

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Tuesday 20th April 2021

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Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Phil Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 2nd March and 15th March had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. K Sinclair declared an interest in item 8, the planning application for a classroom at Garth School, as he was a member of the Board of Governors.

4. Public Participation

None in attendance.

5. Report on police matters

The Clerk informed Councillors of the incidents reported on the Police UK website for March 2021.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme 2021/22

The Clerk provided an update on the scheme for 2021/22. Interviews for the post of Community Agent were being held later in the week.

7. Update from the Clerk on the work log

The Clerk provided an update on the work log and this was discussed.

Parking Fron Basin/Trevor Basin – Discussions with CRT and WCBC were on-going.

Dog fouling on the old railway line – an update had not been received regarding the request for enforcement visits by WCBC.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Work had begun on installation of the parking restrictions.

New notice boards for Garth – The Community Council were awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the notice board near Hafryn flats.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Economic Development Department at WCBC, regarding the reinstatement of the bottom fence, and removal of the kissing gate. Before the new gate was installed, the clearance for grass-cutting machinery was being checked. Residents next to the playground path, who had initially indicated no objection to the installation of the gate, had recently expressed concerns to a Councillor about the possibility of youths congregating near the gate. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the residents to ask for confirmation in writing that they have no problem with the installation.

Possible use of the Froncysyllte school field - Discussions were on-going, but on hold due to Covid 19.

Footpath between Alma Road and School Lane – Collection of the necessary information to apply for the Modification Order was on-going.

Steps on the footpath near the Pump field – WCBC had agreed to pay for the footpath steps to be fixed, but were not prepared to carry out the work needed to avoid flooding on the railway line path. It was decided that the Community Council would pay for repairs on the railway line.

Japanese Knotweed on the Offa's Dyke footpath – A reply had not yet been received from WCBC.

Noddfa Cemetery risk assessment – To be scheduled before the next meeting.

Memorial Garth – A contractor had been asked to assess the work.

Tree obstruction on entering the Bont Bridge – The Clerk had emailed WCBC twice but no replies had been received from the Highways Department.

New planters at the entrance to the Rhos-Y-Coed estate – Work had started on replacing the planters.

Cllr. Mrs J Evans joined the meeting

Cleaning the stone pillars at Noddfa Cemetery – The work had not yet been completed. Barnett Engineering had offered to carry out the work free of charge.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2021/0223 – Erection of new classroom – **Garth CP School, Garth, Wrexham**

P/2021/0237 – Single storey rear extension – **Argoed Lodge, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the applications.

For information (Approved by WCBC):

P/2020/0876 – Extension of existing external drinking area and new balcony to first floor – **Aqueduct Inn, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

All correspondence was listed in the Clerk's report and had been forwarded to Councillors.

Regarding the email received about purchasing BT phone boxes, it was decided that the Clerk would reply informing the resident concerned that there are no boxes remaining within the community.

10. Proposed Development at the Jones the Boats site

Councillors discussed the proposed development at the Jones the Boats site. Cllr. Roberts reported that he had recently met with WCBC Highway's Department regarding parking near the site, to highlight the on-going issues for the Community. As the Community Council had grave concerns about the proposed development, it was decided that the Clerk would ask the Head of Economic Development at WCBC to meet with Councillors to discuss the proposal.

11. To consider the parking issues on Gate Road Froncysyllte

Parking on Gate Road was discussed in relation to road safety. Concern was expressed about cars entering and exiting canal side, and also travelling up the hill towards the A5, due to parked cars on Gate road. Road safety was affected due to reduced visibility and the speed of cars travelling down the hill. It was decided that the Council would ask an officer of the Highways Department at WCBC to meet with Councillors at the site, to outline the concerns and discuss how parking could be managed safely. Cllr. Roberts offered to arrange a site meeting.

12. Repairs to the pump steps and the gullies and drainage on the old railway line

WCBC had agreed to repair the steps on the pump field path, and the Community Council had decided to pay for the work needed on the railway line path to address the problem of flooding.

13. Update on the condition of stiles on Public Rights of Way

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It was reported that the following stiles on footpaths were in need of repair: near Blackwood Road; near Maesmawr Road; near Nant Ucha farm; and near the air raid shelter on PenY Graig Road. Cllr. Roberts would report this to WCBC.

14. Consideration of a review of Standing Orders

It was decided to set up a Working group, comprising Cllr. Mrs.S Kempster, Cllr. Sinclair and Cllr. Mrs S Williams, to review the Standing Orders.

15. Work to be carried out on the Clinker Path

It was decided that the Clerk would arrange for the cutting of the long grass running along either side of the path, and encroaching onto the path. Cllr. Roberts volunteered to take away branches stacked at the side of the path.

16. To consider the J C Edwards Wall Feasibility Study and decide how to proceed

It was decided that the Clerk would contact Eastman's to inform them that the Council would pay a contribution to their legal costs, associated with setting up the easement for the land.

17. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group

The Community Council were awaiting a reply from WCBC legal department regarding formalising LRCC's position as custodian for the war memorial.

18. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end March 2021: receipts for 2020/21; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Payments to be authorised retrospectively:

Rainbow Centre	102392	£2,700.00
Cllr E Morris	102393	£300.00
Total		£3,000.00

Payments to be authorised:

P Ankers	102394	£420.00
P Green	102395	£333.00
One Voice Wales	102396	£297.00
HMRC	102397	£673.22
D Jarvis	102398	£10.00
J Evans	102399	NJC
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J Evans	102401	£768.25
Total		£4,233.81

19. Items for the next agenda

None

**Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting - 11th May 2021 at 6.30pm Annual Meeting, and
7.00pm Council Meeting via Teleconferencing**