

**TREFNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 15th November 2023, 7.30pm
at The Vestry, Trefnant Chapel
(Minutes reference 11/23)**

<u>Present</u>		
Mr S Wetton (Chair) Mrs S Jones, Mr P Hughes, Mr J Elson, Mr A Griffiths, Mrs Ellis, Mr Collins. Clerk:- Mrs Williams		
	<u>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
11/23/01	Mr A Griffith, Mr S Evans, Mrs A Ellis	
	<u>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	None	
	<u>3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u>	
11/23/02	October 2023 minutes.	Proposed by Mr Hughes Seconded by Mr Elson
	<u>4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>	
11/23/03	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
11/23/04	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
11/23/05	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. An artists 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
11/23/06	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 with One voice Wales

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11/23/07	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
11/23/08	Cont/d. 03/23/11 Siting of the village post box – Now in situ and operational	
	<u>5. DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>	
11/23/09	The Clerk had asked the members to 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 tax base and the next lowest is £14.37. The increase would allow for more community engagement with donations for example the upcoming D Day celebrations. Lengthy and detailed discussion were had. Mrs Jones and Mr Kirkby were opposed to increasing the amount but a majority of the councillors approved the uplift by £2.00 to £8.94. The tax base figure supplied by DCC is 708 x £8.94 equals £6329.52 per annum paid by three instalments. The Clerk was asked to clarify when the last increase had taken place.	Proposed by JE/RC/PH Seconded by SW Clerk will complete the appropriate form and send to DCC The Clerk will request this information
	<u>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY CLERK</u>	
11/23/10	Cont/d..10/23/10 Mrs Jackie Jones has decorated the bench and installed a bi-lingual sign. TCC are delighted with this and will thank Mrs Jones.	
	<u>7. CORRESPONDENCE/ENQUIRIES RECEIVED BY COUNCILLORS</u>	
11/23/11	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. 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 Email sent to arrange a meeting
11/23/12	Cont/d 10/23/12 Mr Griffith had received information that near the bus stop there is grass growing over the pavement.	Mr Griffith has dealt with this.

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11/23/13	Cont/d... 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 The owner has their own gardener to deal with this
11/23/14	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. Mr Elson advised 4 static caravans – 2 sited and seemingly operational and 2 are not sited. Also advertisements noticed for a mechanical garage to be investigated further	Mr Elson will follow up
8. PLANNING MATTERS		
11/23/15	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. 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 and encourage residents to comment. 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.	Continued feedback expected. Ongoing consultation Clerk supplied A3 maps to go on the noticeboards and information on the website.

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	<u>9. FINANCE</u>	
11/23/16	Payments due:- NB Cheque numbers revised from Agenda due to mislaid cheque book Clerk's salary Nov & Dec Inc. Expenses £27.59 cheque 101005 Total £486.57	Approved by all members
11/23/17	Clerk's Tax for September/ October/November & December cheque number 101004 £229.40	
11/23/18	Village Hall Xmas parties donation cheque number 101003-£300	
11/23/19	Harold Smith accountants cheque 101006 £42.00	
	<u>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
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 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 – Maybe speak with PC Long. Clerk and Councillors to action
11/23/21	The Clerk advised her resignation. She will cover the January meeting and prepare to hand over to the incoming Clerk. The Councillors will actively try to recruit a replacement and an advertisement will be put on the website. The One Voice Wales rep will be asked if he can recommend anyone.	
	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	<u>Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm</u> The Vestry in Trefnant Chapel	
	Meeting closed at 20.45pm	