

On Tuesday, 13th May 2008 The Annual General Meeting of Trefeurig Community Council was held in Neuadd y Penrhyn. An Open Forum was advertised for 7.00 pm but no Members of the Public attended and the Council Meeting opened at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs K Walker (Chair); Mrs G Price; Mrs E Davies; Messrs DR Morgan; DM Hughes; D Jones; R Owen; T Lewis; Trefor Davies and clerk. Cty Cllr D Suter was also present.

Cllr Walker welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Council following the uncontested Community Council election, particularly the new member Trefor Davies, and congratulated D Suter on his re- election as County Councillor for Trefeurig.

2369 Declaration of Acceptance of Office: A copy of the Code of Conduct was given to each member and a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and an undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct was signed by those present and returned to the clerk.

2370 Apologies for absence were received from the second new member, Mr David Shepherd, and from Cllr Melvyn Evans.

2371 Personal Matters: The Council wished to record its appreciation of their many years service to the community of the two members who did not seek re-election recently; Mr Daniel Huws and Mr Merfyn Hughes. Their local knowledge, expertise and recall of past events will be greatly missed.

2372 Minutes of the 2007 AGM: Copies of the May 2007 AGM were circulated beforehand. These were confirmed at the June 2007 Meeting.

2373 Chairman's Report 2008:

The completion of phase 1 of the Safe Route to School through Penrhynoch playing field was a welcome event and it is hoped that Ceredigion will provide footway lighting along the path. It remains to be seen whether the route will prove a substitute for a footway between the Football Club entrance and Ceirios.

Neuadd y Penrhyn Working Committee is slowly making progress to establish the wishes of the Community with regards to the future of the Hall and, in Trefeurig, the Development Group is working hard to make the old school buildings into a viable Community Centre. The Council is represented on both these Committees.

Conservation work on Cwmsymlog chimney was finally completed in 2008 and the three information boards and a new road sign were erected. We are grateful to Cadw and Ceredigion for funding these projects and Daniel Huws for his interest and involvement in the scheme.

Unfortunately litter and dog fouling remain a problem in Penrhyncoch. We hope that the provision of dog waste bins in the Playing Field may help. Occasional community clear-ups might be a way forward to improve the litter situation. It is disappointing that efforts to set up a Council website with the help of Menter Aberystwyth have not yet come to fruition, but a Trefeurig Community website is up and running and the Council has been invited to contribute items to this site for the present.

Ceredigion is preparing the Local Development Plan for 2007-2022 and our active involvement in decisions which will influence future land use within our community is vital.

I have found my year as Chairman interesting and instructive. I hope the Council continues to meet alternately in Penrhyncoch and Trefeurig and that we remain bilingual and non-political with the well being of the community as the focus of our decisions. I thank the members and the clerk for their support throughout the year.

2374 Election of Chairman 2008/2009:

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Richard Owen, was invited and accepted the offer to become Chairman for the forthcoming year. He signed the Acceptance of Office declaration and took the Chair.

2375 Election of Vice-Chairman:

In his absence, Cllr Melvyn Evans was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chairman. There was no other nominee.

2376 Election of Committee Representatives:

Neuadd y Penrhyn : Cllr G Price – Hall Committee

Cllr K Walker – Working Group

PATRASA: Cllr G Price

Cae Chwarae Penbontrhydybeddau : Cllr Trefor Davies

Hen Ysgol Trefeurig: Cllr R Owen

Cartref Tregerddan : Cllrs G Price & D R Morgan

Un Llais Cymru: Cllrs R Owen & K Walker

Rhosserchan: Cllr D Jones

Press Reports: Y Tincer & The Cambrian News: Cllr R Owen

BUSINESS MEETING 13.05.08

2377 Disclosure of Personal Interest: Cllr K Walker declared an interest in Minute 2385

and Cllr T Davies in Minute 2396

2378 Confirmation of Minutes: It was RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April 2008. The following matters arising from the Minutes were discussed:

Minute 2349 – Dafydd ap Gwilym Memorial Stone: A request received for further details from Academi Gymreig. Response sent.

Minute 2352 – Draft Fire & Rescue document: Cllr D M Hughes gave a report on the contents. RESOLVED not to submit a response.

Minute 2353 – Consultative draft Ceredigion Housing document: Cllr R Owen apologised that he had not had time to consider the document.

Minute 2358 – Trefeurig Community website: Cllr R Owen reported that this will be officially launched on 15th May. All invited to attend.

Minute 2367 – PI Appl A080277: Implement shed at Banc Llety Spence, Cwmerfyn: Residents of Cwmerfyn have asked the Council to note that in their view the acreage of the smallholding does not merit the addition of another large implement shed. RESOLVED to forward the observation to Planning.

Minute 2369 – Passing bays, Salem road: Confirmed by the Highways dept that this item is on their work schedule.

2379 Reports of Meetings attended by Members representing the Community Council:

Un Llais Cymru Area Meeting April 2008: Postponed.

Trefeurig School Development Group: Cllr R Owen was unable to be present.

PATRASA: Cllr Price reported that preparations are in hand for a “Clear Up” and various fund raising events.

The following correspondence/documents were received and considered:

2380 New Code of Conduct: Instructions from Ceredigion CC regarding (i) the adoption of the New Code of Conduct; (ii) Publishing a notice stating that the Council has adopted the new Code (iii) making it available for inspection by members of the public and (iv) Notifying the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales when these actions have been taken.

Training sessions for Community Councillors and Clerks: Notification that training has been arranged at Penmorfa in June for the clerk and two councillors. RESOLVED that the clerk and both new councillors will attend.

- 2381 Local Government Wales : The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct)(Wales) Order 2008. RESOLVED to note and file the Welsh Statutory Instruments 2008 No 788 (W.82) which revokes and replaces the 2001 Order.
- 2382 Hen Ysgol Trefeurig: Copies received of correspondence between the Development Group Committee and Ceredigion CC following a unilateral decision by Ceredigion to place the School House up for Sale. RESOLVED to support the Development Group's objection to this action.
- 2383 Friends of Rhosserchan Meeting 16 May: As the nominated representative of the Council Cllr D Jones agreed to attend.
- 2384 Ceredigion draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan: RESOLVED to pass to Cllr T Davies to read and report back at the June Meeting.
- 2385 One Voice Wales: (i) The 2008 Annual Conference: This will be held in the Bont Pavilion: RESOLVED to discuss at the next Meeting.
- (ii) Nominees for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party 15.07.08:
Notification that
- Trefeurig application has been successful and Cllr K Walker (as 2007/08 Chairman) and partner will represent the Council at the 2008 Garden Party.
- One Voice Wales confirmed that this is an approved duty and any reasonable expenses incurred by Cllr Walker herself can be reclaimed.
- (Cllr Walker absented herself from the Meeting and took no part in this discussion)

Financial Matters

- 2386 HSBC Community Account: Balance 13.04.08: £1,000.26
- 2387 Precept 2008/09: Payment received from Ceredigion 25.04.08: £11,000
- 2388 Audit of Accounts 2007/08:
- A copy of the Financial Statement for the year was given to each member and all documents relating to the annual audit were placed before the Council for scrutiny. It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts as presented. Section 1 of the Annual Return - The Statement of Accounts; and Section 2 -The Annual Governance Statement, were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and clerk/RFO. All documents will be taken to the Internal Auditor for his report.
- Notice of the Annual Audit will be displayed on local noticeboards from 16/06/08 to 29/06/08 and records will be available for inspection by the public from 30/06/08 to 25/07/08.
- All necessary documents will be sent to the external auditors by 01/08/08 including the completed Intermediate Audit Questionnaire received by e-mail 08/05/08.

2389 Review of Insurance Cover for 2008/09 by Allianz Insurance PLC

Copies of the current insurance policy and the schedule for the year beginning 01 June 2008 were presented to the Council. Cover offered under each heading was discussed. It was RESOLVED to accept Allianz Insurance invitation to renew cover at the levels proposed at the premium of £852.39 and to request an additional quotation for insurance of recently acquired items, namely:

3 Interpretation Boards – value £1,000 each	-	£3,000
2 Iroko bench seats – value £511 each	-	£1,022
2 Recycled material seats – value £360 each	-	£ 720
2 Dog Waste bins – value £250 each	-	£ 500

The question of Fidelity Cover which stands at £15,000 p/a, and which was thought to be too low in the 2006/07 External Audit Report, was considered in detail. It was RESOLVED to leave this unchanged. It is sufficiently high to cover the 2008/09 Precept of £11,000 and the balance carried forward and no further grant money will be received.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed:

- 2390 L Griffiths – translations April 2008: £48.10 cheque 855
- 2391 Earth Anchors – 4 bench seats £1790 + Vat £313.25 - £2103.25 cheque 856
- 2392 Viking Direct – office supplies - £71.65 + Vat £12.54 - £84.19 cheque 857
- 2393 Allianz Insurance plc –Annual premium from 01/06/08 - £852.39 cheque 858
- 2394 Crosswood Computers Aberystwyth re Council Computer: Estimate received to repair and upgrade council computer and supply security software – approx £50. It was RESOLVED to authorise the work. The clerk to obtain two signatures on a cheque when it is completed.
- 2395 The following planning decisions were noted:
- A071091 IGER – New agri buildings & refurbishment of existing – permission granted.
 - A080197 45 Dolhelyg, Penrhyncoch – extension – permission granted.

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- 2396 A080374 Installation of underground cables/ducting between Penglais Campus & IGER.
- Campus – No objections raised.
- (As an IGER employee Cllr T Davies left the Meeting and took no part in this discussion.)
- 2397 A080377 Plas y Coed, Cwmerfyn – extension. No objections raised.

2398 The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 17 June 08 at Ysgol Trefeurig at 7.00 p.m.

2399 It was agreed to include the following items on the next agenda:

Sewerage problems in Cefnllwyd and Penbontrhydybeddau

Frequency of taxi-bus service to Penbontrhydybeddau

Grass verge cutting – bluebell preservation

Uncollected 30.mph repeater sign near Penrhyncoch Football Club

Litter in Penrhyncoch.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.