

CYNGOR CYMUNED – TREUDDYN – COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 10 October, 2012 at the Meeting Room, Village Hall, Queen St. Treuddyn 7pm

1. **CHAIRMAN** : Cllr. Mrs G. Short

2. **PRESENT** : Cllrs. Mrs J. Smith, I. Roberts, S. Ransley, R. Cracknell, Mrs P. Bidwell, Mrs C. Thomas & C. Swan

3. **APOLOGIES** : Cllrs. B. Jones & D. Roberts

4. PUBLIC SESSION 6.50 pm to 7.00pm

Three members of the public present of which two have shown an interest in the vacancy for Community Councillor.

5. CBM PC GARY ALDOUS & PCSO LISA HUGHES

The Chair welcomed our CBM and our new PCSO to the meeting. PC Mr Aldous is off duty today but has very kindly come along to the meeting to talk to the council and also introduce PCSO Lisa Hughes. PC Aldous is a uniformed bobby and looks after 22 villages. There have been huge changes in North Wales Police. There are 108 new PCSOs of which PC Aldous has three PCSOs working with him. PC Aldous is an operational officer and picks up on crimes, drug warrants and cannabis farms in South Flintshire.

The Chair stated she had reported an incident via 101 and the process worked very quickly, PCSO Lisa Hughes picked up the incident report and responded.

A motorbike had been reported stolen in the last month.

Members also raised on going concern of speeding traffic in the village, especially with the new development now well underway which will add to the volume of traffic using Ffordd-y-Rhos. PC Aldous stated speeding traffic is a concern in all areas and it is finding the time to deal with such issues. No other questions were put forward.

The Chair and members thanked them both for attending.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 12th September, 2012

The Minutes were adopted as a true and correct record

Proposed : Cllr. Mrs J. Smith

Seconded: Cllr. Mr S. Ransley

6a. Matters raised from the Minutes

- Treuddyn Cemetery – Cllr. Mr I. Roberts commented on the unsafe gravestones and stated up until 2002 there was no law stating how gravestones could be fixed down, people installing them had no guidelines to follow and used any materials they liked, which unfortunately has led to Head Stones now having to be made safe and secure at extra expense to the families concerned.

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST :

No declarations received.

8. SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Mr Steve Ransley was invited to sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'

9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Council Tax Base Setting and the impact of Welfare Reform. Welfare measures which are being introduced incrementally across the UK. These reforms signify major change. Their aim is to reduce welfare spending and to create incentives to get more people into work. One of the most significant changes that the Council and its residents will need to address is the abolition of the current Council Tax benefit system and the introduction of a localised Council Tax support scheme from 1st April 2013. The Government has decided that all local authorities, including Flintshire will be responsible for developing localised schemes. The Council is estimating that from April 2013, everyone who has not needed to pay Council Tax at all or who currently pay at a reduced rate will need to pay a higher contribution in the region of 20%.

The Council Tax Band 'D' Base for 2012 -13 is 716.78 but for 2013-14, taking into account a higher allowance for bad debts, and the normal movements with the Tax Base, the Base is likely to be in the region of 705.93 – a decrease of – 1.51%, or loss of 10.85 band D equivalent properties.

Treuddyn Community Council will be informed again in November to confirm the final calculations of our Tax Base.

2. Preparations for the Coming Winter – In readiness for the coming winter Flintshire C.C will continue to offer the following services. a) Information of local weather forecast and gritting actions

- b) FCC owned salt bins are soon to be filled and the operation will be repeated (if required) during January 2013. c) Any additional salt bins required can be obtained from FCC at a cost to the Community Council.
3. Flintshire C.C Street Lighting Department : Following an increase in reports relating to community council lighting units, information is requested relating to the lighting units owned by community and town councils. Residents will contact the Council to report street lighting faults and they often assume that the lighting units are owned and maintained by the local authority. FCC are the street lighting contractors for TCC, the clerk will ensure FCC has the updated inventory of street lights. Also attached an application form for Festive and Decorative Illuminations 2012.
4. Kate Inskip – Neighbourhood Warden – It was agreed by members to invite a representative of Neighbourhood Wardens to a TCC meeting to give a clearer insight of the services they offer. The clerk will also ask if they are able to police traffic at the Remembrance Service.
5. The Gambling Act 2005 – Three year Licensing Policy – Consultation. The existing policy can be viewed at www.flintshire.gov.uk (enter gambling policy into the search box) If you have any observations, please make them in writing to the Interim Public Protection Manager by Friday 19th October, 2012.
6. Treuddyn Post Office – Due to work on the premises not being completed, the new service will now open on 23rd October, 2012.
7. Urdd Gobaith Cymru
8. FCC Chair's Charity Casino Evening Friday 9th November, 2012.

10. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Cllr. Mrs Bidwell informed members, poppies can be sold from the 27th October, 2012. If anyone is interested in selling poppies to meet at the village hall on the Saturday morning. The clerk will also speak with a young lady who may be available to play the bugle at the Remembrance Service.. Cllr. Mrs Short stated that the two local primary schools will be invited to take part. The service will start at 10am. Members thanked Cllr. Mrs Bidwell for ordering the Remembrance wreaths and organising the selling of the poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

11. MEETINGS ATTENDED AND FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- NHS – Cllr. Mrs Thomas attended a Mold Transport, Leisure, Travel Hub meeting with reference to the proposed changes at Mold Hospital. Friends of Mold hospital have offered to pay for a X –ray machine. Originally the proposals were for Flint, Deeside and Mold to be the designated Hub Hospitals for minor injuries.
- 'Bro Brwynog' – New housing development. Members agreed for Flintshire C.C to adopt the open space and the commuted sum of £20,000 to go to Streetscene to attend to the area.
- Wild Life Corridor – Flintshire C.C will not be looking after the corridor. Lovells/Pennaf Development have no funds to commute to TCC but have agreed to maintain the corridor, the responsibility carries on with the developer long term.
- Cllr. Mrs Thomas stated Streetscene will provide regular updates to herself and the clerk, at present there are no reports received.

12. PLANNING

KYT/049924 – Amended Description, Plans and Additional Information

Proposal: Construction of 60 x 20m outdoor ménage, access driveway to existing stable block with alterations to existing access for private use (Part Retrospective)

Location: Twmpath, Ffordd Top y Rhos, Treuddyn

For: Mr M. Mullis **NO OBJECTION**

KCS/050131 Proposal: Extension to living accommodation

Location: 26 Well Street, Treuddyn

For: Mr D. Elsan **NO OBJECTION**

13. STREET LIGHTING

- No reports received.
- Cllr. Mr Swan has very kindly offered to erect the Christmas Tree outside the School Campus.

14 WEBSITE

The details of Treuddyn's CBM and PCSO will be added to the site. There are three circular walks on the website at the moment and all paths are passable. Cllr. Mrs Short also informed members we now have access to crime statistics in our area.

15. QUEEN STREET PLAY AREA & BIKE TRACK

- o Drinking Fountain – The deep digging for the installation of the pipework has been completed and is now ready for installation.
- o Titan Swing – Two seats have been removed by FCC for repair.
- o Mountain Ash Trees – One tree is dying and FCC have agreed to replace it, they have also agreed to put collars around the base of each tree to protect them from damage from strimming.

16. BILLS FOR PAYMENT : It was agreed to pay the following:-

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| 1. UHY Hacker Young External Audit | £660.00 |
| 2. Scottish Power | £186.85 |
| 3. Flintshire C.C re: Election Charges 3 rd May, 2012 | £179.31 |
| 4. Cancer Research UK | £10.00 |
| 5. C.J Thomas – Clerk’s salary Sept | £266.88 |
| 6. C.J Thomas – Clerk’s expenses Sept | £56.35 |

17. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

1. Cllr. Mr C. Swan reported the new bus shelter on Ffordd y Llan is well used. With reference to the proposal of a bus shelter at the Farmers Arms, no information has been received from FCC regarding the ownership of the land. The clerk will follow the matter up.
2. Blocked ditch on private land, Queen St. Cllr. Mrs Thomas is aware of the matter.
3. To request a new sign for Rhydtalog.
4. The clerk will instruct Mr Graham Hall to carry out overall maintenance on all the village notice boards, a new handle is required on the notice board on Queen St.
5. Streetscene – a) To request the ditches along Ffordd y Odyn are inspected and cleaned out. B) Terrig Bridge – Pointing of the bridge needs doing before the winter sets in. C) Queen St. car park, the disabled parking bays have still not been re-painted to the top of the car park.
6. The concern of boy-racers around the village has been reported to PCSO Lisa Hughes.
7. Traffic Calming & Speeding will be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

Chairman

14.11.2012

