behalf:

- There is no mention of planning history of the site, the application appears to be incomplete.
- We have noted the problems with mission creep at the Tweedmill previously, this is another example.
- Permission was granted on this site in 2013 for a forest garden, classroom and a small amount of parking as part of a larger expansion scheme to the main building. This would have allowed screening of the substantial extension which has grown piecemeal beyond any concept put forward when the original conversion was conceived. The extension has been completed but not the landscaping which has left the large industrial, out of scale building visible.
- In my view, a redundant porter cabin with plastic carport is not a suitable alternative.
- Making use of a redundant cabin for an office does not release the owners from any environmental responsibilities
- It is unlikely to sustain employment for 4 people, as we are already served by St. Asaph and Denbigh carwash/valeting services.

- This application, if successful will further morph this unsightly development into an unplanned industrial site on this outskirts of the village.
- Also the Tweedmill has always championed the fact that most of their customers arrive by coach.

05/16/10 Appl. 30/2016/0397

Extension to dwelling at 6 Ffordd Pen Y Coed, Trefnant.

Action: No observations made.

7. Finance

05/16/11 Balances

Current a/c £2,467.84

Deposit a/c £ 6.25

Income

05/16/12 1st Precept instalment £3,221.00

Payments due

05/16/13 Clerks salary (May)100787 £206.94 Sect. 112 LGA 1972

Zurich Insurance 100788 £710.10 Sect. 140 LGA 1972

Bowling Club 100789 £300.00 Sect. 19(3) LGA 1976

Bowling Club 100790 £100.00 Sect.19(1)(b)LGA 1976

The Bowling Club donations were for the use of the room for Council meetings and the Floodlight project as approved in the 2016/17 Budget.

Action: Payments approved.

Budget /Cash Flow Statements

05/16/14 At the end of May £2,462.00 will have been spent in line with the Budget. Enough funds are in the current account to cover expenditure until the end of August 2016. Nothing unusual to report.

The VAT return for 2015/16 will be sent to HMRC once the financial records are back from the Internal Auditor.

8. Any Other Business

05/16/15 The seat outside the Bowling Club is overgrown. Mr. Moran stated that he would look at it.

05/16/16 The bench at Ffynnon Fair is now beyond repair and needs replacing. It was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

15th June 2016 at 7.30p.m. in Trefnant Bowling Club.

Meeting closed at 7.55p.m.