

TRIMSARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting
28th. October 2024

Minutes of the Meeting

Apologies: - Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins.

Present: - As per register

Min 5617

Declaration from Councillor Mari Arthur regarding Old Hall to be discussed later, that was on a personal and not prejudicial nature.

Declaration from all councillors, that they were members of Trimsaran Village forum but that was on a personal and not prejudicial nature.

Min 5618 Matters Arising

1. Safer routes Llys y Godian to Shop are in the process of being completed.
2. Yr Allt - request for hedges to be cut. Has been made
3. There is work being carried out on the round-about at the entrance of the leisure centre not completed yet.
4. Pathway between Carway and Trimsaran delayed because, Welsh Government has now withdrawn rural grant funding.
5. Financial tool kit – is ongoing.
6. Planning at 11 Argoed - Refused
7. Planning application at Cae Linda - Refused.
8. Empty home – awaiting report
9. Clerk confirmed that enforcement officers have been instructed to attend Cae Linda as requested in last meeting but was not included in the minutes.
10. Dame Nia Griffith given two possible dates for face-to-face meeting to discuss transportation within the village – awaiting response.
11. Christmas trees have been ordered.
12. Meeting again with Coal authority regarding Old Hall.

Min 5619

Minutes of the. September 30th. meeting, was read and unanimously resolved to be a true record (copies of which had been previously circulated to members) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Min 5620 Financial Report

The clerk presented the following documents.

The Community Councils Accounts for the month October 2024 along with Precept spend for quarter 2 (Copies of which had been previously circulated to members) were presented; and agreed to be a true and accurate account by Councillors.

Min 5621 County Councillors Report

1. General housing issues, potholes and litter bins being an issue this month.
2. Void properties – some have been placed
3. Tender from the SPF grant starting next week some time, plant some trees grant will be finished some signs are required to be completed around the park, need authority from councillors to give go a head – go ahead given.
4. Both Skate Park ramps need removal due to condition, need to think with what we replace them with, will need to ask community what they would like with constraints with the cost of replacement.
5. All County Councils in Wales have issues around budget over spend.
6. Standstill budget 5% without any pay awards, with significant cut.

Min 5622 7(a) Planning

No planning applications received.

Min 5623 7(b)

Pre-Application Consultation for the following development – Residential Development. On Land at Gwelfor, Heol Llanelli, Trimsaran, SA17 4AG

Firstly, Trimsaran Community council would welcome the development of bungalows in the village, but in the discussion on the above development Trimsaran Community Council noted the following concerns.

1. Concern with the access point to the development, specifically visibility splay.
2. Known Knotweed on the development which has been brought into the site with earlier groundworks.
3. Drainage issues historically and currently at the location.
4. Objection to the removal of the Oak tree (Sessile Oak) in the middle of the development.
5. Do not accept the offsite compensation area as acceptable as it is a current habitation site, does not compensate for the removal of existing.
6. Concern regarding public transport, this is a limited service (bus every two hours during main part of day) not suitable for early morning start or evening, not available on Bank Holidays or Sundays.

7. Concern with wording of local convenience shops. (there is only one) Also the social club and workingman's club are not operational.
8. To reach the National cycle route 4, running through countryside near Pinged is a dangerous route to cycle to and from Trimsaran.
9. Ecological Services Habitat Management Plan page 7 2.5) The Guidelines for the Selection of Wildlife Sites in South Wales by The South Wales Wildlife Partnership provides a, criteria, for a site to be considered a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) based on the habitats and species present. The table within Appendix 1 details which species are present within the development site that are considered indicator species of SINC quality marshy grassland habitat. 13 indicator species were present during the July 2024 site visit. At least 12 indicator species need to be present for marshy grassland to be considered species rich and SINC quality habitat. The marshy grassland within the development site is considered to qualify as SINC habitat.
10. Given noncompliance of speed with vehicles, in that area, consideration should be given to placing cables to monitor speed and size of vehicles, prior to any development, to determine if further mitigation is needed near the entrance.
11. It was resolved that if planning minded passing the application, then Trimsaran Community Council would like 106 mitigation contribution towards park improvement and maintenance of the green areas within Trimsaran and contribution to restore and maintain the Miners Welfare Hall.

Clerk instructed to respond to Evans Bank of the above concerns to the development.

Min 5624 7(c)

Donation request from Radio Glangwili

It was agreed by councillors to donate an amount of fifty pounds.

Min 5625 7(d)

Grievance Policy- after the review it was agreed by council to adopt the Grievance Policy and to be reviewed in two years time.

Min 5626 A.O.B

1.Cllr. Mari Arthur gave an update on the progress of the section of the Old Hall that she is renovating , new roof beeing installed next week , the solar panels that are being used are thin filmed PVC made in Newport and the project should be completed by the end of year. Polly tunnels to be installed and a number of possible spin offs from her mushroom product with another adventure from a possible supplier who is interested in highering an unit at the Old hall from her.

2. The Clerk informed the council of his Pay Agreement award for 2024/25.which the council agreed to implement, the pay increase is to be backdated to 1st April.

Min 5627

The next meeting of the Council was confirmed as being on Monday 25th . November 2024 at 18:30hrs.

Min 5628

The meeting concluded at 20.40hrs.

I certify that the foregone minutes are a true and accurate record thereof.

Signed.....
(Chairperson)