

CYNGOR CYMUNED – TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held Wednesday 9th December, 2020 for 7.00pm

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**: A. Thomas

The Chair welcomed Carol Metcalf to the meeting as a guest (Carol Metcalf has expressed an interest in joining Treuddyn Community Council)

4. **TCC NEW STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 2020 to 2023**

The Chair welcomed Mr Jamie Bennett FCC Street Lighting Operations Manager to discuss the contract and answer questions members wish to raise in the agreement.

Mr Jamie Bennett introduced himself to members and explained the reason why a new street lighting contract has been put in place. It was apparent that Town and Community Councils have been on different rates of costs for repairs and faults to Street Lighting. The services that FCC are providing has been reviewed and the costs of services to maintain the street lighting and infrastructure assets will be a fair system and all Town and Community Councils will be paying the same.

It was also brought to TCC attention the 35w sox lamps that are currently used will become obsolete. FCC at present is purchasing the 35w sox lamps from Ireland but is becoming very difficult.

It is advised that the Community Council should review the process of replacing 35w sox lamps due to the manufacturing companies ceasing production in 2020.

Mr Jamie Bennett stated he has seen a large increase in the cost of purchasing these lamps and it is anticipated that as supply of these lamps reduces the cost will increase.

It is recommended to install LED lanterns, which will save energy and also maintenance costs.

TCC have approximately 62 Street Lights – Mr James Jones is preparing a full inventory update of TCC street lights.

Adoption of TCC Street Lights: The standard fee being £750 for FCC to adopt a street light – this does not include the Led light. Majority of TCC lights are on telegraph poles – Mr Bennett stated that FCC could still adopt as long as they are upgraded to the specification before adoption.

Conversion to LED – Non-Adoptable costs.

FCC uses a company called Vision – warranties are given for both parts: the Led and Driver.

To convert from 35w sox to Led would cost £195.25 per unit this would be the cheaper option.

With reference to the energy consumption Mr Darrell Jones deals with this.

The questions was asked with regard to what savings will be on Led from 35w sox and if data is available from FCC on the running costs – FCC have changed majority of their street lights to Led.

A bulk change of all the lights – would possibly give an expectancy range of between 3 to 6 years.

The Chair put forward it would be cheaper to replace the lights as and when. The Clerk stated that over a twelve-month period we replace approximately six street light lanterns.

Mr Bennett also stated that when a 35w sox lantern is changed to Led they will electricity test each unit saving £16 per column – this would also be recorded on the lighting infantry.

Members agreed the lights to be replaced on a one by one basis as they fail.
It was agreed the Clerk to sign the agreement.
The Chair and members thanked Mr Jamie Bennett for joining the virtual meeting.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations received.

6. PCSO REPORT

No report received. An invitation had been sent to PCSO Ryan Thomas to join the December virtual meeting.
The clerk received an automatic email that the PCSO was on leave.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING - 11th November 2020

The minutes were adopted as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. B. Jones Seconded: Cllr. G. Short

Item 10. To omit the names of the contractors.

7a. Matters raised from the minutes.

1. Notice Boards – The local joinery firm to re-arrange a date for the site meeting.
2. Parking on the highway in front of ‘The Farmers’. There has been no change to the parking matter.
It was agreed for the clerk to speak to Mr Steve Jones FCC and invite to a meeting.

8. REVIEW OF TCC FINANCES

The Clerk presented a review of TCC finances and expenditure to the financial year-end. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic projects had been delayed.

- a) The Link path has been completed. Invoice presented December meeting. Photographs sent to members.
- b) BMX track has been resurfaced, brick work re-pointed and Improvement to drainage. Invoice presented December meeting. Photographs sent to members.
- c) Cemetery – Hedge planting and flower boxes – work has started.
- d) Junction Improvement work to the Sunspot Junction – completed. Payment due on receipt of Invoice.
- e) Re-surfacing work in front of the ‘Farmers’ – completed. Payment due on receipt of Invoice.

Expenditure to the year-end was discussed. There will be projects not completed and to be carried over into the new financial year.

The approximate balance to the 31.03.2020 = £45,009.65

The figures will be re-presented for the January 2021 meeting and discussed further to set the precept for 2021/2022

It was also noted the defibrillator has been moved out of the village shop.

The Chair and members thanked the Clerk for the preparation and presentation of TCC finances.

9. DISCUSSION OF PARKING

Ffordd-y-Llan and surrounding roads during school drop off and pick up times.

The clerk had spoken with the two Head teachers of the schools and there are two vehicles belonging to staff that park on the highway.

It was agreed to wait until Easter and re-visit when the Covid-19 crisis is over.

One car has moved from near the old Llan shop.

It was put forward to look into the cost of Hatched road markings.

It was also noted, it is important that we have a meeting of the village to take everyone on board for their comments. The Head teachers will be invited to another TCC meeting to discuss the parking issues and the concern of the residents it is affecting.

The Chair is mindful of all comments put forward.

10. PARKING ISSUES ON MAES GLYNDWR AND ENTRANCE TO THE BULL RING.

An email received with concern to the amount of vehicles parking on pavements, which are causing an obstruction for people using the pavements.

It was also noted that vehicles parked near the entrance of the Bull Ring make it very dangerous for drivers coming out, as there is no clear view of oncoming cars.

An e-mail has been sent to our PCSO to visit the area.

County Cllr. C. Thomas commented there might be a possibility of creating a parking area on the Bull Ring centre, if the residents want this. This would need to be discussed further.

11. TCC VILLAGE PROJECTS – Updates

1. The link path has been completed.
2. Cemetery – Hedging has been put in – work on the flower boxes and filling in the hedge gaps will be completed 10th December.
3. Cenotaph – To follow up the cost of a new gate and the extra bolt required to secure the soldier.

12. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN

Matters raised with FCC Streetscene.

The Action Plan was discussed and updated.

1. Ffordd y Felin – Issues still need addressing on the hill. A very large crane went down the hill and took part of the bank away.
2. The gully emptier has been out – Wednesday 9th December.
3. Potholes have been cold filled on the A5104 from the Llanfynydd turning towards Pontybodkin.
4. A pothole on Ffordd-y-Llan near Cae Mynach requires infilling.
5. Ffordd-y-Odyn to Ffordd y Rhos Junction. The 40mph sign has been knocked over for a second time. If FCC could move the sign a couple of metres further up, as it is positioned in the narrowest part of the road.

13. PLANNING

ADW/062000

Proposal: Extensions to house for sun room, games room and garage to incorporate first floor home office.

Location: Tyn Twll, Nercwys, Mold, Flintshire.

No Objection – The application to be consistent with AONB restrictions

14. NOTIFICATIONS OF FCC PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

15. BENCH IN THE MEMORY OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR IDRIS ROBERTS

To discuss design and cost.

Flintshire County Council Street Scene has kindly agreed to install the bench.

The Clerk and Cllr. Carolyn Thomas will look into designs and costs.

16. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Which have been submitted to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

1. E-mail received in relation to the parking on Maes Glyndwr and the entrance to the Bullring. This has been discussed under Agenda Item No. 9. The Clerk has also acknowledged the residents email.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

To acknowledge and note correspondence received.

1. Countryside Services – Letter received from Mr Alistair Hemphill with reference to a damaged gate and gatepost on the Coed-Talon to Llanfynydd Bridleway. Mr Hemphill has checked prices with different suppliers and the cheapest for all materials including a gate is £450. Countryside Services will fit the gate. Llanfynydd Community Council have discussed the request and in principal have agreed to pay half the cost with TCC.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Swan for TCC to pay £225 towards the repair costs.
Seconded: Cllr. G. Short
Motion carried.

18. QUEEN STREET PLAY AREA

Update: Re: BMX Track

The track has had a new surface covering and the bricks have been repointed. The bench has been reset and the drainage improved.

With reference to the proposal of the Small Wheel Play a meeting will be arranged with Mr Richard Roberts to discuss the design and update members with reference to suppliers.

19. TCC CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION 2020

To confirm Judging date.

It was agreed for members drive around and submit their chosen top 4 to the Clerk by Sunday 20th December. The Chair and Clerk will compile the opinions of council members.

20. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number

1661	HMRC Tax June to October	£334.11
1662	Scottish Power Plc	£197.70
1663	C.J Thomas Clerk's salary November	£346.86
1664	HMRC Tax November	£82.20
1665	Mr M. Fisher Oct Invoice	£256.08
1666	Street Lighting Maintenance	£473.65
1667	Brian Davies Ltd – Link Path & BMX Track and Improvement to drainage	£11,496.00
1668	Scottish Power Plc	£191.26
1669	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£100.00

21. STREET LIGHTING

To report faults.

No faults reported.

22. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1.Village Christmas Trees – Cllr. C. Swan has kindly erected the tree at the School entrance and lights are on. The tree on Ffordd Top-y-Rhos. Mr S. Swan to switch on the lights.

2.The Chair and Clerk to discuss matters raised this evening prior to the next meeting.

3. A question was raised with reference to the sale of Llanfynydd School (sold by FCC) and if any of the proceeds could be spent towards the parking issues near the schools.

Cllr. C. Thomas commented the proceeds from the sale of the school go into a 'General Capital Pot'.

An application from TCC could be put together and submitted to FCC putting forward the aspirations for safer routes to school.

3.Broadband update:

"Cllr Allan Marshall reported that he had been compiling a list of addresses of properties that appear to be suffering from chronically poor broadband performance and is about to submit them as the Openreach Community Fibre Partnership Representative for Treuddyn.

The premises are to the south, west and north of the village that are beyond the relatively high (greater than 25Mb/s) within the central village area.

The list comprises more than 120 properties in Ffordd Talwrn CH7 4BA, Ffordd y Felin CH7 4BD, Ffordd Nercwys CH7 4BE and CH7 4BG, Ffordd yr Odyn CH7 4BJ, Ffordd Mynydd Du CH7 4BL, Ffordd y Rhos CH7 4BQ, Nercwys Hall CH7 4EB and CH7 4EW, Ffordd Corwen CH7 4LE, and Ffordd y Blaenau CH7 4NS.

Openreach will now process this application and report back to Cllr Marshall in due course.”

The Chair closed the meeting and wished everyone a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

