

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2018 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 11/18)

Present

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

Ms. J. Hughes from Denbighshire County Council Standards
Committee was present to observe the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

11/18/01 Mr. M. Davies.

2. Declarations of Interest

11/18/02 Mr. A. Griffith pre planning consultation for Berth Bach,
Trefnant (Min. 11/18/05)

11/18/03 Mr. S. Evans pre planning consultation for Berth Bach,
Trefnant (Min. 11/18/05)

3. Minutes of last meeting

11/18/04 It was proposed by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Hughes
that the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th October
2018 be accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

11/18/05 Casual Vacancy (10/18/01)

A Resolution was passed to exclude the Public under
Standing Orders 1)c and 17)a. Ms. J. Hughes was not
present at the meeting when this item was discussed.

An expression of interest in the vacancy has been received
from Mr. S. Wetton which includes confirmation of his
eligibility for the position. No other expressions of interest
in the vacancy have been received.

The statement from Mr. Wetton was read out and considered
by Members. Mr. Moran nominated Mr. S. Wetton for the
Casual Vacancy position. A vote was then taken and it was
unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Wetton as a Member of
the Community Council. Action: The Clerk will inform Mr.
Wetton of the decision and will send him the appropriate
documentation prior to the next meeting in January 2019
when the appointment will be formalised. The Clerk will
also inform the County Electoral Assistant of the co-option.

11/18/06 Commuted Sums (10/18/05)

Mr. Hughes thinks that the Trefnant Village Hall Committee
have put in an application.

- 11/18/07 Trefnant School Governors (10/18/08)
 The Clerk has received an e mail from Rev. Mansley the Chairman of Governors at Ysgol Trefnant. He was asking whether the Council would consider nominating Helen Murphy as a new governor following the resignation of Mr. Evans.
 The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council was not restricted to nominating a Community Councillor. It was also noted that Mr. Kirkby was already a Governor at the school.
 Mr. Griffith stated that it was good that someone in the community is willing to become a Governor of the school and that he was happy to accept the recommendation of the Chair of Governors. He proposed that the Community Council nominate Helen Murphy.
 Action: The nomination was agreed by all present. The Clerk will inform the Chairman of Governors.
- 11/18/08 Visibility fence at Pen Cae Ddu crossroads (10/18/04)
 The Clerk has still not received a response from Denbighshire C. C. and the fence has not been repaired. The grazier has put up a temporary fence to keep his livestock safe. Action: Clerk to contact the County Council again asking why the fence has not been repaired.
- 11/18/09 Graig Road (10/18/18)
 An email has been received from the Clerk to Henllan Community Council stating that their Members are frequently discussing the Health and Safety issues of both the Pen Cae Ddu Crossroads in Trefnant and the unclassified highway from the Graig Road to St. Asaph. Following the frequent accidents at both the above locations the Council would welcome a meeting with representatives of Trefnant, St. Asaph and Denbigh Councils to agree a way forward.
 It was agreed by all present that a joint meeting would be a good idea as a combined effort to get action taken on these sections of road may carry more weight with the County Council. Action: The Clerk will reply to Henllan Council agreeing to the proposal for a joint meeting.
- 5. Correspondence received**
- 11/18/10 Speed limit outside Trefnant School (04/18/17)
 An email has been received from the Road Safety Officer apologising for the tardy response to the enquiry about having a 20m.p.h. limit outside the school. As a result of the enquiry traffic speeds were checked and Go Safe was

requested to include the site for speed camera enforcement. A pilot 20mph scheme has been introduced around the county in the vicinity of a number of primary schools. Data from the scheme is going to be used to ascertain the environmental conditions where the 20mph schemes have actually achieved the desired effect and if this matches the situation in Trefnant then the school can be included into the Improvement Works Programme.

11/18/11 Notification of Data breach

Zurich Insurance plc has contacted the Clerk to inform her that someone had, without permission, remotely accessed 3 of their e mail accounts and that it is possible that some e mails that have been sent or received by the company may have been downloaded or copied. They do not believe that any sensitive or financial details were taken.

The Clerk confirmed that her computer is protected by AVG software and that she will be vigilant with any suspicious e mail activity.

11/18/12 Village Christmas Tree

A letter has been received from Mr. Roberts of the Village Hall Committee asking whether the Council would apply to the Street Works department for permission to erect the Christmas tree. Mr. Griffith confirmed that he will supply the tree as usual. Action: It was agreed that the Community Council will cover the insurance for the Christmas Tree as usual and will apply directly to the County Council for permission.

11/18/13 Speed Restriction Order

A letter has been received notifying the Council of Denbighshire County Council (B5381 Trefnant) (40mph Speed Restriction) Order 201. The reason for proposing to make the Order is to extend the existing 40mph limit so that it incorporates a high accident zone following the existing induction of the national speed limit. The new limit aims to dampen the high number of accidents at the S-bend and the turn north of the S-bend.

Action: All Members agreed that they had no objections to the Order.

11/18/14 Tree Charter Day

NALC, the Woodland Trust, NUS and the Tree Council have come together to arrange the first Tree Charter Day on 24th November 2018. It is an opportunity for local Councils to celebrate the Tree Charter and how trees and woodland have

made a positive impact on the communities. They are asking for news on projects that have been completed or planned. Action: The Clerk was asked to respond to publicise the restoration of the “Cherry Tree Mile”.

- 11/18/15 Cadwyn Clwyd – Brenig Wind Community Benefit Fund
 The developers CGN Europe Energy have installed 16 turbines and is committed to paying a community benefit fund. Brenig Wind Ltd will be operational during 2018 and the annual fund will be available from early 2019 onwards. The annual fund will start at £147,200 per annum and will continue for up to 25 years. Cadwyn Clwyd has been commissioned by CGN Europe Energy to set up and administer the Community Benefit Fund for Brenig Wind Ltd. The purpose of the community benefit fund is intended to provide benefits to the communities hosting and living with and around the windfarm in Denbighshire. Cadwyn Clwyd is seeking the opinion on the area of benefit and the parameters of Brenig Wind Community Benefit Fund. An online survey is available for completion and drop in sessions will be held. Action: It was agreed that Trefnant should consider being included in gaining a benefit from the fund. The Clerk was asked to forward the e mail recieved to Members so that the survey can be reviewed.

- 11/18/16 All other correspondence was reviewed and filed without comment.

6. Planning Matters

- 11/18/17 Appl. 30/2018/0732
 Installation of ground mounted solar array and associated works at Llannerch Treatment Works.
 The Clerk has received 3 emails from members of the community stating objections to the application. The Clerk has informed each of them that they should forward their objections directly to the County Council as the Community Council is not permitted to do it on their behalf.
 The majority of Members had been able to view the application on the Planning portal prior to the meeting. Concerns were expressed at the size of the development and the height of the panels. Mr. Griffith stated that with screening and carefully management for biodiversity solar panels can have an economic benefit but the siting of such a development has to fit in with the local area. Mr. Kirkby stated that he originally understood that the panel array would just provide power for the Treatment Works but it is

now clear that any overspill will be sold to the grid. Mr. Collins stated that the development would have an impact on the listed buildings in the area as it would be visible from them. This was agreed by other Members and it was also noted that the proposed brown field development location was highly visible on a public road and was not in keeping with the beauty of the area.

Mr. Hughes stated that he had no objections to the planning application. All other Members agreed to make the following observation: The proposed location of the solar array would have a negative impact on the natural beauty of the area and the listed buildings situated close to it.

11/18/18

Appl. 30/2018/0969

Erection of 13 No. affordable dwellings including access, parking and associated works at land at the rear of Trefnant Inn. Prior to the meeting the majority of Members had been able to review the plans on the Denbighshire planning portal or at the public session held during the pre-application planning consultation.

Concerns were expressed at the number of proposed dwellings. When a previous application had been made on the same site it had been agreed that planning should be for just 8 dwellings but this application is for 13. Mr. Griffith stated that the developers comments that the site was only viable with 13 properties was not acceptable.

The major concern about the development is the access onto Henllan road. Mrs Jones noted that the Community Council has already reported problems with speeding traffic on this stretch of road. Mr. Collins noted that the entrance to the development is very close to the school and a controlled junction. Cars park on the roadside opposite the entrance and already cause a traffic problem at the crossroads junction. The traffic lights only let around 3 cars to get through the junction from the direction of the school and this is already causing congestion when pupils are arriving and leaving the school. An increase of vehicles trying to access the road at this location will only make the situation worse. Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Jones both stated that it was originally understood that the properties would be for affordable purchase but the application now states that they are for affordable social rental.

Action: It was agreed by all present that the following observations should be made.

1. The proposed number of dwellings is too large for the site.
2. The access onto Henllan road is in a difficult position where there are already problems with the speed and volume of traffic so close to the school and traffic lights.
3. The proposed size of the development and consequential increase in the number of vehicles using the access onto the road will only make the existing problems worse.

11/18/19 Pre-application planning proposal

Proposed application for Milking parlour, dairy cow cubicle building, slurry storage lagoon & silage storage and feed area at Berth Bach, Trefnant.

Mr. A. Griffith and Mr. S. Evans declared an interest in the proposal and left the meeting when the pre-application was being discussed by Members.

It was noted that the size of the proposed buildings was on a scale with other similar enterprises in the area. Concern was expressed at the size of the slurry pit but it was noted that this could be landscaped and that slurry pits are highly regulated. It was agreed that the proposal would be a good agricultural use of the farm and that it would provide employment and have very little impact on the village.

Action: It was agreed that at present no objections be raised.

7. Finance

11/18/20 Balances

Current a/c £5,150.82

Deposit a/c £ 6.27

11/18/21 Income

None. The last precept instalment of £687.00 is due at the end of December.

11/18/22 Payments due

Clerks salary (Nov) 100860 £218.99 S.112 LGA1972

Admin (Sept/Nov) 100861 £6.50 S.111 LGA 1972

Cennin Ltd (website) 100862 £393.46 S.111 LGA 1972

Village Hall (newsletter) 100863 £40.00 S.142 LGA 1972

Clerks salary (Dec) 100864 £218.99 S.112 LGA1972

The December salary cheque was post-dated to 19.12.18.

Action: Payments approved.

11/18/23 Budget /Cash Flow Statements

After the November payments have been made there will be £2,677 left in the budget. No unexpected costs have occurred. The external audit fees have not yet been received. There are no cashflow problems.

Members were reminded that the 2018/19 budget and precept will be approved in the January 2019 meeting so any proposals for grants/donations should be forwarded to the Clerk by the 5th January 2019 for inclusion in the draft budget.

7. Any Other Business

- 11/18/24 The meeting dates for 2019 had been distributed to Members prior to the meeting.
- 11/18/25 Mr. Moran stated that he was intending to resign as a Councillor after tonights meeting as he may be moving away from Trefnant soon. Members stated that he would be much missed and asked him to keep them informed when he knew definitely of his move.
- 11/18/26 Mrs. Jones noted that it was a shame that Trefnant didn't have any poppy's on lampposts to mark Remembrance Day as other areas did. The Memorial Gate and church did have poppies on display.
- 11/18/27 Mrs. Hughes told the Council that the Standards Committee plans visits to all councils to observe and note whether there are any particular areas where training and support could be beneficial to Councils.

8. Date of next meeting

- 11/18/28 16th January 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Trefnant Bowling Club.

Meeting closed at 8.55p.m.