

**TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 24th October 2023, 7.30pm
Socially distanced at The Vestry, Trefnant Chapel
(Minutes reference 10/23)**

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| Present | | |
| | Mr S Wetton (Chair) Mrs S Jones, Mr S Evans, Mr P Hughes, Mr J Elson, Mr A Griffiths, Mrs Ellis, Mr Collins. | |
| | <u>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> | |
| 10/23/01 | Mr A Griffith & Mr Kirkby | |
| | <u>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> | |
| | None | |
| | <u>3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u> | |
| 10/23/02 | September 2023 minutes. | Proposed by Mr Elson Seconded by Mrs Ellis |
| | <u>4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u> | |
| 10/23/03 | Cont/d. 03/23/07 The locations of the existing benches owned by the Community Council are to be noted on the map and photos taken to complete a schedule. – 8 in total. | The clerk to find a larger map Still resourcing |
| 10/23/04 | Cont/d 07/22/16 Simon Williams of DCC had emailed to ask advice from TCC as to the way forward with this matter as the tenant has not complied with the terms of the notice. It was discussed and a majority of the councillors felt that the order ought to be enforced otherwise it is pointless having this protocol in place and the aesthetic of the village centre is spoiled. Mr Elson advised that a letter is being sent to the tenant as to the next steps. | Mr Elson to liaise with the enforcement officer to see if the letter has been sent. No update as yet |
| 10/23/05 | Mr Elson is in close contact with the appropriate parties regarding the Llannerch bridge situation and will feed back additional information as it becomes available. An application is to be made for a contribution from the Resilience Fund There have been no changes since the last TCC meeting and the report regarding the 2 nd public meeting at the White House. Mr Griffith asked Mr Elson to firmly feedback to DCC the dissatisfaction that the members of TCC are feeling (05/23/09). This issue is just stalling every month and no progress is being made. | Mr Elson to keep the council informed No update as yet |
| 10/23/06 | Cont/d..06/23/07 Audit Wales - Clerk has been in contact with the One Voice Wales rep and is working on the additional information they need. | The Clerk will continue working through the required documents. Ongoing |
| 10/23/07 | Cont/d. 03/23/10 Bronant Estate Planning application –pending the receipt of the Ecological Survey for newts. | Mr Elson liaise with Lucy Duncalf at DCC Still waiting for the surveys |

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| 10/23/08 | Cont/d. 03/23/11 Siting of the village post box – since Mr Elson’s liaison with Livemore it was felt by TCC that it would be best to site by the bus stop and it was discussed and decided that it would be preferable to have a box on a post | Awaiting installation |
| | 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS | |
| 10/23/09 | <p>The Clerk asked if the members would bring forward to the November meeting the discussion regarding setting the Precept for 2024 (usually discussed in January). The Clerk felt that consideration needed to be made as to a slight increase in the amount requested as TCC have by far the lowest Precept amount in Denbighshire. Mr Elson advised that currently we are allocated £6.94 per residence and the next lowest is £14.37.</p> <p>The increase would allow for more community engagement with donations for example the upcoming D Day celebrations.</p> <p>The Clerk would also like to advise that she had spoken with the representative from One Voice Wales and clarified that it is totally acceptable to publish an individual resident’s name in the September minutes where that person had put their name in the public domain whilst writing to the Ombudsman.</p> | <p>Agreed to discuss in November.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| | 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY CLERK | |
| 10/23/10 | <p>Mrs Jackie Jones asked if she could free of charge decorate a TCC bench as per the ones in St Asaph</p> <p>This decoration has been completed with a sign added saying “Happy to chat”. The Clerk received an email from a member of the public stating that the sign should also been showing in Welsh. It seems that St Asaph have experienced the same issue. After discussion it was decided that the sign would be removed while a new Bi-lingual one was sourced.</p> | <p>This was approved by the members</p> <p>Mrs Ellis and Mr Hughes will deal with this.</p> |
| | 7. CORRESPONDENCE/ENQUIRIES RECEIVED BY COUNCILLORS | |
| 10/23/11 | TCC was advised that Trefnant school had to be closed for repairs at the beginning of the September term after the discovery of RAAC which was found to be in the suspended ceiling of the main hall. Mr Elson is liaising with Geraint Davies of DCC as currently there is scaffolding in the hall and kitchen but this should be rectified by the end of half term. Ultimately the entire roof will have to be replaced (WG will pay) with completion scheduled for Summer 2024. | Mr Elson will visit the school to see the headteacher |
| 10/23/12 | Mr Griffith had received information that near the bus stop there is grass growing over the pavement. | Mr Griffith will attend to this. |

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| 10/23/13 | Mr Hughes had been asked if TCC could assist with contacting the owner of the house by the bowling green where the hedge is growing over the pavement making it very difficult to pass safely. It is believed that the owner of the property had been unwell. | Mr Hughes will find out the current situation and see if the hedge can be trimmed back |
| 10/23/14 | Mr Elson had been advised that a local CL seemed to be breaching planning laws by having several static caravans on site. Simon Williams at DCC planning office was investigating the situation and will liaise with Mr Elson | Mr Elson will follow up |
| | <u>8. PLANNING MATTERS</u> | |
| 10/23/15 | <p>Cont/d. 03/23/16 Mr Elson previously advised that the updating of the LDP document did not seem to include those areas previously put forward by Mr Kirkby when he was Chairman so Clerk had forwarded the information to him to discuss with DCC. Mr Elson presented the council with maps of the areas that were being considered and discussion was had as to the access routes of some of the plots of land and the density of the housing planned. Mr Elson will liaise with DCC and feed back the ongoing process and consultations.</p> <p>Mr Elson brought a map to the meeting and explained this represented "candidate" sites only, the full consultation will run through to September/October.</p> <p>It was discussed that the Cae Glas option has definite access issues and is therefore unlikely to proceed.</p> <p>The area near Clwydian Park was felt to need to be single storey dwellings only due to the chance of taller buildings overlooking the existing residences. This was noted by Mr Elson as discussions continue.</p> <p>TCC intend to publish the consultation end date on the local noticeboards to encourage residents' participation. Additionally, will print A3 maps for the noticeboards along with contact details for DCC for feedback</p> <p>It was noted that during the long period of validity (2018-2033) the housing needs for the are will alter. Younger residents may move away and the aging population may have different requirements in the accommodation. The statistics will invariably alter.</p> | <p>Continued feedback expected.</p> <p>Clerk to print A3 maps</p> |
| | <u>9. FINANCE</u> | |
| 10/23/16 10/23/17 | <p><u>Payments due</u></p> <p>Clerk's salary September cheque no 100988. Total £229.49</p> <p>Clerk's Tax for September & October cheque number 100989 £114.80</p> | Approved by all members |

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| 10/23/18 | Village Hall Xmas parties donation cheque number 100990 - £300 | |
| | <u>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> | |
| 10/23/19 | Extensive comments had been received from residents of Clwydian Park as some vehicles are constantly parked on the corner/pavement meaning access and exit visibility is blocked and also manoeuvrability. Whilst there are no yellow lines it is felt that this is very dangerous. Mr Wetton will try to find the names of the car owners, as he lives nearby, and speak with them. Alternatively speak with PC Long. | Mr Wetton to follow up - |
| 10/23/20 | Mr Hughes asked if TCC would be willing to contribute to the Christmas parties at the Village Hall as per 2022. It was agreed that a sum of £300 would be donated to be shared between the children's and elderly residents' parties. | All members approved so a cheque was written and signed. |
| 10/23/21 | Mr Hughes also asked the Clerk to arrange insurance for the Christmas tree installation as per previous years. Mr Hughes had been speaking to a resident near the seat at the site of the old AA box and this lady asked if the planter box in front of the seat could be straightened up as it had been knocked during the council grass cutting. She also mentioned that she had been maintaining the planter but it could do with some fresh compost and bulbs. Mr Hughes asked if we could fund this and it was approved and agreed that he would purchase the items and present a receipt to the Clerk for payment. | Clerk to contact Zurich insurers. Mr Griffiths to do this. Mr Hughes to buy bulbs and compost. |
| | <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> | |
| | <u>Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm</u> | |
| | The Vestry in Trefnant Chapel | |
| | Meeting closed at 20.50pm | |