**Trefeglwys Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, 28th January 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

**Commencement:** 19:01

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

Trefeglwys Community Council Councillors: Derrick Pugh, Beryl Crone

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

Approximately 16 members of the public present.

**1. Apologies**

• **Apologies:** TCC Cllr Marion Brench

**2. Declarations of Interest**

**• Declarations of Interest:** None declared

**3. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

**• Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

• Amendments:

• Point 3: to include “on behalf of committee” to minute re: flowers payment.

• Point 4G: £800 payable to Llawryglyn Village Association approved.

Following amendments made, minutes adopted as a true record of the meeting held on 17th December 2024.

**4. Matters Arising**

Prior to be meeting commencing discussion of business. Chair informed the Committee and members of the public that Planning applications would not be discussed as there was not a quorum.

PCC Cllrs Elwyn Vaughan and Karl Lewis are members of the Powys CC Planning Committee therefore have conflict of interest and as only 3 other Cllr’s present, to discuss planning applications 4 Cllr’s are required.

**• Precept:** Acknowledgment received from PCC Finance Department of £5500.00 for 2025.

**• Advertisement and Replacement Clerk:** Replacement clerk to be discussed at the next meeting.

**• Website:** Website issues rectified; 10 hours of training and invoice received.

Amendments and updates to be billed at £20/hr.

**• Emails and Access:** Removal of previous members' names agreed and to be advanced at earliest opportunity.

**• Bank Account:** Resolution passed for Unity Banking with 2 signatures required.

Balance as of 2/12/2024: £9753.93; Windfarm Account: £14860.12.

**• Payment of Grants:** Payments to Village Halls, Community Association, and Eisteddfod explained as per previous meeting minutes. Audit Wales bill covered.

**• Road Gritting:** Issues with grit supply discussed; further questions to be forwarded to PCC Highways dept.

**• Potholes and Road Surface**: Issues on B4569 reported; requests were to be made via PCC website.

**5. Financial Details**

**• Previous Clerk's Salary and Expenses:** Outstanding wages and expenses authorized: £147.50 for 10 hours at £13.75/hr. Itemised breakdown of work to be requested and provided.

**6. Correspondence**

**• National Highways Old Network Wales:** Noted.

**• Planning Applications:** Ref: 24/1852/VAR available on PCC Website. – *Following the meeting Clerk was informed that the New Planning Application Notification 24/1844/FUL, the LPA had a deadline of the 14th February to issue determination, therefore no comment will be forwarded from TCC.*

**• Notice of Casual Vacancy:** Public notice required; election process explained.

**7. Planning**

**• Planning Applications:** As noted earlier unable to discuss as Committee did not have a quorum.

**8. Any Other Business**

**• Windfarm Funds:** Discussion on good practice for windfarm funds to be a separate

entity.

**• Air Ambulance Removal:** Final hearing on 7th February.

**• Stroke Unit in Bronglais:** Concerns raised about the impact on Dyfi Valley and

Trefeglwys.

**9. Action Items**

**• Website Updates:** Richard Higgs to update the Trefeglwys Community Council

website.

**• Bank Signatories:** Future signatories to include TCC Cllr Beryl Crone and TCC Cllr

Marian Brench.

**• Audit Wales Report:** To be sourced from Audit Wales and published.

**• Windfarm Documentation:** Chair and PCC Clerk to investigate the current agreement or contract held in PCC archives.

**• Eisteddfod Grant:** TCC Cllr Beryl Crone to advise the Eisteddfod group of approval.

**• Village Hall Grants:** TCC Cllr Derrick Pugh to advise the Village Hall group of

approval.

**• Bus Route Consultation:** Updates to be sought from PCC Transport Services

department.

**• Notice of Casual Vacancy:**

➢ Public notice to be posted and election process to be followed if required Notification notice boards

➢ 4 vacancies in Staylittle / Llawr y Glyn and 3 Trefeglwys.

➢ If 10 constituents – auto election

➢ Committee informed that if an election called there was a cost implication to be met by the Committee.

➢ Co-option is always an option.

**10. Reports**

One Voice Wales

Cllr. Derrick Pugh attended the One Voice Wales Area Meeting on the 27thJanuary via Zoom.

Cllr. James Gibson-Watt, Leader of Powys County Council who was due to address the Council at the start of the meeting had given his apologies due to illness.

Various topics were discussed from the agenda which included the Wales Air Ambulance Service.

Cllr. Pugh stated that there had been a court case in Cardiff last Wednesday 22nd and Thursday, 23rd January where an appeal had been lodged.  The Chair also gave an update on this.

Reports from the NEC Meeting on the 13th December 2024 which had already been emailed to members was discussed.

One topic was Audit Wales.  Alun Harries, Development Officer advised the meeting of how Audit Wales were getting more involved with Town & Community Councils, and they were very robust in their dealings of Councils’ accounts.

If they requested information, and clarification on anything, it was the duty of the Council to comply as soon as possible, otherwise Audit Wales would take longer to deal with the accounts, and this could incur substantial costs to the Council.

OVW Annual Awards Conference to be held on 30th April 2025.

OVW Annual General Meeting to be held 11th March 2025.  This will be an online meeting.

Date of next meeting – 7.30 p.m. 8th April 2025 hosted by Llangyniew CC.

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

**• Next Meeting:** 25th February 2025 at 7:00 PM.

**Meeting Closure:** 20:04