

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2019 IN
TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 10/19)

Present

Mr W Kirkby (Chairman), Mrs S Jones, Mr A Griffiths,
 Mr P Hughes, Mr R Collins, Mr S Evans, Mr R Salvador,
 Mrs A Maguire

1. Apologies for Absence

10/19/01 Mr M Davies, Mr S Wetton, Mr A Griffiths

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Discussion - Mr Ben Wilcox-Jones, DCC Road Safety & Transportation

10/19/02 **Standing orders were suspended** – to commence the discussion with Mr Wilcox-Jones. Mr Kirkby welcomed Mr Wilcox-Jones to the meeting.

10/19/03 Mr Wilcox-Jones informed the Members that he had received information about the traffic concerns the Members have from the Clerk and will go through the list and discuss any issues the Members may have, if this is agreeable with them.

1. Lower Denbigh Road, Pen-Cae-Du Crossroads and Graig Road - Mr Wilcox-Jones had recently attended a meeting to review these areas. Various traffic speed hotspots were confirmed. A capital bid had been won by DCC to appoint consultants to undertake a study to compare these routes against regulations, etc. Mr Wilcox-Jones had only just received the consultants' report and had not been able to analyse the consultants' findings in time for the meeting. Mr Wilcox-Jones will report back to the Members after assessing the report.

Further to this, Mr Wilcox-Jones stated he has extended the 40-mph speed limit from the Colomendy Recycling Centre to the Nant y Crabbas Cattery.

After discussion around the number of collisions data, etc along Lower Denbigh Road, the Members confirmed that their main concern is the speed of the traffic.

Mr Evans raised the issue of the standard of the road in parts along the highway and the need for works to be carried out to improve it.

Members reported that the missing bollard at Pen-Cae-Ddu Crossroads has not been replaced. Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed that after the Clerk lodged this

complaint with Denbighshire Customer Services the work to replace the bollard was now on order.

Mr Hughes stated that he feels the crossroads are not signed adequately, as a junction.

Mr Wilcox-Jones also, suggested that he could arrange a meeting with Henllan and Trefnant Community Council to discuss the highways in this area.

2. B5428 Road (Trefnant School, etc) - The Go-Safe team have confirmed that they have been sited on this stretch of road on 14 occasions since January of this year and there were 14 speeding incidents in 24 hours equivalent. Members were concerned that the Go-Safe team had only carried out the survey facing one side the road only, not both up and down the highway. Mr Wilcox-Jones will raise this with the Go-Safe team.

A car park for the school, speed activator signs, introduction of pavements, etc were discussed as ways to resolve the speeding and traffic congestion along this road specifically, by the school and the new housing development scheme when completed. Mr Wilcox-Jones stated the main problem faced by Denbighshire Highways is the lack of funds to resolve the speeding and traffic congestion in this area. Mr Wilcox- Jones indicated that he could put in a one-off bid for funding but it would not be until 2021/22 as funds have been allocated for next year. Mr Wilcox-Jones also advised Members that Denbighshire CC have put a stop to the introduction of new urban speed limits until the Welsh Assembly have finished their speed limits review.

With the new housing scheme impact on the traffic, Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed he would speak to Denbighshire Development Control team. Mr Collins was concerned they will not be able to undertake anything until the scheme's completion. Mr Wilcox-Jones will speak to the affordable housing developers to check if they are making a contribution to the road safety in this area. Members feel the issue of traffic congestion can also be caused due to timing of the traffic lights at the junction at the Trefnant end of the road. The traffic lights here on all sides appear to be out of sync and slow to change which causes issue with congestion, near misses with traffic turning across the highway, etc. Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed that he will investigate this matter,

Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed that he plans to site a mobile Speed Activator device near the school on a temporary basis, for a month, to establish if this type of signage will reduce traffic speed along this road.

3. Llannerch Road Bridge - Remedial work is due to be carried out in November. Denbighshire Highways will undertake a survey for the long-term use of the bridge for example prioritise the accessibility of the bridge, etc

Mr Wilcox-Jones asked Members if they had any other queries. Mr Kirkby stated that on the A525 road, south bound to the A541 road heading to Mold, vehicles such as articulated lorries are having issues turning. The stop lines on the road may need to be moved back, etc. There were no other queries and Mr Wilcox-Jones left the meeting.

10/19/04 **Standing Orders were restored** - to enable the general meeting to continue.

4. Minutes of last meeting held on 18th September 2019

10/19/05 It was proposed by Mr S Evans and seconded by Mr R Collins that the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September 2019 be accepted as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising

09/19/06 Water Issue Trefnant Garage (06/19/14)

Mr Salvador reported that a resident still feels there is an issue with the standing water at the garage. After discussion, it was agreed Mr Hughes will visit the garage again and report his findings at the next meeting.

10/19/07 Detached Downpipe, Trefnant Inn (06/19/15)

The Clerk has spoken to Denbighshire Council Customer Services about the detached downpipe. A member of the Public Protection team have been directed to contact the Clerk about this matter. No response had been received and the Clerk will chase this later in the week.

10/19/08 Village Clock (09/19/26)

Mr P Hughes confirmed he has still not received the clock back despite numerous attempts to contact the shop owner. Action: Clerk to send a reminder and contact the Chairman on how to chase this matter further if there is still no response within 14 days.

10/19/09 Brenig WIND Lid – Community Grant Fund (09/19/19)

Mr Wetton had asked the Clerk, in his absence, to inform the Members he was not successful with his application to become a member of the Brenig Wind - Community Benefit

Fund Grants Panel. Mr Hughes, also confirmed that the Village Hall Committee are collating a grant claim for this scheme.

- 10/19/10 WI and Woodland Trust Trees Donations (09/19/27)
Mr Hughes confirmed that he had ordered trees on behalf of the Community Council, but they have not been received yet.

6. Correspondence

- 10/19/11 The Members and the Clerk have been invited by Denbighshire's Chairman to attend a Christmas Celebration Service on 10th December 2019 at St Mary's Church, Denbigh. It was agreed that the Clerk will include the invitation details with the November paperwork e-mail. The deadline to accept the invitation is 15th November 2019.
- 10/19/12 The Clerk had received posters for display from the Welsh Blood Donor Service, which were sent to Mr Hughes, who confirmed that they were now on display on the Council's Noticeboards.
- 10/19/13 Correspondence had been received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. The Members have been asked to make any representations about the Panel's Draft Annual Report – February 2020. Action: The Clerk will report there are no representations to be made and to highlight that the Members do not claim any remuneration.
- 10/19/14 The Clerk had received an e-mail from Local Government Partnerships requesting a use of digital survey be completed. It was agreed the Clerk will complete the survey on the Community Council's behalf.
Other Correspondence to be filed with no comments.

7. Planning Matters

None

8. Finance

- 10/19/15 Balances
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| Current a/c | £ 6,169.22 |
| Deposit a/c | £ 6.27 |
- 10/19/16 Payments due
- | | | | |
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| Wales Audit Office | 100885 | £300.00 | S.19(1)(b) LGA1976 |
| Clerk's salary (Oct 19) | 100886 | £253.13 | S.112 LGA1972 |
- Action: Payments approved.
- 10/19/17 Budget /Spend to Date Statements
£3,718 of the budget has been spent so far. There have been no unexpected costs this month. Mr Collins requested that the opening and closing balance be included in this statement

for future meetings. The Clerk confirmed that she would also provide details of payments for approval with the agendas, minutes, etc.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date of next meeting

10/19/18 Wednesday 20th November 2019 in Trefnant Bowling Club
at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.