

TRIMSARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting
25th. November 2024

Minutes of the Meeting

Apologies: - Alma Davies.

Present: - As per register

Guest: - Mr. Phil McDonnell Egin Facilitator

Min 5629

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

Min 5630

County Councillor and Chair Kim Broom welcomed Mr Phil McDonnell from EGIN to the meeting and invited him to give his presentation prior to the council meeting.

Min 5631

Mr. McDonnell started by explained the aims of Egin.

Egin is a programme that aims to unlock the collective power of communities in Wales to take their first steps towards tackling climate change and living more sustainably – especially those who are the most likely to be affected by climate breakdown.

The word "Egin" means shoots or sprouts in Welsh, and the aim is to help new ideas to generate and take root, empowering communities to come together and talk about the changes they want to see.

He explained that the focus is on groups who might not normally feel included in conversations around climate and sustainability yet may be the most impacted by climate change. With the many challenges we're facing now and in the next few decades, it's more important than ever that communities can come together to talk, plan and create the changes they want to see – to create a future that is fair, sustainable, and that works for everyone.

He explained that it can be hard to know where to start and what to do, which is why at Egin they connect community groups with Peer Mentors. These are people who have already done similar projects and are happy to share their knowledge and skills to help make the changes.

EGIN are particularly keen to hear from groups who have no previous track record of working on climate and sustainability, or who are not sure where to start.

Our organisation, DTA Wales, ran Renew Wales from 2012-2022 and we wanted to build on the wonderful energy we had generated from that. On the other hand, we are conscious that there are thousands of people across Wales who might not have had the chance to engage with climate action - and we want to help them get started!

Egin is led by the Development Trusts Association Wales (DTA Wales) and will run until 2029. It is funded by a Sustainable Steps Wales – Mentoring Grant; the grants are administered by The National Lottery Community Fund and the funding comes from the Dormant Assets Scheme – which donates money left untouched for more than 15 years in bank accounts and building societies.

Mr McDonnell suggested that a subgroup be set up to activate a plan and take a project forward. Groups supported by Egin complete an Action Plan and can also use a Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit to measure their impact. The project themselves, follows several key indicators, including the number of groups supported, how many successfully receive a Sustainable Steps Wales: Egin Grant from The National Lottery Community Fund after support, and the growth of their networks. We attempt with some groups to measure the amount of carbon sequestered or saved from their project, and we are also collecting qualitative data along the way to create case studies. Our programme partners, Co-Production Network for Wales, will implement a variety of Monitoring and Evaluation measures across the programme.

Mr McDonnell thanked the community council for their time and questions and looked forward to hearing from us.

Mr McDonnell departed the meeting at 19:00hrs.

Min 5632

Minutes of the. October 28th. 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 5633 Matters Arising

1. Safer route completed between Godian and the shop
2. The Allt -have had no response yet -will make another enquiry
3. 11 Argoed planning application has been refused and applicant has reapplied for permission
4. 15 and 15a Heol Llanelli awaiting response from empty homes officer.
5. Awaiting report on plot 2 at Cae Linda
6. No formal response from Nia Griffith regarding our request for a meeting with her.

7. SPF grant - Path and BMX completed and the area surrounding the track has been sorted
8. Standstill budget is expected to change from the reported 5% in last month's meeting.
9. Section of the Old Miners Welfare Hall that is in the process of renovation is expected to be completed by Christmas.
10. The Village Christmas tree has been erected and awaiting to be switched on the same night as the Christmas Pantomime - November 29th. at 17:00hrs.
11. 8th and 9th. December, reprofile work on roundabout to be carried out.

Min 5634 Financial Report

The clerk presented the following documents.

The Community Councils Accounts for the month November 2024 along with Barclaycard business account (Copies of which had been previously circulated to members) were presented; and agreed to be a true and accurate account by Councillors

Min 5635 County Councillors Report

1. Heol Llanelli water problem being investigated soon - possibly this week.
2. Receiving numerous complaints regarding pavement parking.
3. CWMPAS meeting (Forum) charity status of Community Council now needs to change to update to satisfy new standards.

Min 5636 7(a) Planning

PL/08416 - A profile steel clad garage has been constructed for a garage to house a number and variety of private vehicles for domestic use.

Recommendation – objection.

With the Chairs agreement the following planning applications were introduced to the meeting as they were received after the agenda had been sent out to councillors.

PL/08543 - Construction of 6no. Detached Bungalows, and formation of Estate Road (Revision to that granted Planning Permission under S/05582) and Associated Infrastructure - Gwelfor, Heol Llanelli, Trimsaran, Kidwelly, SA17 4AG

Recommendation – objection to application.

PL/08546 - Residential Development (Resubmission of PL/06220 Refused on 24/11/2023) - Gwelfor, Heol Llanelli, Trimsaran, Kidwelly, SA17 4AG

Recommendation – objection to application

The clerk instructed to write objections to the planning applications

Min 5637 7(b)

Toy -box donation appeal from Carmarthenshire County Council

It was resolved to donate an amount of fifty pounds.

Min 5638 7(C)

Donation request from Wales Air Ambulance

It was resolved to donate one hundred pounds

Min 5639

Council agreed to invite Mr. Phil McDonnell to give a report/action plan for the Old Miners Hall and to set up a subcommittee of four.

After some discussion amongst the councillors the following members agreed to be on the subcommittee, Kim Broom, Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins, Naomi Wilmot and Gavin O'Shea.

Min 5640 A.O.B

1.Cllr. Mari Arthur gave an update on the progress of the section of the Old Hall that she is renovating and stated that she had been successful in obtaining a grant towards the Solar pannels from Cynor Sir Gar

2. Report on the condition of the skate park equipment was read out and it was agreed to obtain three quotes for the replacement of the equipment.

Min 5641

The next meeting of the Council was confirmed as being on Monday 27th. January 2025 at 18:30hrs.

Min 5642

The meeting concluded at 20.45hrs.

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

Signed.....

(Chairperson)