

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Minutes - Meeting held Wednesday 11th March, 2020 at the Meeting Room, Village Hall, Queen St. Treuddyn for 7.00pm

1. VICE - CHAIRMAN : Cllr. R. Cracknell

2. PRESENT : Cllrs. B. Milne, A. Thomas, C. Hughes, B. Jones, G. Short, J. Smith, C. Swan,
I. Roberts & C. Thomas

3. APOLOGIES : All members present

4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

One member of the public present – Mr Allan Marshall

5. IMPROVING SCHOOL SAFETY – Attending: FCC Technical Safety Officer, The Head Teachers from Ysgol Terrig Mrs N. Connah & Ysgol Parc Y Llan Mr M. Ashford

The Chair welcomed Mr Anthony Stamford to the meeting and the Headteachers.

Mr Stamford stated that FCC bid for funding every year to the WG (Welsh Government), the next opportunity would now be 2021 which gives time to discuss and look at the Safety Improvements before a submission is put forward, the scheme presented to TCC would cost in the region of £100,000.00.

With reference to the present discussion we need to move on due to the proposal of closing the school car park gates, due to potential conflict between a pedestrian and car / to protect the child walking onto the school grounds.

Mr Stamford had drawn up a proposed scheme with waiting restrictions; members received a copy for discussion.

The scheme would need to go through the Matrix Scheme to score for funding.

From the plan Mr Stamford explained there would be basic Junction protection by applying double yellow lines, the main area of concern being the Junction opposite the schools.

It was also raised the safe parking of coaches when picking up from the schools which would be on the single yellow line, this will require further discussion.

The biggest risk for pupils are cars parked on the highway and pavement. The Queen Street car park could be used for parking in which would only be a five-minute walk to school; this would take a lot of vehicles off the highway.

It was discussed with Mr Stamford and both Headteachers the waiting restrictions and amendments to the scheme. The Scheme will need to be advertised as a 'Traffic Regulation Order' and has to go through the statutory consultation, every objection has to be taken on its merit, this is only an objection period.

A statement of reasons has to accompany the waiting restrictions – Why double yellow lines on this Junction? etc.

The Headteachers agreed to advertise parking on Queen Street car park to ease congestion in front of the school campus.

Mr Stamford stated the timescale would be approximately 6 weeks, the only problem is the work programme FCC has in front of them – there is a list of priorities to get schemes completed before the end of the financial year.

The preliminary safety scheme improvements could be discussed as late as September – October. The scheme has been given a Matrix score of 2 – which is a high score for WG funding.

The scheme would also require approval from our Local Member.

The Chair proposed that it is not necessary to make a decision this evening as there will be an opportunity to apply for funding next January/February 2021, for Mr Anthony Stamford and County Cllr. C. Thomas to work together and also consider a bus stand.

Seconded: Cllr C. Swan

Motion carried.

Cllr. B. Milne proposed the schools encourage parents to park on Queen Street car park.

Seconded: Cllr. C. Hughes.

Motion carried.

Cllr. C. Swan proposed an extraordinary meeting is called to discuss the 'Proposed Waiting Restrictions Scheme'. Mr Anthony Stamford will work on the proposals put forward this evening with County Cllr. C. Thomas and then call an extraordinary meeting.

All in favour.

6. PCSO REPORT

PCSO Peter Jones was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Incident Update (from 07/02/2020 to 11/03/2020)

Crime (Red = update from last month)

1 x Criminal Damage – Llys y Wern. Vehicle has been damaged (small dint) by a pellet gun that local youths have managed to get hold of. All lines of enquiry completed and no suspect has been identified.

However PCSO Peter Jones will be bearing the above in mind while out on patrol.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 2: Improving School Safety – Cllr. B. Milne (Serves as a Governor - Ysgol Terrig)

Agenda Item 12: Broad Band & 4G – Cllr. B. Jones

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 12th February 2020

Corrections:

Item 5 – paragraph 2 - take out: 'the Chair stated'

Item 5 – paragraph 5 - add in: a blue badge 'for the child'

With corrections amended the Minutes were adopted as a true and correct record

Proposed : Cllr. G. Short Seconded: Cllr. C. Swan

8a. Matters arising from the Minutes.

No matters arising.

9. TCC VACANCY – To be filled by Co-Option

Mr A. Marshall had wrote to TCC in December 2019 expressing an interest with reference to the vacancy in office of Community Councillor. The letter had been acknowledged by TCC in which the Chair had read to members. TCC has gone through the process of advertising the vacancy in which no request for an election was called. Mr Marshall was invited to speak by the Chair, in which Mr Marshall gave a brief introduction about himself.

Mr Marshall left the room while members considered his application.

The Chair asked for a vote by show of hands.

Motion carried - all in favour to invite Mr A. Marshall onto TCC.

Mr Marshall was invited to sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and was welcomed onto the Council.

Presentation to Cllr. B. Milne

On behalf of TCC the Chair Cllr. R. Cracknell thanked Cllr. Barbara Milne for her time served on the Council, her dedication and involvement working with members of TCC, and will be very much missed by all.

Presentations of flowers were presented to Cllr. Barbara Milne.

10. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

No reply to date had been received from the Revd. Poolman with reference to the request for the British Legion flag to be displayed at the back of the Church.

It was agreed for the Clerk to approach the Legion to ask permission for the Treuddyn British Legion flag to be handed over to TCC on the basis that it will be displayed in St. Mary's Church, Treuddyn on the grounds that permission is granted from the Reverend Poolman.

11. TCC VILLAGE PROJECTS – updates

1. Link Path – Work to date has not started. (to avoid the date 17 May 2020)

Leaning fence onto pathway.- permission would be required from the resident to repair the fence.

The Clerk will visit the resident.

2. Cemetery – No report

3. Cenotaph – To look at having the lettering repainted.

With reference to the Memorial seat the Clerk to write to the Faculty of St. Mary's Church, Treuddyn if they want the seat or not.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Thomas Seconded: Cllr. B. Jones

All in favour.

4. New Bus Shelter – Ffordd y Rhos. Planting of evergreen shrubs.

The Clerk has spoken to Mr Fisher and confirmed the shrubs required. Planting has been held up due to the wet weather.

Keep Wales Tidy: are offering town and community councils in Wales the opportunity to get involved in local places for nature. (e-mail circulated to members)

There are three set packages to choose from which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Members agreed to apply for the 'Wildlife Garden'.

Cllrs: R. Cracknell, G. Short and the Clerk to meet up to put the application together.

12. PLANNING

ADW/060831 Proposal: Agricultural Silage Clamp

Location: Carreg y Llech Farm. Ffordd Carreg y Llech, Treuddyn

TCC has No Objection – the comments to put forward to the planning officer :- The existing silage clamp remains as a silage clamp and is not converted for livestock housing.

ADW/060832 Proposal: Agricultural portal frame building to cover existing silage clamp.

Location: Carreg y Llech Farm, Ffordd Carreg y Llech, Treuddyn.

With reference to some residents concerned about their view – this does not stand for an objection.

TCC would like the following condition considered by the planning officer:- The building is dark green in colour to blend in with surroundings.

13. BROAD BAND & 4G

The lack of broad band and 4G connection in rural areas has been an ongoing discussion for a couple of years at TCC meetings, we are no further forward on this issue. Interest was shown from a company to erect a mast in a suitable area of Treuddyn, land had been put forward for the company to visit the sites but nothing came of this.

Cllr. B. Jones stated Mynydd Du is a black spot where broadband and 4G are virtually non-existent.

No 10 had made a pledge to provide "gigabit" speed broadband, in which 95% of households would have access – it seems rural areas fall off the edge.

The Char occasionally gets 4G. For people to work rurally you do need reliable broadband/4G/5G to work from home.

What can we do about it?

Parts of Treuddyn have no mobile or broadband coverage – some areas are ok

It was agreed the Clerk write to Mr Jack Sargeant AM if he could assist.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Treuddyn. A request for a grant towards the cost of the school's hall and adjoining youth hall during the Eisteddfod on Saturday, November 16th 2019. Original receipts enclosed.

Cllr. I. Roberts proposed a grant of 50% of the total invoices

Seconded: Cllr. C. Swan

Motion carried.

TCC were also informed that the instrumental scholarship solo attracted competitors of a high standard at the 2019 Eisteddfod. The adjudicators, who are of National Eisteddfod level, awarded the prize between a flautist and a pianist.

Treuddyn Eisteddfod Committee appreciates the financial support of TCC, and acknowledges this in the programme on Eisteddfod day.

15. PLAY AREAS

Queen Street play area – Toddler area – Hedging requires cutting back.

To thank Mr Richard Roberts (Aura Leisure Services) for the installation of the soft play matting and cable ties over the swings to stop bird mess dropping onto the seats.

16. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number

1605	Payable to Mr & Mrs B. Davies (returned & cancelled)	£20.00
1616	Reissue of cheque to Mr B. Davies	£20.00
1617	Lloyd Bank Commercial Finance Ltd Re: Printcentre Wales TCC Newsletter Feb/March 2020	£879.00
1618	Scottish Power Plc	£185.47
1619	C.J Thomas Clerk's salary February & March	£693.52
1620	C.J Thomas Office expenses Jan/Feb/March	£82.76
1621	HMRC Tax/NI February payment	£82.40
1622	HMRC Tax/NI march payment	£82.20
1623	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol s137 Grant 50% towards hiring of School Hall	£97.50

17. STREET LIGHTING

No faults reported.

For TCC to consider the possibility of a new Street Light being erected outside No. 35 Bro Brwynog

18. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1. It was reported that Treuddyn Youth Club had been vandalised – The Clerk to contact PCSO Peter Jones for any information.

2. Hedge on Ffordd y Llan (Llys Degwm) near the junction of Queen Street – requires cutting back.

3. Fly tipping on the Junction of Ffordd y Felin and Ffordd Sarn.

