

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 15th October 2024 at Hafan Deg Community
Centre, Treuddyn for 7.00pm

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. A. Marshall

PRESENT: B. Jones, C. Hughes, R. Cracknell, J. Smith, C. Swan & E. Bech

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. C. Metcalf

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Public session from 6.50pm to 7.00pm

There were six members of the public present who have expressed an interest in the council vacancies.

The Chair opened the public session.

There were no matters raised by the public present.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. YSGOL PARC -Y- LLAN

Attending Mr M. Ashford – Head Teacher.

Mr Ashford thanked TCC for the Invitation and for the opportunity to speak to members about the Breakfast Club and answer any questions.

MA: “School budgets are very tight and looking ahead things are not going to get better. We have a good working relationship with Ysgol Terrig and work close together which is a nice position to be in for both schools.

There are 70 pupils registered for breakfast club attending from both schools and we are currently the only provision in Flintshire that offers free breakfast club from 8am to 8.45am.

The children have the choice of toast, milk, fruit and cereal. The cost of food will keep going up. We shop at the local supermarkets to get the best deals for cereal, fruit etc.

The behaviour of the children attending is excellent.

The school budget was cut last April 2024 which we lost £20,000 overnight also grants have been cut. It seems there may be a further 3% cut to our budget next April 2025. All these cuts are having a huge impact on school resources.

We try and carry 5% of the budget forward this is becoming less each year in a couple of years it will be 0%.

Before we get to that point we will have to charge for breakfast club, the grant we receive doesn't cover the cost to run it. The 70 that attend there is about 10 that don't have breakfast, there will be some families that can afford to pay for breakfast club. All children are eligible for free school meals, some families do struggle; breakfast and free school meals is their lifeline.

The quality of dinners is very poor and smaller portions, the school dinners we had when we were at school were very wholesome and good portions.

I am here this evening to ask for help and if TCC would consider an application for funding”.

Members were given the opportunity to ask Mr Ashford questions.

CS: The procurement of ingredients is very low, can't you get free ingredients from Kellog's, Supermarkets etc.

MA: There are 92 schools in Flintshire which charge for breakfast club. Ysgol Parc-y-Llan have applied to food companies, we are waiting our turn and making requests. You have support for 1 year and then another school the next.

CS: There are a lot of working parents who are having their children fed for nothing; you should be making a charge.

MA: We are looking for additional grants.

RC: We have talked about the cost of food a lot of the cost is staff. For a viable business model to grow you will need to consider charging some parents.

MA: It is looking that we will have to consider charging for breakfast club. The school had an Estyn Inspection in June in which we had an outstanding report. Wellbeing is the top of our agenda.

AM: From the Resources committee on FCC it shows an increase on Parc-y-Llan's account 2023/2024.

MA: What is shown on paper is not correct. Reserves will be kept in a pot for emergency incidents, the school budget will show a true reflection in the April.

EB: What sort of figure would make a difference.

MA: We would be grateful for any donation, whatever the council can afford. We are encouraging parents to apply for free school meals for those who are eligible. Numbers help maintain the grant.

BJ: I admire the Head Teacher and what has been spoken this evening. The cost of the food shown is very minimal.

JS: We are the seventh affluent country in the world and surely we should feed our children. I admire both Head Teachers for working together.

It was agreed by members the council will discuss this further in the November meeting.

Mr Ashford thanked the council for inviting him this evening.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 17 September 2024

That the minutes be approved and accepted as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. C. Swan

Seconded: Cllr. J. Smith

All in favour – Carried.

4a) Matters arising from the minutes

Item 5 Training Plan – One Voice Wales Certificate of Attendance. To confirm Cllr. R. Cracknell completed 'Local Government Finance – Module 6 held on 22/05/2024

5. CO-OPTION

To fill the role as Community Councillor- Three vacancies on Treuddyn Community Council.

Members warmly welcomed six residents who have expressed an interest in the council vacancies.

Each candidate was invited to speak to the council giving a brief introduction about themselves and why they would like to serve the community serving in office as a community councillor.

Members thanked each candidate and asked them to leave the room for the council to consider and reach a decision.

It was agreed that each member would vote on paper writing their chosen three candidates.

The Chair and Clerk counted the votes.

The three chosen candidates.
Mr Edward Morgan
Ms V. Speed
Mr Edward Swan

The six candidates were invited back into the meeting. The council thanked each one for applying. It had been a very difficult decision as everyone had shown excellent qualities.

The three successful applicant names were read out.

Signing of 'Declaration of Office'

Ms V. Speed, Mr E. Morgan and Mr E. Swan were invited to sign the 'The Declaration of Office' and warmly congratulated by members.

6. QUARTERLY REVIEW OF TREUDDYN C.C FINANCES 2024/25

Members received copies of expenditure to date, Bank balances of the Current and Reserve accounts prior to the meeting.

Projects and approximate expenditure was discussed to the end of the financial year 2025.

Projects listed to be completed.

1. Notice Boards x 3.

The Clerk confirmed delivery should be in the next couple of weeks.

2. Upgrade of Play Areas

There is £3000 ringfenced for play areas.

The purchase of a new 'Jungle Climbing Frame' will be discussed in the January meeting when setting the budget for expenditure.

The approximate cost to purchase and for installation is £18,000. TCC would put forward an expression of interest to Flintshire C.C for match funding £ for £ when applications are sent out.

If members have any new projects to be considered by the Council these need to be brought to the table for discussion prior to the January meeting.

Quarterly VAT reclaimed from HMRC April to June 2024 = £10,674.44

The approximate balance carrying over to the new financial year 2025/2026 = £17,301.00

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Swan the review of the finances gave a good understanding of expenditure and a healthy balance carrying forward. Seconded: Cllrs. J. Smith & C. Hughes
All in favour - Carried.

7. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 2024 – to confirm arrangements.

- Cllr. C. Hughes confirmed a Lay Preacher will be taking the service.
- Deeside Band has confirmed their attendance to play at the War Memorial. It was agreed the band to choose the hymns to play.

Cllr. B. Jones to contact the band and confirm arrangements.

- The Clerk has delivered all Remembrance wreaths that had been ordered.
- Readings: Welsh - Cllr. A. Marshall English – Cllr. C. Hughes

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

FUL/000786/24

Proposal: Proposed side and rear extension. Replacement windows and replacement render throughout.

Location: Melbourne House, Corwen Road, Treuddyn, Mold, CH7 4LD

Treuddyn C.C had no comments to make on the above application.

9. PLAY AREAS – Treuddyn & Coed-Talon

Treuddyn

- The new signs for the BMX track and the ‘Small Wheels’ are completed and have been erected.
- Drinking Fountain – It was agreed by members the drinking fountain is not being used and to look at other options, possibly a tap to fill up drinking bottles.

The Clerk to look up where the water fountain was purchased and what options can be explored.

- Official Opening of the ‘Small Wheels’ play area.

It was agreed to decide in Spring 2025.

Coed-Talon

There were no matters to report.

10. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN

Matters raised with FCC Streetscene were discussed and updated.

1. Ffordd-y-Odyn Intersection meeting Ffordd Mynydd Du.

Concern had been raised some time ago the reflectors running along the side of the deep ditch had fallen over and the deep gulley hidden by so much overgrowth. It is very deep if a vehicle came off the road.

Action: Cllr. A. Marshall has been out with FCC Streetscene Mr Ian Williams and inspected this area.

There are problems with the culvert which will be looked at.

2. From Beehive cottage to the Junction of Llanfynydd. An urgent request has been put to FCC Streetscene for the footpath to be cleaned back and swept.

Pedestrians with pushchairs are being pushed onto the road.

Noted: Cllr. A. Marshall informed members that trees across the road are marked to be taken down, it would be an opportunity while traffic control is in place for FCC to clean the footpath.

3. Deep pothole reported on the A5104 just passed the Ffordd y Gilrhos Junction heading towards the corner garage.

4. It was reported a large branch fell off one of the trees opposite the pensioners bungalows on Ffordd-y-Rhos

11. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Flintshire South Inspector / North Wales Police proposing to hold a meeting at the police station on the 7th November 2024 at 4pm with Sgt Kerry Nash to go through North Wales Police’s vision and priorities, explaining what they are and how we work with partner agencies across Flintshire.

Note: The Clerk has emailed the Inspector to confirm which Police Station – no reply has been received to date.

Confirmation has not been received if the meeting is going ahead.

12. TREUDDYN C.C BEST KEPT SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION 2024

List of prize winners.

First	£50	Thornfield – Coed-Talon
Second	£25	Glendale – Llanfynydd Junction
Third	£25	Pensioners Bungalows – Ffordd-y-Rhos, Treuddyn

13. STREET LIGHTING

No faults reported

14. TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Payment of invoices via on-line banking

Vat

Total

Invoices paid 8th October 2024

1. C.J Thomas (Clerk) re: Computarite	nil	£47.00
Remote access IT support 50% cost shared with Llanfynydd C.C		
2. C.J Thomas (Clerk) re: Microsoft Storage	nil	£29.99

Invoices presented for approval 15/10/2024

1. M. Fisher August Invoice – cutting BMX Track & verges	nil	£291.50
2. Scottish Power 01/09/24 to 01/10/24	£116.91	£701.45
3. SLCC Practical Compliance for CCTV x 2	£12.00	£72.00
Clerk & Cllr. A. Marshall 31 st October 2024		
4. SLCC Agendas & Minutes (2 parts)	£12.00	£72.00
Clerk training – 19 th & 26 th November 2024		
5. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol – Scholarship Grant 2024	nil	£250.00
6. Aura Leisure & Libraries Re: New signs for BMX track & Small Wheels. Treuddyn play area.	nil	£682.80

Cheque payments

2027	C. Peers TCC Garden Competition 2024 1 st Prize	nil	£50.00
2028	L. Webb TCC Garden Competition 2024 2 nd Prize	nil	£25.00
2029	D. Parrry TCC Garden Competition 2024 3 rd Prize	nil	£25.00
2030	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2 x wreaths	nil	£40.00

15. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1. Cllr. C. Swan raised the issue of road safety on Ffordd y Llan in front of the local primary schools and the conversation that was held between TCC and FCC Mr Anthony Stanford some time back regarding road safety measures and the discussion of a Zebra Crossing.

This would need to be discussed again by TCC.

2. Treuddyn Cemetery – The Ash tree has been removed.

3. Ffordd -y-Blaenau – To follow up the request to FCC Streetscene for a dog bin.

4. Bus Shelter on Ffordd-y-Rhos – Building work has commenced on land behind the bus shelter. Encroachment onto the land where the bus shelter is sited will be closely monitored. FCC planning department have received photographs etc. some months back.

5. County Cllr. A. Marshall reported to members regarding the £38million deficit of Flintshire C.C. It is going to be really hard with the financial cuts that will have to be made.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.15pm

Chairman

19.11.2024

