

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF TREMEIRCHION, CWM AND WAEN

MEETING MINUTES

7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 17th May 2023

At The Old School House, Tremeirchion LL17 0UN

Zoom not available due to circumstances beyond control

In attendance: Cllr's K. Potts (Chaired this last meeting due to the new chair being unavailable); J. Baldwin-Evans; D. Davies; P. Day; C. Evans; C. Mearns; D. Williams; C. Marston.
Clerk S Fordham

AGENDA

1. **Open forum:** PCSO Dave Jones. General discussion about crime levels and policing in area.

2. **Apologies:**

Cllr's A Morris; Dr M Lloyd, D Jones J Christian.

3. **Urgent matters:** Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4) of LGA 1972.

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An additional planning item to be added to planning item tonight as the notification had not been received, the item to be added to the agenda of the discussion of the newsletter and a more detailed discussion to take place around the purchase of the IT provision for the new clerk.

4. **Declaration of interests:**

Cllr C Evans for all planning as sits on planning committee at DDC.

Cllr C Marston is a neighbour re planning item ii)

5. **Approval of minutes and accuracy of the council meeting held on 19th April 2023:**

Proposed by Cllr D Davies Seconded by Cllr D Williams

6. Matters arising:

- i) Paragraph added to draft newsletter re Welsh Water.
- ii) Photos for newsletter discussed and agreed – one for this issue and one for next.
- iii) All Clerks actions from last meeting are complete.

7. Correspondence:

- i) several items from One Voice Wales, will be sent round electronically if relevant to all councillors.
- ii) Phone call from Sgt Martin Jones which was in reply to Clerks contacting N W Police and ensured PCSO attended open forum.
- iii) Revised standing orders about to be issued. Again will forward to all and post on Website.

8. Code of conduct and register of interests:

Deferred.

Action: Clerk to add to the next agenda.

Action: Clerk to reissue expected conduct guidelines and bring form to next meeting for all to sign re expected conduct and register of interests.

9. Community Council issues:

£180 was raised by a raffle for Tremeirchion in bloom.

Question raised about requesting a preservation order on some beech trees.

Action: Cllr J Baldwin-Evans to make enquiries re the process etc and give feedback to the next meeting.

Clerk and IT equipment. 3 quotes obtained. All fairly similar but the PC world quote gives more extras for the amount...eg virus checker and windows package. All quotes just over £600.

Actions:

Cllr C Mearns to enquire about if/how we can pay by cheque etc to ensure we can reclaim VAT.

Cllr J Baldwin-Evans mentioned another possible supplier to check. Needs to supply details to Cllr C Mearns to follow up.

Clerk to check insurance covers all new equipment once purchased.

Agreed by approval of all present that to save delaying this purchase further a final decision could be made electronically (via email etc) once these final actions have been taken etc.

Proposed by D Davies Seconded by Dr P Day.

Thanks were given to Cllrs Mearns and Potts for their efforts in furthering the purchase of the IT equipment.

10. Old Rugby Club:

No update received as yet.

Action: Clerk to email a reminder to Gareth Williams and copy in relevant people at DCC.

11. Planning:

i) **47/2023/0313** Installation of fences at Tremeirchion school.

Objected.

Action: Cllr D Davies to send draft response to Clerk to submit.

ii) **47/2023/0254** Tan Yr Onnen agricultural building.

No objections.

iii) **47/2023/0183** Ty Celyn. Correspondence about a site meeting.

Action: Clerk to email reply to all invited stating that attendance by any representative of the Community Council would only be at invitation from DCC.

12. Llannerch Bridge:

No recent update. The meeting information will be in the upcoming newsletter.

13. Speed Watch:

Volunteers are required to be trained to use the speed gun and a request received to pay for half the cost of the speed gun with Bodfari CC.

Action: Clerk to contact Tremeirchion 2000 to hopefully recruit volunteers as none present have were able to volunteer for this.

14. Community proposals and capital works:

Deferred to next meeting.

Action:

Clerk to add to agenda.

All present to consider what projects could be put forwards.

15. Finance:

i) **Annual accounts:** Clerk passed round a draft set of 2022-2023 accounts and explained some current issues with them.

Action: Clerk to resend to all when completed.

ii) **Financial report:** The new accounts also show a comparison of the previous years real spend and this years forecasted spend.

Action: Clerk will give a quarterly update on the current year's accounts, each year in July, October, January and April.

iii) **Number of bank accounts:** Two one containing (the current account) the sum of £1 and one currently containing (the business reserve account) the sum of £23,728.73

iv) **Approval of following payments:**

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| Outgoing Clerks Salary April 2023 | *£455.94 |
| *Reduced by £0.20p to £455.74 due to a small overpayment the previous financial year. | |
| New Clerks salary April 2023 | £417.52 |
| PAYE for April for both Clerks | £200.80 |
| Outgoing Clerks expenses April 2023 | £23.00 |
| Gallagher insurance (annual renewal of council insurance) | £584.55 |
| Lengthsman | £170 |
| Waen election | £826.97 |

Proposed by C Marston Secoded D Davies.

16. Formally agreeing future expenditure:

Newsletter (up to an amount of) £200

Room hire at the White house £50

Proposed by J Baldwin-Evans Secoded by C Marston

17. Newsletter:

Action:

To add a comment about volunteers for speed watch.

Asking people for ideas re community grants.

A. O. B.

A vote of thanks was given by all to the outgoing Clerk M ab Owain for his support and work across the years in post with a personal thanks from Cllr K Potts for the help he gave him as Chairperson.

A vote of thanks was also given to Cllr K Potts for his time and input as Chairperson and for Chairing this meeting too.

Mrs S J B Fordham

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