

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

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

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

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

4. **PUBLIC VIRTUAL SESSION 6.50pm to 7.00pm**

No request from the public to join the session.

5. **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – STREETSCENE**

The Chair welcomed Mr Ian Williams Streetscene Area Supervisor to the meeting to give an update on matters raised by TCC.

At present Streetscene are dealing with flooding issues and road collapses that are taking priority over non-emergency work.

The Monthly Action Plan was discussed and updated.

1. Request for dog bins – waiting for bins to come in.

2. Dropped grid near Treuddyn Cemetery – It was commented if the grid could be lifted and tar put around the Grid.

I.W - Ideally the grid needs moving to do a proper job.

3. Ffordd y Felin – The bank has slid due to heavy rain – requires urgent attention.

I.W - The Bobcat has been along the lane and will be out again on Thursday 11th March. There are structural issues on the bank which is being looked at.

4. Intersection of Ffordd-yr-Odyn and Ffordd Mynydd Du. Reflectors at the edge of the deep ditch need looking at, some are facing the wrong way. A site visit is recommended by TCC.

5. Min-y-Ffordd & Terrig Hill (opposite Ffynnon y Maes & Ffordd yr Odyn) Potholes require infilling.

I.W – At present the crew are concentrating on main roads.

6. Inspection and cleaning of gullies – Gullies are being cleaned – giving urgent attention to areas that experienced flooding issues.

Gullies have been cleaned from Pontblyddyn to Rhydtalog. It has been noted that waste from the gullies is being emptied on banks/verges at the side of roads. Cllr. C. Thomas commented – as long as the waste is flattened down and does not cause a problem and does not wash back into the gullies.

Contaminated waste costs a lot of money to take away to a site in Manchester. The clearing of Rhydtalog ditches cost £30,000.

7. Mynydd Du – Gullies require emptying near the bridge and drains require major action.

I.W – An investigation of the gullies and adding additional gullies needs to be looked at and a scheme put in place to upgrade the system.

Cllr. C. Thomas also suggested work higher up the hill could be done.

I.W – The gully emptier will be coming into the area in the next few days.

8. Sun Spot Junction – Wooden fencing requires repairing due to a vehicle incident during heavy snow and icy conditions.

I.W – Fencing has been repaired.

9. Constant flooding on the B5101 Llanfynydd – on the approach to the Traffic Lights (Treuddyn end)

A site visit took place last week – Mr Ian Bushell FCC Streetscene Manager met with the landowner.

Cllr. A. Marshall carried out a survey of the area in which Cllr. C. Thomas has passed onto FCC Streetscene.

10. A5104 - 40mph repeater signs – vegetation needs to be cleared back to give visibility of the signs. It was noted that private hedges could be cut from the roadside only, if a Highway Issue.

It was also noted repeater signs should be 300mm diameter.

I.W – Clarification will be sought from FCC Road Officers.

Cllr. C. Thomas will be organising a Community litter pick.

I.W – To provide litter pickers and pink bags.

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm for Official Council Business to commence.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. B. Jones - Agenda Item 6 – Monthly Action Plan re: Mynydd Du gullies.

Agenda Item 14 – Correspondence Footpath No. 26

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING - 10th February 2021

The minutes were adopted as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. B. Jones Seconded: Cllr. R. Cracknell

7a. Matters raised from the minutes.

Item 7 – With reference to gullies and drainage on Mynydd Du Cllr. B. Jones met with Mr Ian Williams on the 18th November 2020

8. TCC VILLAGE PROJECTS

Cenotaph – To discuss a location in the cenotaph in recognition of the children’s stone artwork during the Pandemic.

It was agreed to defer the discussion until Cllr. A. Thomas is present.

Re-Agenda for the April meeting.

The Clerk had received the following cost from Poplar’s Forge:-

To refurbish the cenotaph gate would cost approximately £350 + Vat includes a new hinge strap.

Costings for the design of a new gate and the memorial seat will be sent in due course.

9. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN

Matters raised with FCC Streetscene.

Matters discussed with Mr Ian Williams Streetscene area Supervisor under Item 5.

10. PLANNING

JZB/062460

Proposal: Erection of chalet to house farm worker (partly in retrospect)

Location: Gist Faen Farm, Mynydd Du Road, Nercwys, Mold.

TCC are disappointed the applicant has commenced to build the house (partly retrospect)

ADW/062526

Proposal: Erection of Steel Frame building for fodder and farm machinery storage.

Location: Iawn Farm, Ffordd y Blaenau, Treuddyn.

TCC will dispute any other planning applications put forward as there is no record of any planning application for the existing buildings on the site.

To request a site visit through County Cllr. C. Thomas

11. NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY FCC

None received.

12. ROAD SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY OF TREUDDYN

Cllr. B. Jones sent observation photographs to members of vehicles parked on pavements in the village. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams and pushchairs.

The PCSO would not enforce parking on pavements unless the vehicle is obstructing an entrance. It was also noted that during school hours staff cars are parking on the highway and not in the car park. This matter will be raised at the next Parc-y-Llan Governors meeting. Vehicles are also parking on the hatchings in which they shouldn't be. Cllr. B. Jones would like to push forward the handling of traffic near the schools. It was suggested a 'Road Safety' sub-committee is set up, Cllr. B. Jones is happy to lead on this. The proposal to form a sub-committee will be Agendered for the April meeting for further discussion.

13. WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The possibility of a footpath leading off Queen Street to the village schools – *For discussion.*

Cllr. C. Swan put forward for discussion the possibility of a footpath leading off Queen Street, heading towards the schools playing field.

Cllr. C. Swan has spoke to the landowners who would be happy to sell a strip of the land (adjacent to Green Park entrance) the footpath would join onto the schools playing field, both Head Teachers thought it was a good idea. Accesses to school/school sites would need to be considered, as they would need to be controlled points of entry.

Paula Vogt - Flintshire County Council would need to be involved to agree to the footpath.

It was also noted that not many children live on Queen Street and Ffordd y Gilrhos, the majority of children live in the centre of the village and in Bro Brwynog, it would be quicker to walk down Ffordd y Llan. It was also noted parents dropping their children off to walk the proposed footpath could cause a bottleneck on the Queen Street Junction, it would be stipulated the Queen Street car park is used to park.

The remains of a stone building stands in the field, it was one of the original farms of this village as in the Domesday Book, It would be a good site for seating and allotments.

It would be interesting to involve the Welsh Heritage in this site, funding could be sought from W.G (Welsh Government), Heritage and Lottery funding.

The Chair commented he didn't think the footpath would be used, but likes the idea of incorporating seating and allotments around the old building.

It would be interesting to hold a site visit to look at the building and the route of the footpath.

Cllr. C. Thomas had visited the area and commented it would be nice to have another footpath; it would be a more interesting/attractive walk. Since the Pandemic people have had different thoughts of having and enjoying an open space.

Once a site visit has taken place the proposals will be re-Agendered for further discussion.

The suggestions could be put into the Treuddyn News and see what feedback is received.

Members agreed in principle to the suggestions put forward

14. TO DISCUSS VISIBILITY AT THE FOLLOWING JUNCTIONS – ON APPROACH TO THE A5104

1. Ffordd-y-Llan, Nercwys and Ffordd y Gilrhos.

Cllr. B. Jones put forward to assess what requirements are at these Junctions. A 'STOP' sign should be a consideration at the Ffordd y Gilrhos and Ffordd Nercwys Junctions. The Ffordd-y-Llan Junction – the boundary wall hides the view of oncoming traffic. All three Junctions require professional observations.

The 'Sunspot' Junction did not meet the strict criteria for a 'STOP' sign.

Councillor's A. Marshall and G. Short have heard of no accidents at the Ffordd y Gilrhos Junction in the last 20/30 years, you have to stop and look both ways, as the A5104 is a very busy road, drivers are always cautious when approaching the Junctions – they have to stop.

There was no strong feeling from the Council that the Junctions need assessing.

15. DOG FOULING

Keeping our Community and Public places clean.

Cllr. A. Marshall raised the issue and put forward if anyone wishes to champion this. Dog fouling in the village is concentrated around certain areas. There are plenty of dog bins in the village, you can use any bin as long as the mess is bagged.

Information has been previously put in the Treuddyn News – people are aware. A fine can be issued if caught not cleaning up after your dog. Enforcement Officers who are patrolling hot spot areas are engaging with the public to educate about these issues, all dog owners have a duty of care to pick up after their pets.

Enforcement Officers visited Coed-Talon over a period of eight days in which 12 people were spoken to. Information can be looked at from CCTV footage to enforce and prosecute.

Information will be put in the Treuddyn News and on Treuddyn Facebook page to remind people of their responsibilities when out walking their pets.

16. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

None received.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

To acknowledge and note correspondence received.

1. A letter received from a concerned resident with reference to speeding on the A5104 Coed-Talon. Motorists not adhering to the 30mph speed limit.

Members received speed counter information for the Sunspot Junction, Rhydtalog and Coed-Talon.

Cllr. A. Marshall had kindly analysed some of the data. The Coed-Talon speed data showed 36% - 30mph 63% 31-45mph. The data showed that 1% of Vehicles were travelling faster up hill than coming down.

Cllr. A. Marshall commented that raw data would analyse better. To make enquiries if this is available.

The 'Go Safe' van will be visiting other areas – the area has to be safe to park, unfortunately areas we would like to see 'Go Safe' park are too dangerous.

2. Footpath No. 26 update: Welsh Government has given an extension to the closure without consultation due to safety, the closure expired last week. The closure to be announced in the Newspaper Friday 12th March 2021 – closure to 7th September 2021.

18. PLAY AREAS

To report to TCC the site visit held with Mr Richard Roberts at Queen Street Play area on 18th February 2021 to discuss Small Wheel Play. Attending: Cllr. C. Swan & Clerk

The meeting was quite constructive – it was put forward the possibility of reducing the football pitch to accommodate 7 aside. The proposed small wheel play would be centralized between both sides of houses.

Another meeting will be called when the company 'Bendcrete' (designers) are able to visit.

Cllr. C. Swan and the Clerk are to visit play sites that have installed small wheel play areas.

19. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number

1684	Scottish Power	£198.17
1685	TCC Street Lighting Maintenance	£224.05
1686	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol – re-issue of Chq No: 1623= £97.50 + £56.81	£154.31
1687	Cancelled	

1688	HMRC Tax January	£82.40
1689	C. J Thomas Clerk's salary February	£346.66
1690	TCC Street Lighting Maintenance	£90.05
1691	Mr A. Marshall re-issue Chq No. 1401	£25.00
1692	TCC Office Expenses April 2020 to March 2021	£246.60

20. STREET LIGHTING & CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Councillor A. Marshall raised the following for discussion.

- *The FCC Street Lighting Maintenance Contract that TCC has entered into with FCC.*

Cllr. Marshall commented the contract is not very good.

- *The Street Lighting Asset Register.*

The Clerk is visually checking all TCC street lights against the Street Light Inventory prepared by FCC

- *How Street Lights are to be reported.*

Cllr. Marshall reported a fault via the online system – in which was picked up by the Street Lighting team.

The Clerk had reported the same fault via email to Mr Jamie Bennett FCC Street Lighting Highways and Trunk Road Operational Manager.

The Clerk will be keeping to the same format of reporting faults directly to Mr Jamie Bennett.

- Formally Instructing FCC to replace SOX luminaires with LEDs when they fail.

The Clerk will instruct FCC when to replace lights to LEDs, so many Lights will need to be replaced with LEDs each year as a rolling programme to replace SOX luminaires.

- Capital and Revenue Budgets in Precept.

Large projects such as upgrading Street Lighting and Play Equipment – the capital is ring fenced for such projects and can be carried over each financial year depending how the project is progressing. If for any reason a project is not going ahead the capital will be put back into revenue expenditure. This will be noted during the preparation of the budget prepared in January for the precept. Explanations of capital and budget expenditure is set out for the Internal and External Auditors.

- *Scottish Power Unmetered Charges per light to be reviewed.*

An update of TCC Street Lighting Inventory will be forwarded to Scottish Power once completed.

Christmas Lighting

Raised by Cllr. A. Marshall for discussion.

- *Capital costs for the installation of sockets, cabling, RCD and timer in steel poles and purchase of Christmas lighting units estimated at £450 + VAT per pole. Capital Budget of £5,000 was allocated in December 2018.*

In the Precept 2021/22 budget a further £1000 has been added for Christmas Light connection.

Maintenance of TCC Street Lights – A budget of £3000 set in the 2021/22 Precept, to replace 10 Street Lights to LEDs plus on going costs of PAT testing and other repairs.

- *Christmas lights can only be fitted to steel poles*

TCC are aware of this ... majority of TCC Street Lights are on wooden telegraph poles. The replacement of the concrete standards to steel columns on Ffordd-y-Rhos will be a location for Christmas lighting; other locations will also be discussed by TCC.

The Christmas lights will be fitted to TCC and FCC Street Lights.

21. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1. To report pot-holes on Ffordd-yr-Odyn

2. Blocked Ditches – Cllr. A. Marshall is trying to find out ownership of ditches in the community. Some are blocked and require cleaning out. It would be good to get a resolution in resolving the ownership – responsibility of keeping ditches clear lies with the land owner or Flintshire C.C dependant on the boundary line.

It was suggested a sub-committee is set up for Ditches and Culvert responsibilities. The proposal will be Agendered for the April Meeting for further discussion.

Chairman
14.04.2021

