

**CYNGOR CYMUNED – TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 for 7.00pm**

1. **CHAIRMAN:** Cllr.R.Cracknell

2. **PRESENT:** Cllrs. J. Smith, C. Swan, A. Marshall, B. Jones, C. Hughes, C.A. Thomas & G. Short

3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. A. Thomas

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared

5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The minutes were adopted as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. G. Short                      Seconded: Cllr. J. Smith

5a. Matters raised from the minutes and from previous Informal Meetings held

***Item 5: Improving School Safety***

FCC has been successful in obtaining some funding from the WG (Welsh Government) for the double yellow lines. Due to Covid 19 schemes are running behind schedule.

With reference to the Safety Improvements Scheme the Clerk to make enquiries to the Schools if the proposals have been discussed with Mr Anthony Stamford.

The Clerk to write to Mr Anthony Stamford for any update on the proposed scheme.

***Informal TCC July Meeting***

Acknowledgement of an email received by County Councillor C. Thomas with reference to a vermin issue in Coed-Talon. Cllr. Mrs Thomas has raised the issue with public protection. The owner of the old school building will also be contacted by a third party to be made aware of the issue.

Broadband & 4G – Treuddyn and surrounding area.

Cllr. Allan Marshall gave an update to members in the September meeting. Information has been posted on ‘Treuddyn Community’ Facebook site, residents can contact Cllr. Marshall to discuss this matter. It was stated the supply of Broadband and 4G is limited to Sky and BT.

Cllr. Barry Jones agreed to help with a Vodaphone site

***Agenda*** – Broadband & 4G for the October meeting.

6. **ACCOUNTS – YEAR END 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020**

Sign off Annual Return and Internal Audit

The Internal Audit report was read to members and follow up recommendations for 2019/20 was also discussed.

**PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019-20**

The Clerk presented the Annual Income and Expenditure accounts of the Council for the end of financial year 01.04.19 to 31.03.2020.

Local Council in Wales – Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2020

Section 1 Accounting Statements – Prepared by the RFO

Section 2 Annual Governance Statement (Part 1) The following questions were put to members and answered accordingly:-

1. Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law. ***Agreed – Yes***

2. Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its Charge. ***Agreed – Yes***

3. Has only done things that it has the power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so. ***Agreed – Yes***

4. Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and to ask questions about the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit. **Agreed – Yes**
5. Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly. **Agreed – Yes**
6. Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body. **Agreed – Yes**
7. Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant. **Agreed – Yes**
8. Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors. **Agreed – Yes**
9. Trust funds N/A

***Governance Statement (Part 2)***

1. We have prepared and approved minutes for all meetings held by the Council (Including its committees) that accurately record the business transacted and the decisions made by the Council or committee. **Agreed - Yes**
2. We have ensured that the Council's minutes (including those of its committees) are available for public inspection and have been published electronically. **Agreed – Yes**

The Council approval and certification was signed by the RFO (Clerk) and the Chair Cllr. Dr. R. Cracknell.

***Virtual Council Meetings***

Due to the present Covid 19 situation and following WG guidance Community Council's are unable to hold face to face meetings at the present time.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Smith to set up a Zoom TCC account   Seconded: Cllr. B. Jones

All in favour – Motion carried.

**7. UPDATE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 'SUNSPOT JUNCTION' AND THE HIGHWAY INFRONT OF THE 'OLD FARMERS'**

Improvement to the 'Sunspot Junction'. A fantastic job has been done to improve the safety and visibility at this Junction, most people are happy with the work. The VAS sign (vehicle activation sign) has been delayed and will be in place in the coming week, a Street Light has also been installed.

FCC Highway Officers came out to check the Junction and it was agreed to remove the hedge altogether to give better visibility, greenery has also been cut back leaving the area more open.

Cllr. B. Jones commented the kerbing could be made more visible but would be better when the VAS is installed; Cllr. Jones also put a proposition forward not to allow a right turn off the Corwen Road (A5104) at this Junction.

It was also discussed the possibility of 'Go Safe' showing more of a presence along this stretch of the A5104. Cllr. Thomas suggested speed strips could be put down – if speeding is high FCC will apply to the WG for funding for a speed camera.

***The Chair proposed to re-agenda for the October meeting for further discussion.***

***Highway in front of the 'Old farmers Arms'***

Members are pleased with the work, it was commented that parking spaces should be available.

To re-agenda for the October meeting for further discussion.

**8. TCC VILLAGE PROJECTS - UPDATES**

***Link Path*** – Brian Davies Ltd has confirmed he will be doing the footpath and apologised for the long delay in starting the job.

***Cemetery*** – Cllr. C. Hughes gave an update to members:-

The hedge is to be topped only. There is a lot of work required to clear out the planters, the entrance and inside the Cemetery also requires weeding.

It was suggested a working party meet up to tidy the Cemetery – It was agreed Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September for 2pm for those who are available.

**Cenotaph** – Cllr. C. Swan has sprayed the weeds. Carol Metcalf has kindly kept the flower boxes watered. The stones that have been decorated by the local children over the Covid 19 lockdown period will be moved into the Cenotaph by Cllr. C. Hughes.

## **9. PLANNING**

Ref: 061522: Proposed alterations to previously approved and implemented design of dwelling under application 029656 with the inclusion of a detached garage.

Location: Homeward Farm, Llanfynydd Road, Treuddyn. ***No Objection***

Erection of dwelling at Bedlwyn Farm, Treuddyn.

***To enquire the status of planning.***

## **10. VAS (Vehicle Activation Sign Coed-Talon (For Discussion)**

A few residents from the village have suggested a VAS sign as you come into the 30mph speed limit down the hill from Treuddyn.

It has been noted that vehicles are speeding down the hill from Treuddyn and only slowing down for the speed camera in Pontybodkin.

Speed strips would need to go down to merit speeding for a VAS sign. TCC will discuss further once the survey has been done.

## **11. BIN SITED IN LAYBY ON THE A5104 TOWARDS RHYDTALOG (For Discussion)**

An e-mail received from a resident, disappointed that the bin has been removed.

Cllr. Thomas informed members the bin was being used for fly tipping and the amount of rubbish left around the bin was an eyesore it was not a nice place for vehicles to pull in.

It is the decision of FCC to remove all waste bins from all 'A' Roads.

FCC Highways to fill the potholes.

## **12. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

None received.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

To acknowledge and note correspondence received.

1. Police update – Treuddyn. - PCSO 3977 Ryan Thomas is our new PCSO

No incidents to report.

2. Mr M. Thornton e-mail received – Re: Planting around the new bus shelter on Ffordd y Rhos and grass cutting. Mr Fisher will be asked to cut the grass near the bus shelter commencing 2021. The shrubs have not been planted at each side of the bus shelter the Clerk to update the Council in the October meeting.

3. Report - Dragon Sport Summer Holiday Camp 2020 – The holiday camp was delivered for four weeks at Queen Street play area. The format of two afternoons per week seems to suit the community and participants. During the four-week period attendance records had been collected for each session.

- 35 attendances at the 8 sessions during the four weeks (29<sup>th</sup> July till the 21<sup>st</sup> August)
- The average attendance at each session was 4, over a 4 week period (max 15)
- 12 different sports/activities were delivered during the four weeks

Due to the pandemic the Holiday Camp had to operate a little different this year, parents had to book prior to attending and numbers had to be restricted due to social distancing. Parents were booking on but not turning up to sessions. Unfortunately the weather was not kind this year, with several sessions being interrupted by rain, which is reflected on the amount of children attending.

#### **14. PLAY AREAS – QUEEN STREET TREUDDYN & COED-TALON**

a) BMX Track – Treuddyn Play Area. An Inspection of the track was carried out in February 2020.

The Inspection report was sent at to all Councillor’s showing the work that is required. The Clerk will follow up with Mr Richard Roberts if any costing’s have come back from contractors for TCC to consider.

b) To discuss cutting back of trees in the Toddler play area (Treuddyn) and quotation received.

The Clerk had a site meeting with Mr C. Shone – ‘Just Trees and Hedges’. The conifer tree branches that have pushed through from a resident’s property have grown very large covering an area of the toddler play area. The quote received of £650.00 involves the cutting back of potentially hazardous branches in enclosed children’s play area to rear of Treuddyn Village Hall, clearing site of debris and leaving site in a safe and tidy manner. All works is fully insured.

Cllr. J. Smith proposed for the work to go ahead.

Seconded: Cllr. C. Swan

All in favour – Motion carried.

#### **15. VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS**

The Clerk reported the notice board in Rhydtalog has been taken down and removed for repair, the legs had rotted and will be replaced.

Coed-Talon notice board – one of the doors has fallen off.

It was agreed by members for the Clerk to look at quotes for different options of notice boards and a quote to include the information panel.

#### **16. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

To review the current social distancing and consider whether TCC will be able to hold a Remembrance Service. Church services have only started a few weeks ago and a minimal service is held, the Remembrance Service would not go ahead in the Church.

It was agreed it might probably be a Cenotaph service.

Cllr. B. Jones to contact the Brass Band if a single bugle player would be available.

The Clerk to order the Remembrance Wreaths (to include 1 for Treuddyn Young Farmers).

The service sheet could be put onto Treuddyn Face book page. Cllr. C. Hughes to ask Mr Paul Dendy if he would be happy to take the service.

Regarding the Risk Assessment – this would depend on numbers for social gatherings.

***Due to information changing on a daily basis and following WG guidelines it has not been confirmed that a Remembrance Service will go ahead this will be discussed further and confirmed at the October meeting***

To re-agenda for the October meeting

#### **17. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

##### ***Cheque Number***

1624	Scottish Power	£198.25
1625	Owl Accountancy Services Ltd (Payroll)	£143.00
1626	M. Fisher – Grass cutting - Invoice March	£34.75
1627	M. Fisher – Grass cutting – Invoice April	£164.50
1628	Cancelled	
1629	C. J Thomas – Clerk’s salary April & May	£693.52
1630	HMRC April payment – Tax	£82.20
1631	Scottish Power	£191.26
1632	FCC – Street Light repair	£64.51
1633	Came & Company – Council Insurance	£1285.21
1634	TCA – Hire of room Oct 2019 to March 2020	£150.00
1635	M. Fisher – Grass cutting – Invoice May	£270.48
1636	Scottish Power	£197.70
1637	P. Jones – Paint for Bus Shelters	£90.75
1638	C.J Thomas – Clerk’s salary June	£346.66

1639	Scottish Power	£191.26
1640	J.D.H Services – Internal Audit 2019/20	£180.00
1641	P. Jones – Painting of Bus Shelters	£200.00
1642	C.J Thomas Clerk’s salary July	£346.86
1643	M. Fisher – Grass cutting – Invoice June	£256.08
1644	Scottish Power	£197.70
1645	C.J Thomas Clerk’s salary August	£346.66
1646	M. Fisher – Grass cutting – Invoice July	£291.08
1647	Printcentre Wales – September Newsletter full colour	£1396.00
1648	Aura Leisure & Libraries re: Dragon Summer Holiday Camp	£500.00

## **18. STREET LIGHTING**

No faults reported

## **19. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR’S**

1. School parking – Since the closure of the gate Cllr. C. Swan commented that parking has got a lot worse on the highway. The Clerk to ask both Head teachers of the Schools for an update on the parking situation. Cllr. B. Jones also commented there should be zero tolerance of vehicles parking on pavements.
2. The Junction of Ffordd yr Odyn onto Ffordd y Rhos – the 40mph sign is in the hedge.
3. August 19<sup>th</sup> – verges should have been cut back on Mynydd Du – 3/4 weeks later nothing has been done.
4. The new fencing in the Cemetery to date has not been erected. Cllrs. C. Swan and C. Hughes have agreed to plant the young whips (hedging) in the Cemetery.
5. Cllr. A. Marshall spoke about ‘Jimmy’s Big Bee Rescue’ about the plight of bees and how everyone can help. Can be viewed on Channel 4 catch up. Cllr. C. Swan has 40,000 bees on his farm.
6. Before Lockdown Streetscene where to deal with the road on Ffordd y Felin – nothing has been done.









