

Cyngor Cymunedol Tremeirchion Cwm & Waen Community Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE OLD SCHOOL TREMEIRCHION

PRESENT:

Cllrs:

P Day, Chairman

J Baldwin-Evans

J M Christian

D Davies

M Dodd

I R Hodgkinson

D A P Jones

C Marston

K Potts

L B Stanyer

ALSO PRESENT:

Ian Jones (Clerk/RFO)

65 APOLOGIES:

Cllr A Jones

A Morris

C A Litherland

R Lloyd Williams

PCSO Dave Jones

66 OPEN FORUM

None

67 NORTH WALES POLICE REPORT

None

68 URGENT MATTERS/ CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to its urgent nature the Chair allowed a debated on the identification of of three sites within the Community as a possible transient Gypsy camp in Denbighshire. Members were aghast that the County Council was considering areas for Gypsy and traveller caravan sites outside of their current priority criteria within the current Local Development Plan.

Locals were angry and upset that these sites had hit the press without any local consultation and that these had been identified and debated behind closed doors at Cabinet and Officer level. This lacked transparency and was alien to good governance practice indeed possibly ultra vires. There had been insufficient time to debate this and that key meetings planned should be in the public domain.

The Community Council was bemused and very disappointed at this turn of events and noted that there are many opposition groups setting up against any proposals.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk

- (i) write to the appropriate Members and Officers at Denbighshire County Council and copy in relevant bodies expressing Members objections and
- (ii) quote the relevant LDP policies that would be contravened as outlined in the debate by Cllr Davies.

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Davies declared an interest in Community Matters – Tremeirchion School – as a Member of the Board of Governors

70 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2019 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be received and confirmed as a correct record.

71 MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that

At the last meeting, the Clerk was asked to acquire another WW1 Tommy if still available. However the RBL had not ordered any more. In the meantime a local business was able to make one from a template.

72 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following:-
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Report. The report had very similar recommendations for Town and Community Councils as 2018. Therefore there was little change. The Clerk would be writing to Members soon to establish the payments to be made. It was noted that the full payments had to be budgeted for whether they were taken or not.

73 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- The directional sign at the T junction, Trefnant turn off A55 which appeared to be blocking the view up the highway was not considered to be a problem by the Highways dept. Cllr Marston would continue to pursue this matter.
- The problem with roadside ditches was to be shortly addressed.
- Regarding the Royal Mail post boxes, the Clerk was asked to contact Royal Mail to ascertain if they were going to move PB 30 at LL18 towards the notice board to make it safer and re-position the Nant Gwilym box on Bodfari Road.

- Cllr Marston stated that the local residents group and Dyffryn Teg group asked if the playing field could be re-named 'Dyffryn Teg Park'. It was agreed that this was possible and that arrangements could be made for the erection of a sign saying 'Dyffryn Teg Park'.
- A speed survey was being undertaken at the A55.
- Responses had been received following concerns raised about local broadband issues. There were no likely improvements for around 12 months, Denbighshire County Council were doing a workshop on 6 December.
- Denbighshire County Council Library service had been praised for good performance.
- Denbighshire County Council were carrying out road safety checks around schools
- Denbighshire County Council had announced details of free car parking for the festive period.

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COMMUNITY ISSUES

- It was noted that the poppies on lampposts were excellent as was the newly purchased 'WW1 Tommy'. It was agreed to consider increasing the donation to poppy wreaths next year and that this be included for the 2020/21 budget.
- Concern was again raised about the lack of designation as a public path of the area adjacent to old Rhuallt School, the Clerk was asked to raise this again with Denbighshire County Council.
- Cllr Marston was asked to check the progress with Caerwys Road refurbishment.
- Reports of speeding were noted Greenffordd to Merllyn. A temporary mobile speed assessor may help through Denbighshire County Council.
- It was reported that the 'Jungle Jims' climbing frame on the school field was coming to the end of its useful life and possibly it would be closed down soon and cordoned off. Monies would be required to replace this item.
Cllr D Davies declared an interest in this matter – as a Member of the Board of Governors
- Drainage problems near to St,Beuno's
- Ongoing maintenance issues in Cwm = flooding, gulleys blocked, surfaces and road sweeping. The Clerk was to write to Denbighshire County Council.
- Concern for cyclist and pedestrians at Waen Road due to speeding traffic.

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PLANNING

(i) Outbuildings At, Pen Uchaf, Tremeirchion
47/2019/0741

Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday let accommodation unit and associated works

No Objection.

(ii) Bodeugan Barns, Waen
47/2019/0581 and 47/2019/0582

Proposed amendments to Planning Permission 47/2006/0490 and Listed Building Consent 47/2006/0491 - Conversion and alterations of farm buildings to create 3 residential units, demolition of existing structures and construction of new garages and ancillary works (partly retrospective to regularise unauthorised works, and partly proposed to rectify unacceptable works)

No Objection.

(Cllr J Baldwin-Evans did not vote on this application)

76 **CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Audit report had highlighted the need for a contract of employment for the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk had submitted a copy of the standard contract as agreed nationally by NALC/SLCC for consideration. Members agreed that this was an excellent document to adopt, however the Clerk pointed out that there would be an additional expense of pension payments, the costs of which were unknown at this juncture.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk establish the pension costs and report back in January

77 **FINANCE**

The following matters were noted and agreed:-

(i) Bank Balance as at 5 November £14,369

RESOLVED: That:

(ii) the following payments be approved:-

	£
Salaries October	408.16
Travel postage and expenses Oct	108.00
HMRC (Sept)	93.60
Wall Signs NW Ltd	74.64
WW1 Silhouette	96.00
Parish Lengthsman	778.50

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman