

**TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 15th February 2024, 7.30pm
at The Vestry, Trefnant Chapel
(Minutes reference 02/24)**

Present		
	Mr S Wetton (Chair) Mrs S Jones, Mr P Hughes, Mr A Griffith, Mrs A Ellis, Mr R Collins, Mr A Kirkby, Mr J Elson Clerk:- Mrs Williams	
	<u>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
02/24/01	Selwyn Evans, Arthur Griffiths	
	<u>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	None	
	<u>3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u>	
02/24/02	January 2024 minutes.	Proposed by Mr. Griffith Seconded by Mr. Collins
	<u>4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>	
02/24/03	Cont/d. 03/24/07 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.	RC can provide a larger map
02/24/04	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
02/24/05	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. An artist's impression has been requested and Mr Elson will ensure that DCC are reminded that the residents are extremely disappointed at the lack of communication and the fact that local businesses are not being considered for the project At the February meeting it was noted:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still no application made to WG by DCC • No more public meetings scheduled • Tremeirchion/Waen are holding a meeting in March which Mr Elson will enquire about 	Mr Elson to keep the council informed No update since artist's impression was supplied. Mr Elson to follow up

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02/24/06	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 with One voice Wales
02/24/07	Cont/d. 03/23/10 Bronant Estate Planning application –pending the receipt of the Ecological Survey for newts. Initially the incorrect surveys were completed. Planning policy V12 states that a development should have a positive impact on bio-diversity - Any negative impact may mean refusal	Mr Elson liaise with Lucy Duncalf at DCC Still waiting for the new surveys
02/24/08	Cont/d 11/23/20 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 has been keeping a watching brief, as he lives nearby. PC Long has been asked to assess the situation. PC Long advised <i>“From looking at the photos you have forwarded the only possible offence would be not parking facing traffic at night. If that was enforced throughout the area there would be a number of vehicles ticketed</i> <i>There are no white lines, yellow lines are enforced by D.C.C and as long as the vehicles are parked up to 10 meters from a junction there are no offences.</i> <i>A guide of thumb would be about 12 steps from the actual broken white lines at the junction to where the vehicle is parked.</i> <i>It might be considered inconsiderate but that is not an offence.</i> <i>I will speak to a Sgt but on the evidence the photos provide any response will be limited if any.”</i>	
<u>5. DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>		
02/24/09	It was discussed whether the Website needed refreshing/updating – Doodle IT had provided cost of £620 to incorporate Google translate for the Welsh language but the Clerk will check to see if that also includes the updating. Links to example websites to be assessed by TCC members	Clerk to check cost Cllrs to review the sites and consider costs at March meeting

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<u>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY CLERK</u>		
02/24/10	Cont/d..10/23/10 Mrs Jackie Jones has decorated the bench and will install a bi-lingual sign. TCC are delighted with this and will thank Mrs Jones.	The sign has been delivered to Mr Griffiths to install.
02/24/11	There were two applications for the Clerk position so Mr Wetton and Mr Collins will interview	Clerk to arrange date and times.
<u>7. CORRESPONDENCE/ENQUIRIES RECEIVED BY COUNCILLORS</u>		
02/24/12	<p>Cont/d..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.</p> <p>An email was received from Simon Williams to the effect that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static caravans appear to be being “stored” at this time • A licence has been applied for to allow up to 5 tourer caravans • The alterations to the access are being assessed by Highways 	Mr Elson/Simon Williams/ongoing
<u>8. PLANNING MATTERS</u>		
02/24/13	<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>Members of the public are encouraged to make their views known to DCC directly. Mr Elson and Mr Wetton had both received correspondence from 4 local residents.</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</p>	<p>Continued feedback expected. Ongoing consultation</p> <p>Mr Elson to take these to DCC</p>

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	<p>move away and the aging population may have different requirements in the accommodation. The statistics will invariably alter. Several residents had expressed opinions to Mr Wetton and Mr Hughes- the points being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School capacity the same – No plans for expansion says the school Headteacher – almost full. • Infrastructure the same • No Doctors • Highways unaltered • Sewerage treatment works would need upgrading <p>Currently will remain open minded re small units particularly affordable housing</p> <p>Emphasis must be relayed to the public that these are CANDIDATE SITES ONLY – no definite approval and no developer has purchased any of the sites.</p> <p>Information to be put on the TCC website and the Trefnant Newsletter</p>	<p>All Councillors</p> <p>All Councillors</p> <p>Clerk and Mr Elson to action</p>
	<u>9. FINANCE</u>	
02/24/14	Clerk's salary February 2024 cheque 101010 Total £229.49	Approved by all members
02/24/15	Clerk's Tax to HMRC 3x months @ £57.40 = £172.20 cheque number 101011	
	<u>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
02/24/16	Mr Elson had sent a message via Mr Wetton to say that the 51 bus is not stopping within the grounds of the Tweedmill so passengers have to get off at the side of the road then cross the busy junction. Blamed on delays caused by 20mph speed limit.	The MD of the Tweedmill is complaining to Arriva
02/24/17	Mrs Jones asked when the defibrillator within the Village Hall grounds was last serviced by Welsh Ambulance	Clerk to ask the Village Hall Committee who advised it was being serviced ASAP as it had just been used.
02/24/18	The Bench that Mr Griffiths had taken down to repair will be replaced with new concrete.	Mr Griffiths to replace.
	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	20th March 2024 at 7.30pm The Vestry in Trefnant Chapel	
	Meeting closed at 21.00pm	