

TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2020 IN TREFNANT BOWLING CLUB (Min. Ref. 02/20)

Present

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

Apologies for Absence

02/20/01 Mr. R. Collins, Mr. A. Griffith, Mrs A Maguire

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2.

Mr Wilcox-Jones, DCC Road Safety and Sergeant Evans, North Wales Police

02/20/02 **Standing orders were suspended** - to enable Mr Wilcox-Jones to give an update on the consultants' report findings on the traffic speed hotspots Lower Denbigh Road, Pen Cae Du Crossroads and Graig Road, as agreed in the October 2019 meeting (Minute No 10/19/03) and for Sgt Evans to give any feedback on behalf of North Wales Police.

02/20/03 Mr Kirkby welcomed Mr Wilcox-Jones and Sgt Evans to the meeting. Mr Wilcox-Jones was invited to discuss with the Members his findings on the report. Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed that the consultants Mott Macdonald had reported that the number of collisions along Lower Denbigh Road were in parts above national collision averages. They had recommended different solutions ranging from low cost to high cost that could be implemented, with implementation costs of up to one million pounds. The Welsh Government have six million pounds in their Highways budget for the whole of Wales. Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed that he had focussed on the areas from Colomendy industrial Estate along past las Chambres to Nant Y Crabbe due to the high number of collisions reported there. He has put in two capital bids to the Welsh Government to implement the consultants' lower cost solution such as more signage, etc. With the tight budgetary constraints, no bid was submitted for the area around the Pen Cae Du crossroads due to collisions rates being lower than the Welsh Government averages. DCC will however look at doing incremental improvements such as boundary fences positioning,

telegraph pole removal, etc. Sgt Evans asked whether rumble strips could be installed in this area. Mr Wilcox-Jones explained that these are not being used due to the high cost of maintaining them and they wear away too quickly. Mr Wilcox Jones also explained that DCC Streetscene who have a small budget for highways maintenance are reviewing the potential of widening parts of the carriageway from Trefnant to Denbigh on the unclassified sections of the road. He will update the Members when he receives more information about this. Mr Wilcox-Jones said he would now refer to the school Road in Trefnant. He had received lots of correspondence from residents, parents, about the speeding issues that occur along this road, but from Denbighshire Highways surveys he had found that the issues were more of a traffic safety awareness due to parking of cars, lack of parking spaces, and vulnerable road users. Officers from DCC are meeting with the Headteacher and Governors in an education road safety working group to see what remedial work can be implemented. The Members raised the issue that the Go Safe team had only surveyed the one side of the highway when located on this road. Mr Wilcox-Jones said he would discuss this matter with the Go Safe team when he is back in the office. The temporary mobile speed activated light unit is timetabled to be located eastbound from the school. Mr Wilcox-Jones asked the Members would they be prepared to work with the County Council with the cost of erecting a pole on this road to hold the lighting unit so it can be placed there more regularly. The Members were in agreement this would be a good idea. Mr Wilcox-Jones confirmed he would send more information about costs, etc.

The Members thank Mr Wilcox-Jones and he left the meeting.

02/20/04 Sgt Evans said he had nothing to add to Mr Wilcox-Jones's discussion and he would like to confirm that the North Wales Police support any speed reduction schemes which increases road safety. He also reported that the crime figures for the area are very good. He would like to report a scam that is currently taking place. Personnel are contacting people by phone saying they are from the HMRC and are demanding money saying the individual owes money and if they do not pay immediately, they are

threatened with court proceedings, and sometimes with bullying tactics. If the Members receive such a call, please do not hesitate to report it to the North Wales Police.

Sgt Evans also commented that the speed survey had been undertaken with a member, Mr Davies taking part. Sgt Evans said more members could attend and take part in regular speed surveys in Trefnant. The Clerk can contact him to arrange this with him by e-mail

Mr Kirkby thanked Sgt Evans for attending the meeting. Sgt Evans then left the meeting.

02/20/05 **Standing Orders were restored** - to enable the general meeting to continue.

02/20/06 The Clerk informed the Members that if they wanted to participate in the speed surveys they would need to wear a hi-vis waistcoat. Two waistcoats would cost £6.00 to buy. Action: It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase two XXL waistcoats on behalf of the community council.

4. Minutes of last meeting

02/20/07 It was proposed by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr Griffiths that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th February 2020, be accepted as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising

02/20/08 Village Clock (09/19/26)

Mr Griffith had confirmed at the last meeting he would contact the shop owner direct and as he was not present at the meeting this issue would be taken forward to the next meeting for Mr Griffith's update.

02/20/09 WI and Woodland Trust Trees Donations (09/19/27)

Mr Griffiths confirmed that the plants had been planted around Trefnant and the Village Hall.

02/20/10 Additional Candidate Sites Consultation, Denbighshire CC LDP 201/-2033 (01/20/09)

The additional site that has been submitted for consideration as a potential allocation for development in the replacement LDP, is on the fields next to Bryn Glas, Trefnant. Members have been requested by Denbighshire Planning to report their comments on the additional candidate site. The deadline for submission is 13th March 2020. The Members raised their concerns that there is already a proposed development site on the land adjoining Bryn Glas, St Asaph Road. The worry was would it be linked to this site. Mr Wetton and other members raised their concerns that this area would be

disproportionate to the other proposed sites and would result in a heavily developed area. The Members agreed that this additional candidate site should not be taken forward by Denbighshire County Council to the next stage in the plan-making process. Action: It was agreed the Clerk will forward the previous comments made on the other Candidate Sites to Mr Kirkby. The Members would also forward any comments they have to make to Mr Kirkby. He will then write the draft response for submission on behalf of the Community Council Members to confirm their disapproval and concerns around this proposed additional site.

- 02/20/11 Poor Lighting /Street Name Sign, Llys Cerios (01/20/17)
The Clerk reported that DCC had been to check the lighting design for the road and it is lit to pass the British standards. The LEDs will be checked on the next night inspection to check they are working properly. The sign will also be moved nearer to the entrance of the road. Two Members felt that the lighting there was adequate. The Clerk was asked to report that the street name sign is missing on the other side of the entrance.
- 02/20/12 Sewer/Pathway Hazards, Elwy Parc (01/20/18)
The Clerk had received notification from Streetscene that this road was not a Denbighshire CC adopted road. The Members agreed that this matter should be investigated further. Action: The Clerk to contact Welsh Water to confirm whether the sewer on this road is adopted by them.
- 6. Correspondence received**
- 02/20/13 An invitation had been received from Mr Davies as Chairman of Denbighshire County Council for Members to attend a Commonwealth Day short flag raising ceremony at 10 a.m. on Monday 9th March 2020, at County Hall, Ruthin. Action: The Clerk to forward the invitation e-mail to the Members.
- 02/20/14 The Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board are asking for one nominee from a community council in each county to be nominated to join the Board. Mr Wetton said he would tentatively put himself forward but would need to check whether there will be a possible conflict of interests. Action: The Clerk will forward the paperwork to Mr Wetton and no other action to be taken until Mr Wetton's feedback.
- 02/20/1 One Voice Wales is offering 50% discount on membership. Action: It was agreed that the Council would not join at present.

7. Planning Matters

None

8. Finance

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Balances

Current a/c £ 6,546.68

Deposit a/c £ 6.27

02/20/17

Payments due

Clerk's Salary (Feb) 100891 £224.68 S.112 LGA1972

Payment was approved but the other two signatories were not present to countersign cheque no 100891. The Clerk will bring it to the March's meeting for signature.

02/20/18

Budget /Cash Flow Statements

There have been no unexpected costs this month.

02/20/19

Members Annual Allowance

Determination 40 of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report states that all members are eligible to be paid £150 allowance at the start of the financial year. The Clerk distributed individual letters for all the Members to sign and indicate if they want or do not want to claim the allowance.

9. Other Business

02/20/20

Mr Wetton reported that in the last two months there has been an issue with dog fouling around the Clwydian Park Estate and along the pavement running parallel to the front of the estate.

Action: The Clerk to report this Denbighshire Customer Services.

02/20/21

Mr Salvador stated that there was still an issue with the water pooling at Llys Teg and he had taken some photographs to illustrate it. Mr Salvador distributed the photos to the other Members. The Members agreed that the ground and the pavements in between the domestic garages and the commercial appeared to be cracked and uneven which will cause rainwater, etc to pool there. It was agreed that this was Denbighshire County Council's area of land.

Action: The Clerk to report this issue and send copies of the photos to Denbighshire CC Customer Services.

10. Date of next meeting

02/20/22

18th March 2020 in Trefnant Bowling Club at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 21.20 p.m.