

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2019 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 03/19)

Present

Mr. W. Kirkby (Chairman), Mr. R. Collins, Mr. A. Griffith, Mr. S. Evans, Mr. M. Davies, Mrs. A. Maguire, Mr. R. Salvador, Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. P. Hughes, Mr. S. Wetton, Mr. A. Griffiths. Mrs. J. G. Jones-Livesey was welcomed to the meeting as the new clerk from 1st April 2019.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

03/19/01 Mr. A. Griffiths was welcomed as a new Member of the Council and he signed the Acceptance of Office form and submitted his Register of Members Interests form to the Clerk.

3. Minutes of last meeting

03/19/02 It was proposed by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Salvador that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th February 2019 be accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

03/19/03 Graig Road (02/19/04)

Mr. Collins reported that the majority of the people attending the meeting wanted speed restrictions on the road. Denbighshire Highways are reluctant to bring in restrictions until a survey has been completed. They have funding for consultants to look at the whole stretch of the road. They now accept that there is a problem at the crossroads due to the number of accidents. It is unlikely that a roundabout would be constructed due to the cost and the fact that funding is often based on the number of deaths at a site.

Members agreed that rumble strips could be a possibility to slow traffic approaching the crossroads. Another meeting will be held after the consultants report has been submitted in late summer.

03/19/04 Clerk Vacancy (02/19/06)

Mrs. J. G. Jones-Livesey has accepted the position of clerk from 1st April 2019. Her contract of employment and job description was approved by Council and then signed by the Chairman and Mrs. Jones-Livesey.

- 03/19/05 The Clerk informed the Members that a new e mail address has been set up for the Council. trefnantclerk@outlook.com
- 03/19/06 Permission was given to Mrs. Alexander to keep the old e mail address running until the end of April 2019. It will then be deleted.
- 03/19/07 Permission was given for Mrs. Alexander to hand over all the Community Council documentation and notice board keys to Mrs. Jones-Livesey on 29th March 2019. Mrs. Alexander informed the Council that she will amend all the relevant policies and documentation so that they show the new Clerks details.
- 03/19/08 Mrs. Alexander currently holds a set of keys to the Bowling Club for opening and closing up for Council meetings. Mr. A. Griffiths stated that he would be willing to take over the keys. The Clerk will contact the Bowling Club Committee to ask whether they would agree to this.
- 03/19/09 Post Box at Maes Gryffydd (02/19/09)
No response has been received to date. It was agreed that the new Clerk will see if there is an ombudsman to complain to about the lack of response from the Post Office.
- 03/19/10 Councillor expense payments (02/16/19)
Members were reminded that if they did not wish to accept the payment then they must inform the Clerk in writing prior to the end of March 2019.
- 03/19/11 Headstone for soldier (01/19/13)
Mr. Needham has received permission to erect a headstone from the church authorities. A story has been published in the Free Press and a local stonemason has kindly agreed to donate a new headstone.
- 03/19/12 Housing Development at Trefnant Inn (02/19/15)
More complaints have been received regarding the speed of traffic coming into the village past the school. Members are concerned that the additional traffic from the proposed development could cause more problems for the school. Taking into account the Future Generations Act the Members agreed that rumble strips should be placed on the way into the village just before the school to slow traffic down. Action: Clerk asked to write to Highways.
- 5. Correspondence received**
- 03/19/13 Wales Audit Office
From 2020 BDO will no longer be the external auditors. The Wales Audit Office will take over the role.

03/19/14 The Life Story Network have sent a survey for the Council to complete regarding Dementia awareness. Mr. Kirkby agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Council.

03/19/15 All other correspondence was reviewed and filed without comment.

6. Planning Matters

None received.

7. Finance

03/19/16 Balances

Current a/c £4,572.59

Deposit a/c £6.27

Income

None.

03/19/17 Payments due

Clerks salary (Mar) 100869 £218.99 S.112 LGA1972

Admin (Jan/Mar) 100870 £15.40 S.111 LGA 1972

Action: Payments approved.

03/19/18 Budget /Cash Flow Statements

During the year £5,093 of £6,630 budget has been spent. The underspend is due to the £1,000 contingency and £600 repairs budget not being required during the year. The underspend was anticipated when the 2019/20 budget was approved and taken into account when setting the 2019/20 precept.

03/19/19 The Members approved a letter to be given to the bank requesting that the year end balances be printed and given to the new Clerk for the year end accounts records.

8. Any Other Business

03/19/20 Mrs. Alexander was thanked for her long service as Clerk.

03/19/21 Mr. Hughes has received a complaint that the hedge at 17 Maes Teg is blocking the footpath. Action: Clerk to inform Highways.

03/19/22 Mr. Hughes stated that the Village Hall Committee has asked whether the Community Council could help with erecting signs to try and stop dog fouling on the sports field. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee be asked to get estimates for the cost of signs then come back to the Community Council. Mr. Davies suggested that the Clerk contact Denbighshire Council to see if they have any spare signs.

03/19/23 Mr. Griffith informed the Council that he was introducing a small fee for villagers to use the pond for fishing. This was due to increased maintenance costs and some people taking

advantage of the free usage to residents of Trefnant by claiming to be from village when they aren't. This isn't fair to the Bodelwyddan Club who pay rental to use the site. All proceeds will be added to the annual village grant that Mr. Griffith provides each year.

9. Date of next meeting

03/19/24 17th April 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Trefnant Bowling Club.

Meeting closed at 8.18p.m.