

On Tuesday, 29th July, 2008 a Meeting of Trefeurig Community Council was held in Neuadd y Penrhyn, Penrhyncoch at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr R Owen (Chair); Mrs G Price; Messrs T Davies; D Sheppard; T Lewis; M Evans; D Jones; DM Hughes; Mrs E Davies; Mrs K Walker and clerk
County Cllr D Suter was also present

2437 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr D R Morgan

2438 **Personal Matters:** None

2439 **Disclosure of Personal Interest:** Cllr K Walker declared an interest in Minute 2460 (travel claim) and left the Meeting before the item was discussed

2440 **Confirmation of Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 June 2008 subject to the amendment of Minute 2407 in the Welsh copy to Canolfan Gymdeithasol Trefeurig. The following matters arising from the Minutes were discussed:

Minute 2403 Draft Housing Strategy: Cllr R Owen briefly detailed the contents of the comprehensive document. RESOLVED to note

Minute 2403 Code of Conduct: Copies received from the Monitoring Officer of:-

(1) Application for dispensation form (for completion by a councillor with a prejudicial interest in a matter to be discussed by the Council, and who wishes to apply to Ceredigion Standards Committee for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote on the matter).

(2) Notification of Personal Interest form. For completion by a Councillor with a personal interest in a matter to be discussed by the Council. It was RESOLVED to continue the current practise of recording items of personal interest in a book kept by the clerk.

As instructed, a Public Notice has been published in the Cambrian News (17/07/08) stating that the Council has adopted the new Code. Copies of the Code are available for inspection and a copy of the new Code will be forwarded to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Minute 2420 Request for personal grant: In response to the Council's inquiry, One Voice Wales advise that, in their view, a local authority has no power to make a contribution to a single Individual. RESOLVED to note and to inform the applicant accordingly.

Minute 2436 Footway lighting review: On 30th June 2008 a Meeting was held with a representative of Scottish Power to discuss additional footway lighting. Four areas in Penrhyncoch and Penrhiwnwydd were visited and Scottish Power agreed to submit quotations for connection costs at these sites. This will be followed by a request by the Council for a lamp installation quote from a local contractor.

Minute 2436 Community Police Officer: There has been no response to date from the local Neighbourhood Policing Officer to the items brought to his attention following the June Council Meeting

Minute 2436 Highway Matters - Trefeurig: There has been no response to the various highway matters raised at the June Meeting and which have been forwarded to the Highway Department. RESOLVED to copy the items to Cty Cllr D Suter

Minute 2436 Penbontrhydybeddau postal address: Following a proposal that the postal address of Penbontrhydybeddau should be changed from Cwmsymlog; it was RESOLVED to canvass the opinion of Penbontrhydybeddau residents

2441 **Reports of Meetings attended by Members representing the Community Council:**

One Voice Wales Area Meeting – Aberaeron, 16 July 08: Cllr R Owen gave a report on the Area Meeting and on the follow-up workshop linked to the Local Development Plan held in Aberaeron on 28th July. It was RESOLVED that the short questionnaire due to be returned at the autumn Area Committee Meeting should be copied to each member and discussed at the September council meeting

Cylch Meithrin Trefeurig Tea Party: Cllr R Owen stated that he had attended and enjoyed the tea-party at Neuadd y Penrhyn

Royal Garden Party 15 July 2008: Cllr K Walker reported that attendance at the Garden Party had been an interesting and enjoyable experience in brilliant sunshine. She thanked the Council for nominating her to represent them at this function.

The following correspondence/documents were received and considered:

- 2442 Sale of Trefeurig School house:** Acknowledgement from Ceredigion Estates Dept of Council's letter of support for the Trefeurig School Development Group and its criticism of the County's action in putting the School house up for Sale before completing the lease negotiations with the Development Group. RESOLVED to write again to ask the County to grant the lease prior to finalising the sale of school house
- 2443 One Voice Wales Training Programme:** List of six training modules to be made available. It was RESOLVED to nominate Cllr R Owen to attend 'Understanding the Law'. Cost £25.
- Keep Wales Tidy Awards 2008:** Invitation to apply for award. RESOLVED to forward to PATRASA
- 2444 WAG Review of Electoral Arrangements:** The document was discussed and it was RESOLVED to respond to the consultation questions
- 2445 BT Payphones:** Consultative letter from Ceredigion re BT proposal to remove non-profitable payphones. Five boxes are sited within the Trefeurig Community. RESOLVED to object to their removal on the grounds that they offer a vital emergency service in sparsely populated rural areas frequented by walkers, horse riders, motor bikers and mountain cyclists where, if an accident should occur, mobile phone signals are unavailable and there is no public transport.
- 2446 Cae Chwarae Penbontthyddau Play Area:** Inquiry re responsibility for splay entrance to the play area. RESOLVED to check the lease.
- 2447 WAG Local Government Partnership Scheme Report:** RESOLVED to accept
- 2448 Ceredigion Children & Young People's Plan (2008-2011):** RESOLVED to pass the consultative document to Cllr G Price to consider.
- 2449 Community Council Open Meeting:** In response to a letter from a local resident enquiring whether the Council has called the annual Open Meeting; It was RESOLVED to confirm that an Open Meeting on 13th May 2008 at 7.00 pm followed by the AGM at 7.30pm was advertised on noticeboards within the community and that the Council does not propose to call a further Open Meeting this year. Local residents may attend Council Meetings and may ask to speak prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting or may write and request the inclusion on the Agenda of an item for discussion at the Council Meeting.
- 2450 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:** Advice to Public on how to complain about breaches of the Code of Conduct. RESOLVED to make copies of the forms available locally. Clerk to enquire whether a small display rack could be placed in Trefeurig Community Centre
- 9.00 pm:** Cllr K Walker tendered her apologies and left the Meeting
- 2451 NAW Planning Policy Changes:** Consultancy document on plans to improve planning laws for Rural Wales. RESOLVED to pass the document to Cllr R Owen for consideration and to report back at the September meeting
- 2452 Ceredigion CC's housing stock:** Notice of County Meetings to discuss proposals. RESOLVED to note

9.10 pm: Cllr D Suter left the Meeting. Several local matters have been drawn to his attention recently and these are included in the items for the next Council agenda

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 2453 HSBC Business M/Manager Acc:** Balance 30/06/08 - £4,530.44 (sheet 104)
HSBO Community Acc: Balance 13/07/08 - £8,009.65.(sheet 286) RESOLVED to transfer £5,000 to the Business M/M Acc
- 2454 Audit 2007/08:** The Internal Audit on the Council's financial accounts has been completed and found satisfactory. A copy of the Auditor's report was given to each Councillor
External Audit 2007/08: The required documents have been forwarded to the external Auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward of Southampton together with the completed intermediate audit questionnaire; A copy of this was made available for inspection by the Council.
- 2455 Allianz Insurance:** On 07/07/08 additional Insurance cover payment of £65.10 (cheque 866) was made to Alliance Insurance (Minute 2428 refers)

- 2456 Cambrian News:** Cheque 867 for £181 +Vat £31.67 **Total £212.67** paid to Cambrian News (07/07/08) in respect of the Code of Conduct Public Notice (see Minute 2429)
- 2457 Election Costs 2008:** Notice from Ceredigion Finance Dept that a charge of £129.30 will be deducted from the 2009 Precept in April 2009. **RESOLVED** to seek a breakdown of costs.

Payment of the following Invoices was agreed:

- 2458 L Griffiths** – June 2008 translations £53.28 (cheque 869)
- 2459 B Smith** – Internal audit of financial accounts for y/e 31.03.08 - £150 (cheque 870)
- 2460 Cllr K Walker** – travel costs to attend Garden Party on 15/07/08 as Council Representative - £239.98 (cheque 871)

The following Planning decisions were noted:

- 2461 A061250** Plot adj Brynalwel, Cefnllwyd erection of house: Permission granted
- 2462 A071261** Y Ddol Fach, 10 dwellings: Permission granted
- 2463 A080185** Land adj to Arosfa, Salem, erection of dwelling: Permission granted
- 2464 A080262** Land near Awelon, Cefnllwyd, erection of dwelling: Permission refused
- 2465 A080377** Plas y Coed, Cwmerfyn, extension: Permission granted
- 2466 A080442** 1 Glanseilo, Penrhyncoch, extension: Permission granted
- 2467 A080582** 3 Pen y berth, Penrhyncoch, alterations: Permission granted
- 2468 A080585** Rhoserchan, Penrhyncoch, Solar panels: Permission granted

The following Planning applications were considered:

- 2469 A080621** Plot adj Gelli Cottage, Cefnllwyd, erection of dwelling: No objections raised
- 2470 A080701** Land adj former Trefeurig CP School, Penbontrhydybedau – erection of a dwelling: The Council objects to this application. The site lies outside the existing built form and from a safety aspect access visibility on the east side would be problematic. If there is a demand for additional housing in Penbontrhydybeddau, there are more suitable sites within the existing settlement.
- 2471 A080277** Proposed agricultural implement shed at Cwmerfyn: Copy received of letter in respect of this application. **RESOLVED** to file
- 2472 The next Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 16th September 2008 at 7.00 pm in Hen Ysgol Trefeurig
- 2473 It was agreed to include the following on the next agenda:**
- Proposal to place notice on all Community noticeboards giving contact number to report faulty footway lights
 - Salem road and Cae Mawr – water pooling on road due to faulty drainage
 - Requests for improved lighting and extra dog bins
 - Request for hardcore on parking area in Penrhiwnwydd
 - Request for crash barrier along edge of estate road in Tan y berth
 - Dolhelyg Estate – amenity area

The Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

