

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held Wednesday 10th February, 2021 for 7.00pm

1. CHAIRMAN : Cllr. Mr R. Cracknell

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

3. APOLOGIES : Cllr. G. Short

The Chair welcomed Carol Metcalf and Daniel Roberts to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC VIRTUAL SESSION 6.50pm to 7.00pm

(Members of the public to email/contact the Clerk for login details to join the Public Session two days prior to the meeting)

The public made no request

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Jones – Agenda Item 9 Monthly Action Plan – Matters raised with FCC Streetscene (Mynydd Du)
Agenda Item 13 – Correspondence – Footpath No. 26

6. PCSO RYAN THOMAS REPORT

Report Date: 20th January 2020

A positive warrant was conducted in the area of Treuddyn in which phones etc. have been seized.

7. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STREETSCENE

The Chair welcomed Mr Ian Bushell to the meeting who is kindly attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Ian Williams who was unable to attend this evening.

Mr Ian Bushell has taken over as Area Manager replacing Mr Mark Middleton.

Members shared outstanding issues in the village and surrounding area and also matters on the Streetscene update report in which comments were noted.

The engineered gullies and drainage on Mynydd Du near the bridge and property ‘Glan yr Afon’ could not take the heavy rainfall and was further exasperated by blocked gullies, water was flooding into the nearby property. A farmer kindly helped to clear debris off the road.

It was noted the area requires major action. Mr Ian Bushell and Cllr. C. Thomas had walked the area some time back.

Mr Ian Bushell to speak to Mr Ian Williams for an update on previous site visits.

The heavy rainfall in January caused major flooding problems in the County.

Intersection of Ffordd yr Odyn and Ffordd Mynydd Du. The Reflectors running along the edge of the ditch require looking at – A site visit to be arranged.

Cllr. B. Jones also raised the lack of visibility at the following Junctions meeting the A5104 and the amount of overgrown vegetation affecting the motorists view.

a) Ffordd-y-Llan

b) Ffordd-y-Gilrhos

c) Nercwys

To change a ‘Giveaway’ to a ‘Stop’ sign, FCC would need to apply to the Welsh Government, a ‘STOP’ at a Junction would need to meet a different criteria.

The Chair put to members they drive to each of the Junctions to conduct a review of visibility coming onto the A5104. Feedback will be discussed in the March meeting. Cllr. J. Smith also raised the amount of ditches in the village that are blocked in which caused serious flooding problems during the heavy rainfall, gullies in front of properties on Ffordd y Rhos where the water feeds into ditches were completely full.

Watercourses and ditches need to be kept clear – If you own land which is adjacent to a watercourse or land which has a watercourse running through or underneath it you are considered a “ riparian owner” by law, and have certain duties and responsibilities you are legally obliged to fulfil.

It was noted during the evening of the 20th January FCC staff worked extremely hard through the night to deal with roads flooding and vulnerable properties in flood risk areas.

The gully emptier came out to deal with blocked gullies and flooding on Ffordd y Rhos near the Junction of Ffordd y Gilrhos.

The Clerk to forward Mr Ian Bushell the updated TCC Streetscene report as discussed this evening.

The Chair and members thanked Mr Ian Bushell for attending this evening.

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 13th January 2021

The Minutes were adopted as a true and correct record

Proposed: Cllr. C. Swan Seconded: Cllr. B. Jones

8a. Matters arising from the Minutes

Defibrillator locations in Flintshire are shown on a map. At present the defibrillator has been moved out of the village shop and relocated to Swan’s Farm shop, the relocation has not been updated on the system. Members agreed the defibrillator is temporarily moved back to the shop. The new location (on the school wall) will be updated once it has been installed.

In an emergency dial 999 and you will be given the nearest location of a defibrillator, someone will talk you through the procedure.

It was agreed it would be beneficial to hold another training session and make people aware.

Item 13 – Bench in Memory of the late Councillor Idris Roberts – The bench has been ordered and is due for delivery in April.

Item 15 – Correspondence Footpath No. 26. The Clerk had spoken to Natalie Davies the FCC Officer leading the case. A couple of diversion options have been put to the owner of the land. The Welsh Assembly has stated that all organisations relating to Public Footpaths have to be consulted. It is noted that the ‘Ramblers Association’ may not agree to another extension for the temporary closure of the footpath, which expires the end of March 2021. The temporary closure is in place to protect the public following a landslip affecting the footpath, at present there is no alternative route for pedestrians; it is a health and safety problem and is not an easy resolve. The problem for the landowner is not going away.

The Clerk will look into local Rambler Organisations in the area if any information they hold can be shared with TCC.

Item 20 – Treuddyn Signs. The Clerk has contacted a firm to look into making new Logo stickers and provide costs.

9. TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Co-option to fill two Community Councillor vacancies.

TCC has previously gone through the process of advertising the vacancies in which no request for an election was called.

Carol Metcalf had attended a previous virtual meeting expressing an interest in a vacancy; Mr Daniel Roberts sent TCC a letter also expressing an interest.

The Chair welcomed them both to the meeting and explained the procedure, as this is a virtual meeting Carol Metcalf and Mr Daniel Roberts were happy to leave the meeting temporarily and go into the waiting room whilst members considered their applications.

The Chair asked for a vote in favour of Carol Metcalf representing Treuddyn Ward on Treuddyn Community Council.

All in favour.

The Chair asked for a vote in favour of Mr Daniel Roberts representing Treuddyn Ward on Treuddyn Community Council.

All in favour

The Chair and members welcomed them both onto Treuddyn Community Council.

The Clerk to send out the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' for both to sign.

10. TCC VILLAGE PROJECTS - updates

Cenotaph – A site meeting was held on Friday 29th January 2021. Attending Mr Stephen Gillard 'Poplars Forge' Cllr. R. Cracknell and the Clerk.

The meeting was to discuss the refurbishment of the gate and extra floor bolts to secure the base of the Soldier. Mr Gillard inspected the gate and thought a refurbishment would be adequate. It was requested that Mr Gillard supply two costing's: - To refurbish and a cost for a new gate, TCC will then consider the two prices.

The Soldier is to be secured with extra bolts.

A costing for the Memorial Seat (build & design) to be presented to TCC.

The slabs also require re-pointing and paintwork is in need of freshening up.

It was also noted the small stones that have been painted by the children during the Pandemic deserve some recognition.

It was agreed to Agenda for the March meeting for further discussion.

11. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN

The action plan was discussed and updated with Mr Ian Bushell. Item 7

12. PLANNING

No Planning Applications received.

Notification of Planning Application Decisions

None received

13. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

None received.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

To acknowledge and note correspondence received.

1. An email received from Alison Thomas who unfortunately is unable to attend individual Town/Community Council meetings to respond to any questions regarding the current consultation on the Integrated Youth Provision Plan. However members can send questions in which a response will be received from the management team. There will be specific issues that the team cannot comment directly on.

The consultation is due to close on the 12th February 2021.

2. Letter received from the Secretary of Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Treuddyn returning a cheque from TCC for £97.50. Due to Covid-19 and lockdown the Treasurer was not in a position to present the cheque at the bank. The cheque is now out of date.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Smith to re-issue a cheque and to include 50% of the £113.63 towards payment for the hire of Treuddyn youth and community hall (Invoices received) £97.50 + £56.50 = £154.00

Seconded: Cllr. C. Swan

Motion carried

15. PLAY AREAS

A site visit has been arranged with Mr Richard Roberts – FCC Play Design Officer - Thursday 18th February 2021 for midday at Queen Street Play Area to discuss the proposed 'Small Wheel Play'. Mr Roberts has received a response from Bendcrete (designers) about formalising a site visit, at present this is slightly hindered by Covid-19.

With reference to the report of water around the slide area this will be looked at during the site visit.

16. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number

1681	C. J. Thomas Clerk's salary January	£346.66
1682	HMRC Tax December	£82.40
1683	Rattan and Teak (Bench in the memory of the late Councillor Idris Roberts)	£429.99

17. STREET LIGHTING

To report to TCC the meeting held with Mr Jamie Bennett FCC Street Lighting on Monday 18th January 2021. Attending Councillor Allan Marshall and the Clerk.

To discuss the replacement of three concrete pole Sox streetlights to new steel poles fitted with LED luminaires to FCC adoptable standards and the removal of one redundant concrete pole at the Junction with Ffordd-y-Wern.

The concrete columns are showing signs of wear one column is severely cracked. Mr Bennett advised the columns are upgraded to meet the standard requirements.

The cost received from Mr Jamie Bennett FCC to change three street light columns and remove one (as stated above) Change 3 columns £1400 each

Disconnect and remove redundant column £450

Total Cost = £4650.00

Councillor Marshall has subsequently identified another concrete pole Sox street light on Ffordd-y-Llan as being suitable for replacement with a steel pole LED luminaire due to resident's comments that the lighting is very poor. This could be done the same time as those on Ffordd-y-Rhos.

£4650.00

£1400.00 (change the extra street column on Ffordd y Llan)

Total cost = £6050.00

The Clerk informed members there is £10,000 set-aside in the budget for the upgrade of TCC street lights.

Councillor C. Thomas proposed that TCC accept the recommendations and change the columns.

Seconded: Cllr. J. Smith

The chair asked for a vote on the proposal

All in favour – Motion carried.

With reference to Christmas lights going on street light columns, Councillor A. Marshall suggested not to have Christmas lights but to increase the prize money for the TCC annual Christmas Light Competition.

Members disagreed with the suggestion and would like to see Christmas lights on street light columns.

Councillor C. Thomas proposed that TCC approve the Christmas lights Seconded: Councillor A. Thomas

Motion carried

18. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

1. Councillor B. Jones had sent members a short paper of the Highway Code – where vehicles should not be parked, and the issue of parking on pavements. To agenda 'Road Safety' for discussion in the March meeting.

2. Update on Broadband: Councillor A. Marshall gave the following update.

"A list of 125 address were compiled onto the BT Openreach Community Fibre Partnership in October 2020. I have emailed BT Openreach's Chris Priestley reminding him of the application and asking for a progress update.

BT Openreach emailed me (and Cllr. B. Jones) yesterday (9th February) advising that there is a cut-off date of 19 February 2021 for the current funding vouchers and that a new one will be started in April 2021. I shall be submitting a new application for the Rhydtalgon area that is connected to the Llanarmon-yn-Ial exchange by the cut-off date.

3. Cemetery - Councillor C. Hughes has made a request for extra holly plants – approximately 12 – to fill in a hedging gap near the entrance, costs for the holly plants to be presented to TCC for approval. The work carried out by ‘Sharratt Landscaping’, planting hedging etc are coming along very well.
4. It has been noted a vehicle parked on the road near Cae Mynach on Ffordd y Llan is causing a safety concern.
5. Report of a pothole on the Terrig Hill opposite the property ‘Ffynnon y Maes’ and Ffordd yr Odyn.
6. Countryside Code – Dog walkers to be aware and careful when walking in the open countryside. Farmers are busy with the lambing season.
7. To follow up the discussion with reference to parking bays on the highway in front of the ‘Old Farmers’ off Ffordd-y-Llan.
8. Speed data – Speed strips on Ffordd-y-Llan and Ffordd Top-y-Rhos. It was noted the last count was only the average speed data the whole data can be requested. The Clerk to make inquiries.
9. Walking Routes to School. A walking route was briefly discussed, a possibility of a footpath off Queens Street leading to the village schools. Members were given the location and asked to have a look and think of the logistics involved.

Agenda for the March Meeting.

10. Resurfacing of the A5104 from Pontybodkin towards Treuddyn. Work is delayed at the moment until the weather warms up.
11. Planning – To request an update from FCC Enforcement with reference to ‘Homeward Farm’, Llanfynydd.
12. During the heavy rainfall Cllr. A. Marshall did a survey of the flooding at the traffic lights on the B5101 Llanfynydd Road, circulated a paper to members showing issues at Ffordd y Rhos and Ffordd y Gilrhos whereby blocked culverts are forcing water onto the roads and into houses.
Cllr. A. Marshall has started surveying the ditches and culverts whilst on walks around the village. This will be an ongoing project and updates will be provided to TCC.
13. The Wildlife Corridor is still owned by Clwyd Alyn and is not being managed to the planning conditions.
Cllr. J. Smith would like to see some form of planting in this area. Cllr. C. Thomas to email Cllr. J. Smith details of the County Ecologist.
14. FCC has submitted a bid to the Welsh Government for funding for average speed cameras on the A5104 Flintshire.
15. Cllr. C. Thomas attended a meeting held by North Wales Police. There are new PCSO’s covering our area and it is hoped to get more PCSO’s on the beat. For security purposes Police or PCSO’s are not allowed to use Zoom. The clerk has received the updated information.
16. Broadband - Cllr. C. Thomas to speak with Cllr. A. Marshall to discuss a funding pot that may be available.
17. Storm Christopher - Cllr. C. Thomas gave an update on the damage caused. 18 main roads were closed plus rural lanes, more damage has been caused by the storm. Landslides have to be cleared, debris off roads and gullies cleared. Staff is under extra pressure at the moment.
Potholes are being cold filled to make them safe.

On behalf of TCC a letter of thanks will be sent to FCC Gritting team and the Recycling team for the amazing job they are doing.

Chairman
10.03.2021

