

**TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
20th March 2024, 7.30pm
at The Vestry, Trefnant Chapel
(Minutes reference 03/24)**

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 Outgoing Clerk:- Mrs Williams Incoming Clerk:- Mrs L O'Hare	
INFORMAL DISCUSSION	
Following a number of enquiries from the general public, specifically residents of the Clwydian Park area, we were advised that a number of residents were attending the meeting. In line with protocol residents submitted 3 questions in advance of the meeting. Due to the level of feeling in the local community and the number in attendance the Chair felt, rather than wait for the agenda item and suspend standing orders, an open discussion would take place ahead of the start of formal meeting. 16 Members of the public attended the meeting and they had presented their questions in advance:- 1.Where do our elected community Council Members stand in relation to the proposed changes to the LDP and in particular the rear of Clwydian Park ? 2.Are they for or against it ? (This is for individual Councillors) 3.What is the Trefnant Community Council doing to oppose the proposed change to the LDP ? The questions were generally answered by The Chairman and James Elson (DCC Councillor):- 1&2 - Essentially TCC councillors are opposed to the sites that have been identified by DCC. The reasons as previously listed above in 03/24/12. 3- TCC has previously expressed great concern to DCC (in 2019 and again in 2023) that the village cannot cope with an influx of new houses. They will continue to do so and act as a conduit for correspondence BUT members of the public/local residents MUST also ensure they make their feelings known directly to DCC. TCC will use the local newsletter and website to keep forwarding information. There are several more stages to go through before any definite decisions are made and they could take several years. A long conversation took place with residents in attendance, the discussion was very productive and well received. Whilst this evening's conversation centered on the site adjoining Clwydian park the Community Council feel that the infrastructure of our village is unable to accommodate any of the large candidate sites currently included due to the lack of services available. Whilst some small sites may be considered as to their appropriateness going forward Trefnant does not have sufficient capacity within the school, adequate highways infrastructure not to mention the lack of medical or health and well being facilities and as such the Community Council's opposition to the proposed sites will remain.	
	<u>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>
03/24/01	Selwyn Evans, Arthur Griffiths
<u>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	None
<u>3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u>	
03/24/02	February 2024 minutes. Proposed by Mr. Hughes Seconded by Mr. Collins
<u>4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>	

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03/24/03	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
03/24/04	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
03/24/05	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 viewed 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:- • Still no application made to WG by DCC • No more public meetings scheduled • Tremeirchion/Waen are held a meeting which Mr Elson attended	Mr Elson to keep the council informed No update since artist's impression was supplied. A 30 sec simulation was shown. The Welsh water extractions sites are near the proposed piling areas so extensive consideration needed.
03/24/06	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
03/24/07	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.	The application was refused on 3 rd March 2024 due to the ecological matters

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03/24/08	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>	
03/24/09	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 confirmed that the TOTAL cost would be £620. Cllrs reviewed the site and will confirm their decision at the April meeting
	<u>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY CLERK</u>	
03/24/10	Cont/d..02/24/11 There were two applications for the Clerk position so Mr Wetton and Mr Collins conducted interviews on 6th March. Linda O'Hare has accepted the role and is at the meeting this evening for an overview.	A formal contract will be issued.
	<u>7. CORRESPONDENCE/ENQUIRIES RECEIVED BY COUNCILLORS</u>	
03/24/11	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	

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	• 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
	8. PLANNING MATTERS	
03/24/12	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. 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. Mr Elson and Mr Wetton had both received correspondence from 4 local residents. 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 – No plans for expansion says the school Headteacher – almost full. • Infrastructure the same • No Doctors • Highways unaltered • Sewerage treatment works would need upgrading Currently will remain open minded re small units particularly affordable housing Emphasis must be relayed to the public that these are	3

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03/24/13	CANDIDATE SITES ONLY – no definite approval and no developer has purchased any of the sites. Information has been put on the TCC website and in the Trefnant Newsletter Please see comments above before the start of the meeting	
	<u>9. FINANCE</u>	
03/24/14	Clerk's salary February 2024 cheque 101012 Total £229.49	Approved by all members
03/24/15	Clerk's Tax to HMRC 1x months @ £57.40 cheque number 101013	
	<u>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
03/24/16	Mr Griffiths advised he has a 7ft long bench to be donated to Trefnant and would like Cllrs advice as to where it should be installed. It was agreed that in the park there was a preexisting concrete slab to bolt the bench to for the use of many community members.	Approved by all Mr Griffiths will install with Mr Hughes. Mr Kirkby to log on the map.
03/24/17	Mr Elson reported a very successful litter pick had been completed in the area by the Flint and Denbigh Hunt members. Many thanks to be sent.	
03/24/18	Mrs. Ellis reported that one of the collapsible bollards in the square has been knocked sideways leaving a large hole which is a safety hazard.	Clerk to report to DCC
	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	<u>17th April 2024 at 7.30pm</u>	
	The Vestry in Trefnant Chapel	
	Meeting closed at 21.00pm	