

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2017 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref.01/17)

Present

Mr. A. Griffith (Chairman), Mr. W. Moran, Mr. W. Kirkby,
Mr. R. Salvador, Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. P. Hughes.

1. Apologies for Absence

01/17/01 Mr. S. Evans, Mr. M. Davies.

2. Trefnant Nature Reserve update

01/17/02 Leah Williams and her colleague Paul from N.E.W.W. attended the meeting to give an update on Trefnant Nature Reserve. The grant application to The Postcode Local Trust has been successful and £9,950 awarded. The Trefnant Nature Time Project starts now and lasts for 12 months. The idea of the project is to raise the profile of the Reserve locally and to get the local community involved. The project covers the following: invasive plant control, willow and bulrush control, hedgerow management, species habitat for hibernation, nest boxes for barn owls, stock fencing control, species survey by local volunteers, promotion of outdoor education on the site. Leah has already been in contact with Trefnant school who are keen to get involved with the project. It is planned to conduct 2 guided site visits per month from April to October. It would be ideal if a local volunteer team of around 15 people could be set up. N.E.W.W. wish to promote the project as soon as possible. This will be done through the local newsletter, Community Council website, local press, posters and their own website. Mr. Griffith stated that he was keen to help with the project as he has already uses local contractors on his own land. Leah and Paul were thanked for updating the Council on the project.

3. Declarations of Interest

01/17/03 None.

4. Minutes of last meeting

01/17/04 Minute 11/16/02 was amended as one of the donations was from Mrs. P. Jones not Mr. P Jones. It was proposed by Mr. Moran and seconded by Mr. Hughes that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th November 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising

- 01/17/05 Cherry Trees (11/16/02)
Flowering cherry trees have been ordered and work is due to start soon. A donation was received from Mr. W. A. D. Kirkby. A letter of thanks noting all donors will be placed in the next village newsletter.
- 01/17/06 Seat at Ffynnon Fair (11/16/03)
The seat will be anchored in place in the next couple of weeks.
- 01/17/07 Vacancy on Council (11/16/04)
An application for the vacancy has been received from Mr. G. Cavill, 2 Clwydian Avenue.
Action: The Members reviewed the application and agreed to co-opt Mr. Cavill onto the Community Council. His term of office will run until the next Council elections in May 2017.
- 01/17/08 Defibrillator (11/16/05)
The Clerk has applied to Welsh Hearts for a defibrillator to be located at Trefnant Village Hall. No response has been received to date.
- 01/17/09 40m.p.h. sign (10/16/09)
No objections have been received to the A525 Speed Restriction Order advertised by Denbighshire C. C. The Order comes into effect on 30th January 2017 and Highways will endeavour to have the signs altered as soon as possible after this date.
- 01/17/10 Light on Bronant Estate (11/16/14)
The flickering light has been sorted.
- 01/17/11 Post Box at Maes Gryffydd (11/16/15)
The Post Office apologised for the delay and advise that the new replacement post box is due to be installed early 2017.
- 01/17/12 Damaged fences (11/16/17)
The fence at Plas Chambers is currently being repaired. The fence at Pen Cae Ddu is still damaged.
- 01/17/13 Donation (11/16/11)
The Village Hall Committee has sent a thank you for the donation towards the next 2 issues of the village newsletter.
- 01/17/14 6. **Correspondence received**
Pensions Regulator
The Staging date for the Community Council is 1st April 2017. The Clerk has confirmed with H.M.R.C. that there is no obligation for the Community Council to set up a pension scheme unless their employee requests it or meets the criteria

in the future. The Council does however have obligations and must declare compliance by 31/8/17.

- 01/17/15 A Brief Guide to election procedures
The next Community Council elections are to be held in May 2017. The Clerk has a copy of the Guide which can be e mailed to anyone who wishes to have a copy. The Clerk will order Nomination Packs for any current Councillors who wish to stand for re-election.
- 01/17/16 Section 137 limit
The limit for Section 137 payments for 2017/18 is £7.57 per elector.
- 01/17/17 Denbighshire C. C. planters
7 planters are available for any Council who wishes to have them. It was agreed that no further planters were required for Trefnant.
- 01/17/18 All other correspondence was reviewed and filed without comment.
- 7. Planning Matters**
- 01/17/19 Appl. 30/2016/1188
Variation of condition no.7 of planning permission ref. 30/2006/1288 to allow siting of an additional 3 chalets (on top of the 15 permitted). This application had been e mailed to Members as observations were required by 30.12.16.
Observations: concerns that the site is gradually getting larger and using up 'green space'.
- 01/17/20 Appl 30/2016/1252
Change of use of land for the siting of 6 holiday yurts, construction of ancillary building & parking, and a new treatment plant at land adjacent to Carp Lake, Llannerch Park. Observations:
- The Members have concerns about creeping development into 'green space'
- The Members have concerns about increased traffic at the 2 entrances to the site off the A525. Both are potentially dangerous with limited view of oncoming traffic.
- 01/17/21 Planning Appeal APP/R6830/A/16/3166149
An appeal has been lodged by The Tweedmill against the refusal to give permission for the construction of a car wash with office cabin wash and valeting bays.
- 01/17/22 An e mail has been received from Mr. Cavill regarding the planning application at Hill View, Upper Denbigh Road (30/2016/0918). Mr. Cavill has raised concerns with the planning compliance officer that the construction work is

higher than stipulated in the plans. He also informed the Council that the owner is lodging an appeal against the refusal of the original planning application (30/2016/0669)

Action: The Clerk to respond to Mr. Cavill as follows:

- The Council was not aware that any of the details of the Planning Application had been exceeded. If the Council is made aware of such issues they usually contact the Planning Department at Denbighshire County Council who decide whether to forward the complaint to the Compliance Officer. The Community Council has no Powers regarding planning issues. As you have already contacted the County Council regarding this matter the Members request that you keep them informed if anything further arises.

8. Finance

01/17/23

Balances

Current a/c £6,346.19

Deposit a/c £ 6.27

01/17/24

Income

Precept £6,221.00

Cherry Tree donation £ 50.00

01/17/25

Payments due

Clerks salary (Jan) 100805 £209.02 S.112 LGA1972

Admin (Oct 16-Jan 17) 100806 £11.00 S.111 LGA 1972

Trefnant Village Hall 100807 £2,500.00 S.133 LGA 1972

The donation to the Village Hall relates the car park works as agreed in the 2016/17 budget.

Action: Payments approved.

01/17/26

Budget /Cash Flow Statements

After taking into account the January 2017 payments the balance in the accounts is £3,627. Expenses expected to the end of March £2,333 leaving a balance to c/fwd. of £1,404. The external auditor has got agreement with the National Audit Office regarding the level of fees but no invoice has been received to date so the Council has no idea as to the level of fees to expect or put into 2017/18 budget. The balance of the cost of the Cherry Trees will be taken from the Repairs & Maintenance and Contingency budgets.

01/17/27

2017/18 Budget

A draft budget had been distributed to Members prior to the meeting. An estimate had to be made for external audit fees as there has been no indication from the auditors as to how much the audit will cost. £1,000 has been included in the budget for a defibrillator in case the application to Welsh

Hearts is not successful. The budget will be used for any accessories or consumables required if the application is successful.

Action: It was agreed that the 2017/18 budget be set at £9,730.

01/17/28 2017/18 Precept

After taking into account the 2017/18 budget, expected balance in hand at 31.3.16 and the 2017/18 statement of cashflow prepared by the Clerk it was agreed that the precept for 2017/18 be set at £10,896. This figure includes a £2,500 election reserve as previously approved.

Action: The precept form to Denbighshire C. C. was completed and signed by the Chairman.

9. Any Other Business

01/17/29 Mr. Moran informed the Council that a homeless man had slept under the veranda and caused some minor damage.

01/17/30 Mr. Moran has received a complaint that a tree is overhanging a street light on the Tremerschion Road near Hen Gapel and the old Railway Bridge. Action: Clerk to inform Highways.

10. Date of next meeting

15th February 2017 at 7.30p.m. in Trefnant Bowling Club.

Meeting closed at 8.40p.m.