

**TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 17th January 2024, 7.30pm
at The Vestry, Trefnant Chapel
(Minutes reference 01/24)**

Present		
Mr S Wetton (Chair) Mrs S Jones, Mr P Hughes, Mr A Griffith , Mrs Ellis, Mr Collins, Mr S Evans, Mr A Kirkby, Clerk:- Mrs Williams		
	<u>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
01/24/01	James Elson, Arthur Griffiths	
	<u>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	None	
	<u>3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u>	
01/24/02	November 2023 minutes.	Proposed by Mr. Hughes Seconded by Mr. Collins
	<u>4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>	
01/24/03	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
01/24/04	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
01/24/05	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	Mr Elson to keep the council informed No update as yet an artist's impression was supplied.
01/24/06	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

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01/24/07	Cont/d. 03/23/10 Bronant Estate Planning application –pending the receipt of the Ecological Survey for newts. Initially the incorrect surveys were completed.	Mr Elson liaise with Lucy Duncalf at DCC Still waiting for the new surveys
01/24/08	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 and contact the car owners regarding parking law.	Photographs may be forwarded to Highways
	<u>5. DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>	
01/24/09	Precept for 2024. The Clerk had sent forward the appropriate form to DCC (they round up the figure to £6330 pa) paid by three instalments of £2110. The Clerk was asked to clarify when the last increase had taken place and this information was received from DCC on 21 st November 2023:- “TCC precept sum increased from £4887 in 2020-21 to £5255 in 2021-22”	
01/24/10	It was discussed whether the Website needed refreshing/updating – Doodle IT had provided some costings and examples of other similar sites for consideration	Cllrs to review the sites and consider costs at February meeting
	<u>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY CLERK</u>	
01/24/11	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.	Awaiting sign – clerk to check
	<u>7. CORRESPONDENCE/ENQUIRIES RECEIVED BY COUNCILLORS</u>	
01/24/12	Cont/d... 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. A letter was received by Mr Elson from the Headteacher Susan Dick:- <i>“The work to install a supporting framework in the kitchen is currently ongoing. After the framework is installed, the</i>	

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	<i>scaffolding will be safely removed and the kitchen reinstated. It is still anticipated that the work to reinstall the Kitchen will begin in January. The anticipated end date for this is the end of January. Once the Kitchen is reinstated there will be a period where catering staff will be able to cook meals on site again.</i> <i>The removal of the RAAC is anticipated to begin in April with the initial preparations being made during the Easter holidays. Holiday club will continue throughout the school holidays as Puddleducks will be run from the schoolhouse.</i> <i>During the spring and summer terms and the summer holidays, temporary classrooms will be provided on the school site for children in the juniors and for catering facilities. School meals will again be cooked in another school and transported to Trefnant to be served from the catering facility.</i> <i>The temporary classrooms and facilities will be left in place until the works are completed. It is hoped this will be in time for the new academic year, but measures will be in place to continue provision in September in the case of any delay. “</i>	
01/24/13	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. An email was received from Simon Williams to the effect that:- • 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>	
01/24/14	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. Mr Elson brought a map to the meeting and explained this represented “candidate” sites only, the full consultation will run through to September/October. It was discussed that the Cae Glas option has definite access issues and is therefore unlikely to proceed.	Continued feedback expected. Ongoing consultation

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	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. Members of the public are encouraged to make their views known to DCC directly. It was noted that during the long period of validity (2018-2033) the housing needs for the area will alter. Younger residents may 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:- • School capacity the same • Infrastructure the same • No Doctors • Highways unaltered Currently will remain open minded re small units particularly affordable housing Consideration will be given to arranging a public meeting.	All Councillors
	<u>9. FINANCE</u>	
01/24/15	Clerk's salary January 2024 cheque 101008 Total £229.49	Approved by all members
01/24/16	Vestry Hire annual payment cheque number 101009 Total £350	
01/24/17	Harold Smith Accountants till 31 st December 2023 cheque number 101007	
	<u>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
01/24/18	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.	Clerk to advise Arriva
01/24/19	Mr Hughes advised that he had bought a small gift for the Vestry clerk to the value of £10 – receipt required.	TCC to reimburse
01/24/20	Mrs Jones asked when the defibrillator within the Village Hall grounds was last serviced by Welsh Ambulance	Clerk to ask the Village Hall Committee

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01/24/21	It was agreed to print adverts for the Clerk's position to post on the noticeboards	Clerk to print
	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	<u>Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30pm</u> The Vestry in Trefnant Chapel	
	Meeting closed at 20.40pm	