

On Tuesday, 17th February 2009 a Meeting of Trefeurig Community Council was held in Horeb Vestry, Penrhyncoch at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors R Owen (Chair); Mrs E Davies; T Lewis; D Sheppard; T Davies; D Jones and clerk. County Councillor D Suter was also present

2432 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs K Walker (attending the Airtricity Community Liaison Group Meeting, Talybont, as a representative of Trefeurig Council); D M Hughes; Mrs G Price; D R Morgan and M Evans

2433 Personal Matters: None

2434 Disclosure of personal/prejudicial interest: Minute 2451 Applications for Grants: As members/participants Cllrs Mrs Davies & T Davies declared a personal interest in – Cae Chwarae Penbont; Ysgol Trefeurig Development Group; Penbont Tai Chi Group and Trefeurig “Extend” Sessions. As a Trustee Cllr T Lewis declared an interest in Neuadd y Penrhyn’s application and took no part in the discussion. As Committee Members Cllrs R Owen and T Lewis declared an interest in the 2010 Urdd Eisteddfod Appeal

2435 Confirmation of Minutes: It was RESOLVED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2009. The following matters arising from the Minutes were discussed:-

Minute 2408 Trefeurig Community Map: The draft proof has been corrected by Cllr R Owen and the replacement map should be received before the end of March

Minute 2409 Airtricity Community Liaison Group: Cllr R Owen confirmed that he and the Vice-Chair were satisfied with the revised wording of the Community Engagement Plan and Terms of Reference of the Liaison Group and had authorised Cllr Walker to sign the documents on behalf of Trefeurig Council

Minute 2416 Shelter Cymru: Due to the uncertainty of the February Meeting place, the invitation to Shelter Cymru to attend was postponed. A detailed account of the work carried out by Shelter Cymru was presented to the meeting by Cllr D Sheppard

2436 Reports on Meetings attended by Members representing the Community Council: Ysgol Trefeurig Development Group – Meeting 17th February 2009: Cllr R Owen reported that as the YTDG meeting clashed with the February Community Council meeting he had sent his apologies

One Voice Wales Area Meeting at Aberaeron 20 January 2009: In a written report Cllr K Walker stated that amongst various matters covered by the Speaker from the Wales Audit Office he had stressed the Council’s responsibility for checking all financial transactions carried out by the clerk on their behalf; to ensure that all expenditure is covered by legal powers and that Minutes are up to date and accurate

Neuadd y Penrhyn Regeneration Committee: In a written report Cllr K Walker stated that the questionnaire to establish Community commitment to the long term support of the Village Hall had been distributed throughout Trefeurig Community. The Committee would be grateful if Councillors would encourage residents to complete and return the questionnaire.

Code of Conduct Training: In a written report Cllr K Walker confirmed that the Training Session in Aberystwyth on 28th January had been attended by her and Cllr Melvyn Evans

The following correspondence/documents were received and considered

2437 Summary of Town/Community Council responses to Aberystwyth Green Party’s proposals for improving bus services in Ceredigion (Encl B): A copy of the report was given to each member. RESOLVED to accept

2438 Pen Llŷn a’r Sarnau (SAC): Newsletter. RESOLVED to circulate

2439 Ceredigion Planning Dept:

- 1) Notification that time allowed for Councils to respond to Planning Applications is to be reduced from 21days to 14 days. RESOLVED to discuss with One Voice Wales
- 2) Consultation document on the proposed standardised set of national planning application forms (1APP) which are to be introduced. RESOLVED to receive
- 3) Invitation to Pre-Deposit Local Development Plan Documents Consultation – Penweddig School 4th March 2009. RESOLVED to nominate Cllrs M Evans & K Walker to attend

- 2440 Ceredigion Environmental Dept:- Guidance leaflet for dog owners:-** RESOLVED to obtain additional copies for display when available and to enquire about signs
- 2441 Royal Garden Party:** Invitation to Chair person to submit his/her name for 2009 Garden Party draw. Chair RESOLVED not to take part in the draw
- 2442 Notification from One Voice Wales of EU Twinning Workshop at Llandrindod on 18/03/09.** RESOLVED to note
- 2443 Copy of Local Council Briefing for 2009 from External Auditors BDO Stoy Hayward.** RESOLVED to receive and note
- 2444 Report on Local Govt Partnership Scheme:** RESOLVED Cllr Owen to read and report

2445 At 8.10 pm a local resident with specialist knowledge and interest in Broadband reception within Trefeurig Community joined the Meeting. The Council meeting was adjourned and Dr King was invited to address the Members

Explaining Broadband reception difficulties experienced within areas of the Community, Dr King proposed action that could result in a Grant from the Welsh Assembly Government to enable BT to update existing telephone lines. This could help to improve internet access for many residents. Following a short question and answer session Dr King was thanked for his information and left the Meeting at 8.30 pm. It was RESOLVED to place this item on the Agenda for the next meeting

Before the Council meeting resumed County Councillor D Suter reported on his efforts to persuade Ceredigion to grit more roads in rural areas. He regretted that he had not been very successful due to Ceredigion's lack of resources and finance. Regarding grit bins, he suggested that the Council re-submit its application for these in view of difficulties experienced by drivers in the recent snow and ice. Cllr Suter left at 8.50 pm and the Council Meeting continued

Financial Matters

2446 Welsh Assembly Govt – Guidance on Council Borrowing for Capital Purposes:

Documents discussed. RESOLVED to receive and note

2447 HM Revenue & Customs: Notification of BACS remittance on 28.01.09 of £611.52 Vat repayment for period 01/02/08 – 31/01/09

2448 HSBO Bank balance at 17/02/09: £8310. 24

The following invoices were checked and payment was agreed:

2449 L Griffiths – Translation costs January 2009: £90.05. Cheque 893

2450 Ysgol Trefeurig Development Group: Room hire for January 2009 Meeting: £10. Ch 895

2451 Eglwys Horeb: Room hire for February Meeting: £10. Cheque 896

2452 Applications received for Grants for the year ending 31 March 2009. (Encl C)

(The total payable under S137 LGA 1972 for the current financial year is ££8,040)

A list of all applications received was given to each member. It was RESOLVED to consider only those applications accompanied by a recent balance sheet; not to exceed the £3,400 designated for donations in the budget and to specify the power under which the donation is made. The following applications were successful:-

| <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Project</u> | <u>Donation</u> | <u>Power</u> | <u>Cheque</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>£</u> | | <u>No</u> |
| Cae Chwarae Penbont | Equipment replacement Fund | 250 | s.19 LGA 76 | 897 |
| Ysgol Trefeurig Dev G | Newsletters | 200 | s.137 LGA 72 | 898 |
| Penbont Tai Chi Club | Yoga type exercises | 150 | s.145 LGA 72 | 899 |
| Trefeurig Extend Group | Gentle(armchair) exercises | 150 | s.137 LGA 72 | 900 |
| Neuadd y Penrhyn | Insurance & cleaning costs | 750 | s.133 LGA 72 | 901 |
| F/ball Club P/coch | Youngsters training | 500 | s.19 LGA 76 | 902 |
| PATRASA | Fencing/skateboard maintenance | 500 | s.19 LGA 76 | 903 |
| P/coch Retired Group | Speakers/room hire | 150 | s.137 LGA 72 | 904 |
| Urdd Eisteddfod 2010 | Trefeurig Area Appeal | 200 | s.145 LGA 72 | 905 |
| Cartref Tregerddan | Support for the residents | 250 | s.137 LGA 72 | 906 |
| Wales Air Ambulance | Service maintenance | 300 | s.137 LGA 72 | 907 |

2453 2008/09 Risk Assessment & Management Review (Encl D)

A risk assessment was carried out based on the check list suggested by the External Auditors. This covered possible risk factors; present methods of internal control and proposals for improving the management of risks

The assessment included a review of the adequacy of the current insurance cover; the management of the Council's finances including budget reviews and banking arrangements; the need to scrutinise all transactions for accuracy and legality; to record and reclaim Vat payments, and for clear documentation in the Minutes of all decisions taken.

It was confirmed that Standing Orders are observed; payments made in respect of travel and salary are at the recommended rates; The Model Publication Scheme & Code of Conduct have been adopted and a register of interest is kept. A Complaints procedure is in place and the Freedom of Information Act is observed by the Council.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was RESOLVED to continue to monitor and improve the Council's risk management

2454 The following planning decisions were noted:

A081122 56 Glanceulan, Penrhyncoch – extension & alterations – permission granted

A081167 Plas Gogerddan, Penrhyncoch – removal of planning condition – granted

2455 Consideration was given to the following planning application:-

A090064 Plot adj to Awelon, Cefnllwyd – erection of dwelling & store: The Council expressed support for the application

2456 The next Meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, 17 March 2009 at 7.00 pm in Hen Ysgol trefeurig

2457 It was agreed to include the following items on the next agenda:

Erosion of roadside edge, Penbontrhydybeddau – To seek the support of Elin Jones AM to persuade Ceredigion to carry out road safety improvements and, if necessary, to arrange a site meeting

The Meeting closed at 9.55 pm