

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre
On Tuesday 5th April 2022

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Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Phil Jones
Cllr. Mrs S Williams

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were no for absence.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 1st March 2022 and 24th March 2022 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

None

5. Report on police matters

PCSO Jessica Lloyd attended for this item. The police report had been circulated to Councillors and this was discussed.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

A monthly report had not been received from the Community Agent, and confirmation had not been received from WCBC regarding grant provision for 2022/23. The Clerk had been informed verbally by WCBC that an estimated amount for the grant was £10,000 plus 8% uplift.

A meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 11th April between three Councillors, the Clerk and the manager of Penley Rainbow Centre to discuss the contract for 2022/23.

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 between the County Councillor, CRT and WCBC were on-going. The Clerk had requested a meeting with CRT and the Llangollen Canal Boat Company to discuss the issues raised by residents and possible solutions.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Installation of the parking restriction signs were due to start on 11th April.

New notice boards for Garth – Awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the noticeboard near Hafryn flats.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The quotation for installation of a gate had been approved and the Clerk was waiting for a start date from the contractor.

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

Memorial Garth – A local contractor would carry out the work in about a month's time.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – LRCC's solicitor was working on this. The Clerk was still waiting for a reply from Eastman's. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Eastman's again and ask

for a reply as a matter of urgency.

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Safety issues on Gate Road due to parked cars – On-going.

Flooding on the A539 – One gully was scheduled to be repaired by WCBC.

Pavements on the Trevor Estate – The work had been completed by WCBC.

Branches falling onto the road and pavement near Garth School – The owner had contacted the Clerk and informed her that the trees would be reduced in size.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2022/0281 – First floor/side extension – Glasfryn, Pen Y Graig, Froncysyllte

There were no objections to the application.

For information - Granted:

P/2022/0020 – Erection of stables (in retrospect) – Trevor Hall Farm, Garth Road, Trevor, Wrexham

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

10. Consideration of a request regarding Noddfa Cemetery

A request had been received from a resident to reserve a grave plot in Noddfa Cemetery. It was decided that Mrs Roberts could reserve grave plot number 81, it being the next available plot.

11. Planting of the community planters

Following a discussion it was decided to ask Derwen College to provide plants and to plant up the community planters for the Council.

It was further decided that the Clerk would try to find out the location of the flower baskets that had previously been attached to the bridge at the Trevor Basin.

12. To consider the proposal for holding an environmental competition in the local schools

It was decided to defer consideration of this until the next Council meeting.

13. The Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Clerk provided information on possible souvenirs that the Community Council could provide for children and their costs. It was decided that it would provide aluminium water bottles to primary school age children in the community.

14. To receive the external audit report 2020/21

The Clerk presented the External Audit report 2020/21.

Auditor General's report: 'On the basis of my review, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in the Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's/Committee's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council/Committee does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the work undertaken for the audit.

15. To receive a financial update from the Clerk and authorise payments to be made.

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end March 2022: receipts for 2021/22; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Payments authorised for April:**38/21**

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| P Ankers | 102487 | £425.00 |
| P Green | 102488 | £80.00 |
| D Lewis | 102489 | £130.00 |
| WT Evans Printers | 102490 | £720.00 |
| One Voice Wales | 102491 | £310.00 |
| HMRC | 102492 | £904.80 |
| J Evans | 102493 | £99.43 |
| J Evans | 102494 | NJC |
| NEST | DD | £47.24 |
| Total | | £3,802.36 |

The Chairman stated that Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans, who was the Chairman of the Finance Committee, was not seeking re-election as a Community Councillor after 41 years on the Council. He thanked her most sincerely for her service to the community as a Councillor and in her other community roles.

16. Items for the next agenda.

Green Communities Project
Playground inspections
Queen's Jubilee
Environmental engagement/schools
Cycle Path update

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – Annual Meeting - 10th May 2022 at 6.30pm – Garth & Trevor Community Centre, followed by the monthly Council Meeting at 7.00pm.