

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2019 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 01/19)

Present

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

01/19/01 Mr. S. Wetton was welcomed as a new Member of the Council and he signed the acceptance of Code of Conduct form.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

01/19/02 Mr. A. Griffith and Mr. S. Evans – Planning Appl. 30/2018/1212 (Min. 01/19/16).

3. Minutes of last meeting

01/19/03 It was proposed by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the last meeting held on 21st November 2018 be accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

01/19/04 Commuted Sums (11/18/07)

An email has been received from the Community Development Officer (Denbighshire C. C.) enclosing the 2 applications that have been received for the Open Space Commuted Sums available in Trefnant. 2 applications were received from Trefnant Bowling Club projects. The first project was not eligible for the funding. The second project is “To improve the standard of accessibility and mobility around the perimeter of the green for all users, involving path creation and drainage works”. The sum requested is £800. Action: The Members fully support the application for improvements to the Bowling Club grounds.

01/19/05 Trefnant School Governors (11/18/07)

Rev. Mansley has made arrangements with H. Murphy to become a school governor.

01/19/06 Visibility fence at Pen Cae Ddu crossroads (11/18/08)

The fence has still not been repaired. Neither the Clerk or Mr. M. Davies has received a response to their request for information on when the fence will be repaired.

- 01/19/07 Graig Road (11/18/09)
A meeting has been arranged with Henllan, Denbigh, St. Asaph and Trefnant Councils to discuss the road on 22.1.19.
- 01/19/08 Village Newsletter donation (11/18/22)
A thank you has been received for the £40 donation towards the cost of producing the village newsletter.
- 01/19/09 Casual Vacancy (11/18/25)
Mr. Moran has tendered his resignation. The vacancy on the Council has been advertised and Members will know if an election has been requested after 24.1.19.
- 01/19/10 Standards Committee visit (11/18/27)
Mrs. Hughes has sent a message thanking the Council for their kind welcome and stating that “It was a very productive meeting and you obviously have committed Councillors”.
- 5. Correspondence received**
- 01/19/11 The Bowling Club Committee have approved giving the Clerk a set of keys to access the Club for Council meetings.
- 01/19/12 A complaint had been forwarded to the Clerk regarding dog fouling in the village in particular outside the school. The Clerk informed the County Council and received a response to say that there is currently no dog warden as the contractor has recently had their contract revoked.
- 01/19/13 An e mail has been received from Mr. Needham informing the Council that one of the graves in Trefnant churchyard belongs to a soldier who fought at and survived the legendary Defence of Rorke’s Drift which took place in South Africa during the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879. The small metal cross which bore his initials has disappeared. Mr. Needham would like to look into the possibility of raising interest in having a new headstone erected over the plot. He is currently trying to get permission from the church authorities to do this and asks if the Council would be interested in getting involved in marking the plot with an appropriate memorial.
Action: The Council fully support the plans to erect a memorial and will ask to be kept in touch with developments.
- 01/19/14 Clerk’s resignation
The Clerk has tendered her resignation but is willing to stay in post until the end of March 2019 so that a new Clerk can be appointed and smooth transition made. It was agreed that the e mail address for the Council will be changed so that it is attached to the website. The cost is estimated at £18 per

annum. Once the new e mail is established the Clerk will advertise the vacancy. It was agreed that the post be advertised as being between local government pay scale SCP15-19, depending on experience, and for 5 hours per week.

01/19/15 All other correspondence was reviewed and filed without comment.

6. Planning Matters

01/19/16 Appl. 30/2018/1212

Erection of milking parlour, dairy cow cubicle building, slurry lagoon, and silage storage and feed area at Berth Bach, Trefnant. Mr. A. Griffith and Mr. S. Evans declared an interest in this application and took no part in the review of the plans. Action: No observations.

01/19/17 Planning decisions/status

Appl. 30/2018/0732 – Solar Array at Llannerch Park, Trefnant – withdrawn 9.1.19.

Appl. 30/2018/0969 – 13 Affordable houses at land behind Trefnant Inn – still pending.

Appl. 30/2018/0907 – Replacement dwelling at Covertside, Nant-y-Patrick, Trefnant – Refused 12.11.18.

Appl. 01/2018/0705 – 24 Lodges at Blue Hand, Bodfari – still pending.

Appl. 30/2018/0620 – Rural enterprise dwelling at Maes Elwy Farm, Trefnant – withdrawn 15.10.18.

Appl. 30/2018/0294 – Holiday accommodation at 2 Pen-y-Graig, Trefnant – granted 11.7.18.

7. Finance

01/19/18 Balances

Current a/c £5,259.88

Deposit a/c £ 6.27

01/19/19 Income

Precept instalment £687.00

01/19/20 Payments due

Clerks salary (Jan) 100865 £218.99 S.112 LGA1972

Admin (Nov-Jan) 100866 £16.46 S.111 LGA 1972

Wales Audit Office 100867 £197.85 S.111 LGA 1972

The ICO Data Protection fee of £40 is due for renewal. It was agreed that the direct debit instruction be signed so that it will be automatically be paid each year - S.111 LGA 1972

Action: Payments approved.

- 01/19/21 Budget 2019-20
 The Clerk provided a draft budget. It was agreed that there could be additional costs associated with appointing a new Clerk. It was proposed by Mr. Collins and accepted by all present that an additional £1,000 be added to the contingency budget to cover any such costs. The £2,600 Election Reserve will be maintained. The allowance payment that was due to each Councillor from 1.4.19. was discussed. It was agreed by all Members present that they would not be accepting the £150 payment. It was therefore decided that a sum would not be included in the 2019-20 budget for the allowance and that the £1,000 contingency could cover the cost of any new Member who did wish to accept it.
 Action: The budget for 2019-20 was approved by all present at £7,680.
- 01/19/22 Precept 2019-20
 Taking into account the estimated balance of funds at 31.3.19, the 2019-20 budget of £7,680 and cash flow requirements it was agreed by all present that the Precept for 2019-20 be set at £6,304.
- 01/19/23 The Welsh Government has sent details stating that the appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 has been set at £8.12 for 2019-20. It was noted that the Council does not have any plans to make any payments under Section 137.
- 8. Any Other Business**
- 01/19/24 The Clerk stated that the address to which bank statements are sent will need to be changed as it is currently her personal address. Action: The appropriate form will be obtained and brought to the next meeting for completion.
- 01/19/25 Mrs. Jones informed the Council that the grid in the road opposite the funeral parlour is breaking up badly and makes a lot of noise when traffic passes over it. Mr. Davies will contact Highways.
- 01/19/26 It was noted that the post box has still not been replaced at Maes Gryffydd. Action: The Clerk will try again to get a response from the Post Office.
- 01/19/27 Mr. Griffith noted that there was a significant amount of litter on the verges as you go through the village. Action: Clerk to inform Denbighshire.
- 9. Date of next meeting**
- 01/19/28 20th February 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Trefnant Bowling Club.
 Meeting closed at 8.35p.m.