

Cyngor Cymuned Trefriw Community Council

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Cofnodion 5 Chwefror 2019 Cwrdd y Cyngor / Minutes 5th February 2019 Meeting of Council

Present / Bresennol Chair Cllr J Pritchard

Cllr D Sandham, Cllr L Williams, Cllr M Jehu,

In attendance : Sandra Jehu, Clerk / RFO, County Cllr Jones and 1 member of the public

- 1. To confirm that a Quorum of elected members is present**
Cadarnhau bod yr aelodau etholedig sy'n bresennol yn ffurfio cworwm

A quorum was confirmed by the chair
- 2. Apologies / Ymddiheuriadau LG Act 1972 Sch12 par 40**
Derbyn ymddiheuriadau ac ystyried cymeradwyo rhesymau dros absenoideb
To accept apologies and consider approving reasons for absence

Apologies received from Vice Chair Cllr M Lees and Cllr L Porter
- 3. Declarations of Interest / Datgan Buddiannau LG Act 2000 s50 Local Authorities (Wales) Order 2008/788**
Datgan diddordeb personol ac ariannol yn y materion wedi eu rhestru isod
To disclose personal and financial interest in items of business listed below

All councillors present signed the appropriate document and declared no interests
- 4. Minutes / Cofnodion LGA 1972, Sch 12 par 41(1)**
To receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th January 2019 and 15th January

Minutes for both meetings were agreed by all councillors present and signed by Cllr Pritchard
- 5. Chair's announcements / Cyhoeddiadau y Gadeiryn**
Cllr Pritchard confirmed action necessary to relocate donated slide, from school grounds to the play park:

Following on from a previous proposal to organise a temporary campsite during the forthcoming Eisteddfod Council resolved that that this was not a viable undertaking; it was unlikely that the potential income generate would cover the costs of the provision of necessary services and the restricted access to the proposed site posed a number of health and safety risks.

Cllr Pritchard proposed that time should be allotted at the end of every council meeting to agree items required for inclusion in the following meeting, providing Councillors with increased time for preparation.

6. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth

Correspondence January 2019

Items of correspondence for information distributed throughout the month as required to be noted:

- 6.1 Notification from Conwy Borough Council re Cambrian Rally road closures 16.2.19
Noted
- 6.2 Letter from Snowdonia National Park re local development plan / consultation database
Noted, Clerk to confirm retention on consultation database
- 6.3 Letter from carerstrust, request for donation
Resolution: Council agreed donation of £50, to be forwarded once mandate revised
- 6.4 Letter from Eryri Young Farmers Federation re Patron Scheme
Letter to be scanned to all councillors for further consideration
- 6.5 Letter from Wales Audit Office re published reports
Noted. Electronic copies of reports *Financial Management and Governance – Town and Community Councils 2017-18* and *Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales* forwarded to all councillors to be reviewed in preparation for discussion at March council meeting
- 6.6 Email re provision basic life support training
Noted. County Cllr Jones offered to organise
- 6.7 Letter from Conwy Borough Council re public consultation: review of home and mobile library service
Noted. Printing downloaded consultation response form has not been possible. Item will be included in next months agenda.

7. County Councillor Report / Adrddiad-y-Cynghorydd Sir

A brief report from the County Councillor on matters of importance and interest to the community of Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn

Update from Councillor Tomos Jones, January 2019, who reported that, in the past month he had:

Attended the Replacement Local Development Plan consultation drop in at Glasdir, Llanrwst. The LDP provides the legal framework for land-use in the county and provides the context for determining local planning applications.

On the 16th of January attended the meeting of the Temporary Governing Body of Ysgol Dyffryn yr Enfys (as LEA Governor). The meeting confirmed staffing appointments following the recruitment process, received updates on school logo and discussions on uniforms, and considered the proposed changes to highways.

Been in discussion with the new owners of Beics Betws about North Wales Mountain Bike Tourism and a number of issues which are hindering the progression of Bike Tourism in our area.

Cllr Jones reported that, as Chairman of the Dolgarrog Eisteddfod Appeal Committee, he had secured a provisional date with Surf Snowdonia to put on a summer event to raise money for the Eisteddfod and to work towards meeting the villages target of £5000.

Cllr Jones said that he had met with Cllr Liz Roberts to discuss Dolwyddelan's Hydro Electric scheme to learn of their experiences. The process started for their scheme back in 2006 following a feasibility study which took place across a number of villages, Dolwyddelan proving the most suitable. Then after some time they were able to secure 5.2million of European Funding to deliver the scheme. They discovered then that despite Welsh Governments initial encouragement for small Hydro Electric schemes the business rates that they were applying to the scheme would make it financially unviable for a small village...essentially putting a stop to the scheme. They are currently looking into possibilities of the scheme generating income (e.g. generating and selling of Hydrogen Gas) EU funding bid 5.2million.

Cllr Jones reported that he had attended meetings of the Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee which considered and scrutinised reports on School performance Data, a report from the Skills and Employment board on apprenticeships. Also attended a Joint meeting of Education & Skills/Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8. Financial / Cyllid : LGA 1972 Sch 12 par 41(1)

8.1 Council to discuss and question as required all financial transactions in Appendix 1

Noted: not possible to update from previous months details while Clerk denied direct access to statements

An appendix 2 was circulated to councillors detailing invoices currently awaiting payment which now total £8905

8.2 Council to discuss current position regarding revision of bank mandate and outstanding payments

Council reviewed of complaint made to bank, which had been previously copied to councillors. Clerk reported that assurance had been given by Llandudno branch the previous day that the complaint had given the matter priority status. It was noted that the matter cannot be referred to the financial ombudsman until the complaint procedure has been followed. Clerk confirmed that contact is being maintained with companies awaiting payment, in an effort to stall legal action where possible.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 Council to review planning application NP4/32/194A Glan Gors, Trefriw LL26 0PW

After review of the plans of the proposed development and establishing the location of the property, no objections were raised. Clerk confirmed with councillors that therefore no response to the application was necessary.

10. Trefriw Village Enhancements / Gwelliannau I Bentref Trefriw

10.1 Council to receive update on previously agreed action re condition of gates on cob

Cllr Pritchard reported that he had contacted NRW on 14th January to query responsibility for the gate, but, to date, had not received a response.

10.2 Council to agree response to phone call from member of the public ref condition of fencing of path leading to water fall

Cllr Jehu confirmed the location of the fencing, which Council determined to be the responsibility of Conwy County Borough Council. Cllr Pritchard agreed to photograph and report to CCBC.

11. Village Hall

11.1 Council to discuss and review responses to changes made to hall booking procedures and hall access

Clerk reported that lack of response to proposed changes may be attributed to failure to post the open letter on the TCC website, and due to the limited contact details which current booking and invoicing system required, difficulties making direct contact with all hall users.

Resolution: Council to defer implementation of changes until 1st March. Cllr Williams to post information on Trefriw facebook

11.2 Council to discuss action ref CCTV drain inspection

Cllr Pritchard confirmed that, following the January meeting, he had obtained 3 quotes for CCTV drain inspection, but was unable to proceed until confident mandate had been updated and funds accessible. Cllr Sandham questioned whether an insurance claim could be made to cover potential repairs, it was agreed that this could not be considered until a survey had been completed.

It was noted that the gutters are overflowing and, once funds accessible, these will require professional clearing.

Council awaits written confirmation from electrician regarding the safety of the electricity supply, to alleviate concerns regarding the damp in the meter cupboards.

Council noted the possibility of the closure of the hall on safety grounds.

12. Cemetery

12.2 Council to note receipt of planning permission for cemetery extension.
Application No NP4/32/301A

Council noted that planning permission requires work to be started within 5 years. Cllr Pritchard stated that he would want boundary work, discussed and agreed at previous council meeting, to commence once access to bank account re-established.

13. Welsh Government Community and Town Council Update

13.1 Council to discuss implications for implementation of proposed changes

Council reviewed the document previously circulated. No action identified at this stage

14. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be at 7pm on Tuesday 5th March at Trefriw Village Hall

