

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Hafan Deg Community Centre Treuddyn for 7.00pm**

**CHAIRMAN:** Cllr. C. Swan

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. A. Marshall, M. Thornton, J. Smith, R. Cracknell, D. Roberts, C. Hughes, E. Bech & C. Metcalf.

**1. APOLOGIES:** B. Jones

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None Present

Before the commencement of council business the Chair asked for a moment of silence in memory of the late Mr Idris Jones. He was a lovely gentleman and will be very much missed in the community.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING** – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

That the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> November be accepted as a true and correct record with the following amendments.

Item 3 Treuddyn Community Association - page 717 To add in the following sentence.

‘Cllr. A. Marshall asked if this was the list that was going to be sent on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 which was not sent.’

Item 7 Treuddyn C.C Policies page 718

Change ‘Flintshire Youth Services’ to ‘Flintshire County Council Youth and other Community Services’.

Moved: Cllr. C. Hughes

Seconded: Cllr. R. Cracknell

Carried

### **4. CCTV – Queen Street Playing Field.**

To further the discussion from the November meeting.

The Clerk had sent an invitation to the contractor to attend either the December or January meetings of the council no reply has been received.

The Clerk received no reply to an email sent to Treuddyn Community Association in November requesting a copy of the questions that Treuddyn Community Association representatives put forward to members in the November meeting.

This is the proposal of TCC

- TCC to develop a stand alone scheme within the play area rather than in the village hall.
- Any concerns to let TCC know.
- To change the scope of the project.
- ITT will include the points that were raised in the last meeting.
- To contact Flintshire C.C for further information on CCTV

The Chair put the proposal to a vote:

6 For 2 Abstentions

Carried

## **5. BRIEFING ON PREPARING A COUNCILS TRAINING PLAN**

The Training Plan has been prepared in accordance with Section 67 of the 2021 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act.

The training is to help Community Councils and their staff to be effective and efficient as possible to serve their communities.

The training plan should reflect on, and address, whether the council has the skills and knowledge to deliver its plans effectively.

Prior to the meeting members received information in relation to the guidance on preparing a plan issued by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Each member was given a Learning and Development Plan Template. This was discussed and filled in by each councillor and given back to the clerk.

The information will be collated and will be used to identify the training needs required.

The training plan will be a public record but doesn't name councillor's.

Remote Training Modules are provided by OVW (One Voice Wales) and the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) and held throughout the year.

The Training Plan will be presented to TCC for approval in the January meeting.

## **6. TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE**

A report on the progress of the new website.

Cllr. M. Thornton stated the website is up and running and pages are being held for the local Schools, Churches etc. to come back with information.

## **7. TREUDDYN C.C BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The benefits of moving to on-line banking was discussed by members. At present there are four signatories to authorise cheque payments, when moving over to online banking two signatories are required to sign the online mandate the clerk would also sign.

The two signatories would either have full access or not full access to the accounts.

The Chair asked for a vote to apply for online banking.

All in favour – Carried.

The following signatories to be added to the on-line mandate:

Cllrs. J. Smith and R. Cracknell – Not full access

Clerk – C. Thomas – Full access

Financial procedures will be put in place for payments and payments made outside of meetings.

Invoices due for payment will be presented to the council at each meeting unless a payment can't wait until that meeting – details of that payment/s will be presented at the next meeting of the council.

A cheque book will still be held by the council.

## **8. TREUDDYN C.C NEWSLETTER**

To discuss editing and production of Newsletter.

The Chair and members thanked the editor Cllr. Eva Bech for putting together the Winter edition.

A Treuddyn News Policy was presented to members and discussed.

The following points were put forward:

- Cllr. A. Marshall stated that Cllr. Eva Bech needs help with the newsletter content. The old newsletter content had been built up over a number of years.
- Some residents are not interested in political issues.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Winter newsletter was political

- The newsletter is funded largely by TCC with some income being generated by advertising and voluntary contributions.
- Language policy – articles are welcomed in Welsh and English as certain organisations converse in Welsh.
- A survey could be carried out to see what the residents would like to read in the Newyddion Treuddyn News.
- To put a survey into the next edition of the newsletter.
- Would we look at putting TCC information on social media sites? Not all residents have access to social media.
- Newsletters could be left at collections points.

It was agreed for members to take home to digest the information presented this evening.

Re-Agenda for the January meeting.

## **9. DEFIBRILLATORS**

To discuss the possibility of new locations and signage to direct the public to defibrillators in the village. New locations were discussed, the issue is a supply of electricity. Not all areas have a suitable building or electric connection to install.

The villages that may be able to connect to an electric supply are Pontybodkin and Rhydtalog as the defibrillator would not be on a public building the installation would need clarification from TCC Insurers.

The clerk also presented costings from SADS UK ( Members also received the information)

Zoll AED Plus = £1081.31 plus VAT

Locked stainless steel cabinet = £470 plus VAT

Re-Agenda for the January meeting.

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received.

## **11. PLAY AREAS**

Treuddyn and Coed-Talon play areas – To discuss any matters /Issues

1. Coed-Talon – A report by Cllr. A. Marshall that cows had got onto the field and made quite a mess. A small area of the boundary fence is down which the cows have entered the play area off the bridleway. FCC Streetscene have been informed.

2. Queen Street Play Area – The clerk is working on the planning application for the ‘Proposed Small Wheel Play’

Regarding the cost of the build which was supplied by Bendcrete some months back the clerk will require confirmation from the firm if there is any increase on cost.

## **12. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN**

Discussed and updated.

1. The trees in front of the pensioners bungalows on Ffordd-y-Rhos the roots have lifted the pavement. This was raised a few months ago. Streetscene visited the site nothing has been done.

2. Footpath from Beehive Cottage towards Llanfynydd Junction on the A5104 requires cleaning back as the footpath has narrowed due to overgrown vegetation.

It was noted the more people report matters via the Flintshire C.C App the better it is and work may get done quicker.

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Deeside Silver Band – A letter of thanks for the £150 cheque.
2. Mr Jonathan Hulson – North Wales Wildlife Trust. Mr Hulson visited the wildlife corridor in the Spring and noticed the strip of land had been tidied up.  
Mr Hulson is happy to attend the February meeting to discuss tree planting and recommended wildflower seed mixes.
3. Flintshire Youth Services - A letter of thanks for the support of TCC and the grant awarded towards the Snow Camp.

### **14. TCC CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION**

Judging to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### **15. STREET LIGHTING**

The Christmas lights outside 5-7 Ffordd- Y- Rhos are off – To report to Mega Electrical.

### **16. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

<i><b>Cheque Number</b></i>	<i><b>Vat</b></i>	<i><b>Total</b></i>
1965 Staff salary November	nil	£480.15
1966 Scottish Power (re-issue of payment) Chq no. 1876 cancelled 01.07.23 to 01.08.23	£115.79	£694.75
1966 Scottish Power 01.11.23 to 01.12.23	£117.29	£703.75
1967 WIX TCC New Website	£75.60	£453.60
1968 M. Fisher cutting BMX track & verges	nil	£493.00
1969 Double Click Design & Print Winter Newsletter	nil	£848.00
1970 FCC – Repair two street lights	£79.00	£474.00

### **17. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

1. County Cllr. A. Marshall had an early morning drive on the 12 December with Mr Neil Cockerton looking at Ffordd-y-Odyn, Ffordd y Blaenau and towards Cae Hic..  
The traffic lights on Ffordd Llanfynydd there are problems with a pipe. Looked at the water issues near the property Preswylfa on Ffordd-y-Rhos.
2. The late Mr Idris Jones – a tribute will be put into the next edition of the Newyddion Treuddyn News.
3. Reports of re-cycling being missed over the Christmas period the Black bin was ok.
4. Installation of Street Lights along Ffordd-y-Gilrhos – some residents are asking.  
It was noted this was discussed a number of years ago and residents didn't want any lights.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.30pm

Chairman .....

