**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 25th March 2025.**

**Trefeglwys Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, 25th March 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

**Commencement:** 19:00

Cllr Derrick Pugh was appointed as Clerk for the meeting.

**Attendees:** County Councillors: Les George, Elwyn Vaughan & Karl Lewis

Trefeglwys Community Council Councillors: Derrick Pugh, Beryl Crone, Marion Brench

**Guest:**  County Councillor Gary Mitchell, Ward Member Llanbrynmair

Four members of the public present.

**1. Apologies** None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

**• Declarations of Interest:** None declared

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2025**

Proposed correct by Cllr George, seconded by Cllr Brench and signed by Chair Cllr Vaughan.

**4. Matters Arising**

**1) Clerk vacancy**

Request for council to go into closed session to discuss 4 applications received for Clerk’s post. All agreed.

**2) Windfarm documents**

Cllr Pugh confirmed that the new change of ownership agreement between TCC and Carno windfarm had recently been signed by Cllr Vaughan and witnessed by Cllr Pugh who also confirmed that this agreement had nothing to do with the original agreement and terms and conditions outlined in the original agreement signed when the Windfarm was built. The agreement signed was to allow the new owners of Carno Windfarm to pay money to the Council bank account.

The main conditions from the original/current agreement are:

4. The Council undertakes to deposit the fund in an account administered by the Council for purposes benefitting the community of Trefeglwys and to make available on the request of the Company audited records of the account.

5. The Council agrees to distribute the fund at its own sole discretion to charitable, educational, environmental or other appropriate causes within the community.

6. The Council agrees that the fund shall not be used for any purpose which adversely affects or works against the interests of the wind farm or the Company.

7. The Council agrees that at the request of the Company it shall show to the Company reasonable records of the causes supported by payments from the fund.

Cllr Mitchell presented a copy of a neighbouring councils Windfarm Trust agreement for adoption.

It was stated at the meeting by a County Councillor who had knowledge of a Windfarm Trust that not all trust members need to be councillors.

The funds received by the Council is to benefit the community, and any misuse of guidelines to the funds could make the Council accountable to the community.

 Cllr Beryl, Cllr Marion and Cllr Derrick questioned why there was so much haste in setting up a Trust, bearing in mind that no new monies would be coming to TCC for several years and suggested the matter be explored further by consulting other Fund Agreements already in place with neighbouring councils.

Council agreed that Cllr Derrick may be able to obtain copies of these agreements for TCC to debate.

**3) Councillor vacancies**

Councillors were surprised to see the nomination window so short. The paperwork came out on the Thursday, and nominations had to be in by 4.00 p.m. the following Wednesday. If the election is contested, the poll would take place on the 24th April 2025.

Relevant details to be posted on website, Facebook and Council Notice Boards.

**4) PC-Q Package**

Cllr Crone confirmed that this package was for security and support of the laptop. Councillors agreed to maintain this service for time being.

**5) Fly-tipping**

Cllr Pugh reported that the recent fly tipping incident in Trefeglwys had been promptly dealt with by PCC. Any further incidents to be reported to PCC

**6) Email password.**

Cllr Pugh confirmed he had changed the password.

**7) OVW Awards Conference**

TCC and Montgomeryshire representative on OVW Cllr Pugh requested permission to attend. This was proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Crone. All agreed

**8) Correspondence**

a) A letter of thanks to Mr Gwilym Evans relating to the Remembrance Sunday wreath confirmed has been sent by Cllr Pugh.

b) Chair had received emails from residents, and these were being dealt with by the Chair:

i) Regarding the contents of previous meeting minutes which he has resolved.

ii) Enquire re ownership of Land adjacent to Memorial Hall and the area around Cenotaph and Remembrance Bench. Resident advised to contact Memorial Hall committee.

Iii) Audit Wales 24/25 - Documentation received for completion of 24/25 Audit. Cllr Crone will collect relevant information and liaise with new clerk (when appointed) asap.

**9) Planning Ref 25/0273/HH** Erectionof rear extension and internal alterationsNantygwartheg Trefeglwys SY17 5QQ Proposed by Cllr Lewis, Seconded by Cllr Brench. All approved with no objections

**10) Finances /Accounts**

**a) Bank account access**.

The following information is required to be itemised and minuted for Unity bank access,

i) Copy of minutes showing appointment of Chair.

ii) Authorization for Cllr Beryl Crone to be named main contact

iii) Authorization for the removal of former signatories, Heather Cockcroft, David Jerman, Morris Smith, Eleanor Short, Paul Tranter

iv) Change Bank mandate from Triple to Dual mandate

v) Authorize Cllr Beryl Crone to view, submit and authorize payments

vi)Authorize new signatory Cllr Marion Brench to view and authorize payments

vii) Statement that all previous authorized signatories bar Cllr Beryl Crone , are no longer in post or available

**The above information was proposed by Cllr Lewis , seconded by Cllr George and approved by all councillors**

**b) Account statements**

i) Current account £11,449.93

ii) Windfarm account £14,860.12.

Councillors were reminded that there are still several payments pending from these accounts and payments will be made as soon as we have access to the accounts.

**c) Payments**

Invoice from RH design for work on website - £100. Creditor informed re payment delay and added to the pending list.

**d) Receipts** None received.

**5. Reports**

Cllr Pugh attended the OVW Policy Meeting on the 7th March 2025, and also attended the Executive Board Meeting on the 14th March 2025. Both meetings were virtual.

Minutes of the meetings will follow in due course.

A questionnaire received from One Voice Wales was completed and returned.

**6. Any Other Business**

I) Council elections are due to take place on Thursday 24th April 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr George that TCC postpone their April meeting until after the election date.

New date 29th April 2025.

The County Councillors present highly commended Cllr Beryl and Cllr Derrick for completing all the work that needed to be done to run the Council. (This is an unpaid role)

**7. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

**• Next Meeting:** 29th April 2025 at 7pm Trefeglwys Memorial Hall.

Chair closed the meeting. Members of the public including Cllr Gary Mitchell left. Council went into closed session to discuss candidate applications for post of Council Clerk

There were 4 (four) candidates for the position

Georgina Grant from Newtown

John Ferguson from Trefeglwys

Sarah Reast from Llanbyrmair

Janice Stratford-Davie from Trefeglwys

Applicants were discussed and shortlisted to 2 (two)candidates

Janice Stratford -Davies and Sarah Reast.

arrangements were made to interview both candidates on Monday 31st March 2025 at 7pm Trefeglwys Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.