

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 18th July 2023 at Hafan Deg Community Centre, Treuddyn for 7.00pm

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Cllr. A. Marshall

PRESENT: Cllrs. C. Hughes, J. Smith, R. Cracknell, D. Roberts, B. Jones & C. Metcalf.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. C. Swan (Chair) & E. Bech

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Public Session from 6.50pm to 7.00pm

One member of the public present.

Mr Mark Thornton who has expressed an interest in a TCC vacancy.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 20th June, 2023

The Minutes were adopted as a true and correct record

Proposed: Cllr. C. Hughes Seconded: Cllr. J. Smith

3a. Matters raised from the minutes

1. Community Representative – School Governor / Ysgol Parc-y-Llan. The Clerk has informed Mr M. Ashford Headteacher that Cllr. C. Hughes has expressed an interest. The school will contact Cllr. C. Hughes in due course.
2. Planning Ref: FUL/000443/23 – Proposal: Creation of a Glamping Site. The applicant has contacted Cllr. A. Marshall.

4. QUARTERLY PRESENTATION – TREUDDYN C.C FINANCES

Members received copies of expenditure to date, Bank Balances of the Current and Reserve Accounts prior to the meeting.

Projects and approximate expenditure was discussed to the end of the financial year 2024.

It was agreed the finances are in a healthy position and projects are starting to move forward.

Cllr. D. Roberts proposed that the presentation of finances gave a good understanding of the expenditure and projects that TCC are working towards.

Seconded: Cllr. C. Metcalf

All members present in agreement.

5. TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS – MEMBERS ALLOWANCE 2022/23

The amounts that Councillors are entitled to is regulated by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. All Councillors are entitled to claim for costs.

The Clerk explained to members what can be claimed and the amount.

Councillors who do not wish to claim this allowance please inform the Clerk in writing.

6. INSTALLATION OF CCTV – QUEEN STREET PLAY AREA

To discuss updates.

Cllr. A. Marshall has been in contact with a trustee of Treuddyn Community Association (TCA) in which a letter has been sent to the Trustees and Committee members putting forward why a decision was reached by TCC to install CCTV cameras and the budget for purchase and Installation.

A draft Agreement in Principle was prepared and attached with the letter. A meeting has been requested by Cllr. A. Marshall to discuss further.

The Village Hall belongs to the community in which the Charity holds the village hall on behalf of the community. It is acknowledged that the organisation supports the community in different ways to that of TCC.

Hafan Deg had been looked at for Installation of CCTV but didn't give full coverage of the field.

TCC will in time have to make a decision regarding Installation if no response is received from TCA.

7. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Mr John Morris held a training evening on the 3rd July. It was attended by five members of TCC and one member of the public.

Three areas in the village have been assessed for safety to stand with the speed gun. Another training day will be arranged to use the speed gun and enter data correctly.

A training session will also be held in Coed-Talon.

8. TREUDDYN C.C – COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

2 Vacant Seats.

Mr Mark Thornton has formally expressed an interest in a vacancy.

The Chair invited Mr Thornton to speak who gave a brief summary about himself and why he would like to become a councillor.

Mr Thornton will be invited to the September meeting.

9. LLANFYNYDD TO COED-TALON BRIDLEWAY

Installation of two equestrian/disability access gates.

The cost to install the gates as quoted by FCC Countryside Services £1100

Treuddyn C.C to split 50% of the cost with Llanfynydd C.C

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Smith to accept the quote for work to proceed. Seconded: Cllr. C. Metcalf
Motion Carried.

10. TIDYING OF WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Members thanked Cllr. C. Swan for kindly cutting back the overgrowth – the area looks so much tidier.

The next stage of discussion will be the planting of trees and wildflowers – and what is best suited to the soil type as it is quite clayey.

Cllr. A Marshall stated that FCC have adopted a new grass policy for 2023 and will be going through it with Mr Ian Williams – FCC Streetscene.

It was noted that the contractors cutting the verges are travelling too fast when flailing, leaving a mess and just flattening the grass.

11. PLANNING

No Planning Applications received.

Town Improvements Clauses Act 1847

Public Health 1925

Street Naming and Numbering for Residential Units off Ffordd-y-Bont, Treuddyn.

Reference: 23-09-042 SN

The developers for the above scheme has provided the department with the following name of the proposed new street.

- *Llys y Dderwen / Oak Court*

TCC – Comments / No objection to the proposed name.

12. PLAY AREAS

Queen Street Play Area - A site meeting was held on Wednesday 28th June

Present: Cllrs. J. Smith, C. Hughes, A. Marshall & C. Thomas (Clerk)

The following was discussed:

1. The fitness equipment has rusted and broken. Mr Roberts also advised under current regulations fitness equipment needs to be 25 metres away from the play equipment.

A cost to be provided to remove them all.

It was discussed the possibility of providing new fitness equipment and siting on the green on the left as you come onto the play area from the village hall side.

Approximate cost £14,000

The Muga Area could be colour coated to look like new.

Approximate cost £5,000

Goal Posts – It was suggested these are replaced with 5 a side goal posts.

Approximate cost £1400

Seat situated over looking the BMX track – In poor conditions needs replacing.

The Lantern swing is non functional and needs taking out. Mr Roberts suggested the ‘Rota Bounce’, which is very popular with children.

BMX Track – Needs tidying

Action: The Clerk to contact Clark & Kent who built the track to discuss maintenance.

All the above can be included for Matchfunding excluding the BMX track.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Smith that TCC replace the apparatus Seconded: Cllr. C. Hughes
Motion carried.

13. VILLAGE PLANTERS

It was agreed to order the village planters from SLPW (Secondlife Product Wales Ltd). Two Planters coming into the village (near Fford-y-Gilrhos Junction) to order without bases – cost £450.00 plus delivery and VAT

It was agreed planters for Ffordd-Top-y-Rhos, Ffordd-y-Llan and the War Memorial will be ordered once delivery has been received for the first two planters.

14. VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

Discussion of maintenance required.

Members received a maintenance survey of all TCC notice boards, most are in good repair or repairable two really need replacing.

1. Mynydd Du – The notice board requires substantial repair work.

A cost will be provided for the work.

The Clerk will look at repair v replace.

2. Rhydtalog – Replace hinges, cork pin board, sand down and treat.

3. Ffordd-Top-y-Rhos – Replace backing board, pin board repaint metal work.

4. Queen Street - Treuddyn. The structure is in a poor state.

To replace keeping the interpretation section which gives local history.

5. Coed-Talon – The notice board is in a very poor state and is beyond repair.

To be replaced preserving the History Panel.

6. Pontybodkin, Ffordd-y-Bont. In good condition

Replace hinges, new pin board, sand down and treat.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Metcalf for the work to go ahead Seconded: Cllr. C. Hughes

Motion carried.

It was also agreed the notice boards that need replacing will be replaced with metal notice boards and a colour in keeping with the rural surroundings – Brown or Green.

Bench on Mynydd Du

Wooden elements are in need of refurbishment.
Strim around the base to clear vegetation.

It was agreed for the work to go ahead at a cost of £160

15. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN

1. The footpath along the Corwen road A5104 from the corner garage towards the Sunspot Junction is in a terrible state and very overgrown of vegetation.

Action: *Cllr. A. Marshall has sent an email to FCC K. Wilby.*

2. It was stated the haunches along side roads are very deep in places.

Action: *Cllr. A. Marshall will drive around the area with FCC Streetscene Officer Mr Ian Williams to inspect around the Ffordd-y-Odyn area.*

16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Secretary of the Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Treuddyn. After a break of three years due to the Covid Pandemic the committee has decided to make preparations for the Eisteddfod in Treuddyn to be held on October 7th 2023. Changes have been made to attract more competitors in the 12 - 21 age group. For each section there will be a £100 prize for the outstanding competitor – Singing, Cerdd Dant, Recitation & Instrumental.

It is hoped that TCC will continue to support the Eisteddfod

Historically TCC has supported the Scholarship prize of £250 for one section.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Smith to increase the grant from £250 to £300. Seconded: C. Metcalf
Motion Carried

2. FCC Chief Officer Governance – Visits to Town and Community Councils during March, April and May. Findings from each visit had been very positive experiences.

3. Flintshire C.C has received the assessment regarding the VAT on Street Lighting from HMRC. They were only able to assess the VAT from June 2019 (4 years). The VAT invoices that were sent to TCC covered the 4-year period from February 2014. A credit note has been raised for any VAT collected between Feb – May 2019. Credit Invoice Number FY021335 – Total amount due to TCC £262.56.

4. FCC Joanne Pierce Re: Introduction of 20mph. In July 2022 Welsh Government introduced legislation to reduce speed limits on most restricted roads across the whole of Wales, from 30mph to 20mph. This change will come into force on Sunday 17 September 2023. Restricted roads are mainly streets in built-up areas with street lights.

Over the coming weeks and months Flintshire County Council will be out across the county changing road signs.

The Clerk forwarded the email to members for further reading.

17. STREET LIGHTING

To report any faults.

A street light had been knocked over near Hafan Deg.

Cllr. A Marshall has spoken with Mr J. Bennett FCC Street Lighting Manager.

18. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

| <i>Cheque Number</i> | | <i>VAT</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|--|------------|--------------|
| 1860 | C. Enston – painting interior of bus shelters and benches. Including materials | nil | £250.69 |
| 1861 | Scottish Power 01/05/23 to 01/06/23 | £115.62 | £693.70 |
| 1862 | Staff Salary June | nil | £480.15 |
| 1863 | FCC – TCC street light – Ffordd y Llan | £39.50 | £237.00 |
| 1864 | Printcentre Wales – Remembrance Leaflets | nil | £113.00 |

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| 1865 | DJ's Garden Management – Cemetery hedge | nil | £400.00 |
| 1866 | Audit Wales External Audit 2020/21 | nil | £225.00 |
| 1867 | Colony of Ants Website Support & Hosting 2021/22 – 2022/23 & 2023 to 2024 | nil | £400.00 |
| 1868 | Scottish Power 01/06/23 to 01/07/23 | £111.95 | £671.68 |
| 1869 | C. Thomas – purchase of 6 x Hi Vis vests & Speed Gun case. | £10.11 | £74.27 |
| 1870 | C. Enston – War Memorial - clean and paint 2 benches & weed around slabs | nil | £150.00 |
| 1871 | M. Fisher – cutting BMX track & verges | nil | £291.50 |
| 1872 | TCC Office Expenses – April, May & June | nil | £204.43 |
| 1873 | Second Life Products Wales – 2 x planters | £186.00 | £1,116.00 |

19. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1. Police will be looking at every school in Flintshire regarding parking.
 2. 200 New Remembrance sheets have been ordered.
 3. Cllr. C. Hughes had a walk around the cemetery in which 10 hedge plants have been lost. Cllr. D. Roberts will visit the site to see what requires replacing.
 4. The trees outside the Pensioners bungalows – 2 oak and 2 ash are damaging the footpath.
- Action:** Cllr. A. Marshall has raised the issue with FCC Housing Dept.
5. New village signs on the A5104 – The Urdd Logo went missing off the two signs – to order two new logo's.
 6. TCC Website.

The Clerk had a meeting with L. Jones the Web designer – A lesson how to put TCC documents onto the site – a couple more meetings will be required.

Cllr. A. Marshall is also helping with the update of the site.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.15pm

Chairman.....
19.09.2023

