

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth and Trevor Community Centre
Tuesday 6th February 2024

25/23

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Elfed Morris

Cllr. Steve Jones

Cllr. Dave Metcalfe (from item 6)

Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Anthony Roberts

Chairman: Cllr. K Sinclair

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs S. Williams, Cllr. D. Wright and Cllr. Mrs M. Griffiths.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th December 2023 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 9, planning application P/2023/0874 due to his home's proximity to the property in question. In addition, he declared an interest in the part of item 8 where a TRO on Gate Road would be considered.

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

None

6. Police Report

The police report had been circulated to Councillors and this was discussed.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

A report had not been received from the Community Agent. The Clerk updated Members on the current arrangements for service provision with the Rainbow Foundation. The Clerk had requested information from the Rainbow Foundation in order to finalise the previous two years accounts, but had not received this. The initial agreement was that, as the staff, travel and mobile costs were estimated, the actual costs once established would be paid and if the costs were more than the estimate, then the Council would pay the difference. This information to reconcile the figures had not been received from the Rainbow Foundation despite it being requested.

The Clerk informed Members that for the current year the grant was £12,480 and the Rainbow Foundation were requesting £13,882, which included £10,386 for staffing costs. The Clerk estimated the staffing costs to be £9,197 (including on-costs). The difference in staff costs of £1,189 would make the amount due to the Rainbow Foundation for the year at most £12,696 before travel and mobile cost were considered. It was decided that the Clerk would meet with the Operations Director of the Foundation to discuss these matters in order to reconcile the accounts, and to inform him that the Council grant for 2023/24 service provision was £12,480.

8. Update from the Clerk on the work log

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

Parking at Fron Basin/Trevor Basin – Cllr. Roberts had arranged for Jamie Edge to meet with Members on 19th January to discuss the proposed TRO on Gate Road. The proposal was discussed and it was decided that the Community Council would recommend that on the right side of Gate Road coming down from the A5, there would be double yellow lines with two gaps along the road each to accommodate 4 cars. On the

left side coming down from the A5, there would be double yellow lines without any gaps. The lines would extend from the A5 to the Bont Bridge.

Memorial in Garth – A small leak remained and Cllr. Morris would contact the contractor.

JC Edwards Wall – The Clerk had been contacted by Mike Bathers of WCBC that day and informed that the project consultation would be taking place the week beginning 19th February, at the Trevor Basin Visitors Centre and at the two Community Centres. The Consultation events would be for all WCBC levelling up projects including the JC Edwards Wall. Following a discussion it was decided that the Clerk would write to WCBC to request that the Community Council led project is kept separate, is not included in the Trevor Basin event and that it moves forward as soon as possible.

Installation of a bilingual sign on the lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk had contacted a supplier with detailed specifications to obtain a quote.

Request to WCBC for road signs (No footway) to be placed at five locations on Garth Road – WCBC had 3 more signs to install.

Notice Board The Oaks – Cllr. Roberts had consulted with a member of the Management Committee of 'The Oaks', to ask if the notice board which had been previously been used in Trevor could be installed there. It was decided that Cllr. Morris would ask the landowner of an alternative location if it could be installed on his land and, subject to approval would arrange the installation.

9. Planning Applications

P/2023/0874 – Single storey side and rear extension and extension of existing balcony – **Aqueduct Inn, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2024/0008 – Installation of 1 ground mounted solar panel – **Lyndene, Blackwood Road. Garth, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the applications.

For information - Granted:

P/2023/0561 – Formation of vehicular access – **16 Woodland Grove, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2023/0564 – Two storey rear extension – **9 Tower Hill, Acrefair, Wrexham**

P/2023/0798 – Works to trees in Pontcysyllte Conservation Area – **Land at Trevor Wharf, New Road, Trevor, Wrexham**

10. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

11. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor updated Members on the following matters: the Newbridge road repair; the possible introduction of a residents' parking zone; and the numerous complaints he had received with regards to the shop in Trevor.

12. Decisions on tenders for work at Froncysyllte Community Centre playground and quotes for replacing the Trevor Green planters.

Four tenders had been received for the playground project and these were discussed. It was decided to accept the HAGS tender for £29,025.01. The three quotes for replacing the Trevor Green planters were considered and it was decided to accept the quote from Barry Wilson for £2,057.66.

13. An update on the Boer War Memorial project and the grant awarded from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Boer War Memorial grant of £7,000 was dependent on match-funding of £7,000 (£4,000 fundraising and £3,000 SDF grant), and work must commence before 1st April 2024. The Chairman updated Members that the Council had waited some time to receive the amended consultant's report to enable tenders to be sought, and he had received it that day. It was decided that the Council would request tenders

to be returned by 25th February and hold an extraordinary meeting via Zoom on 28th February, to consider and decide on tenders to start work before the end of March to satisfy the conditions of the grant.

14. The SLA for playground inspections for 2024/25

Following a discussion, it was decided to enter into the SLA with WCBC for the inspection and maintenance of play areas for 2024/25.

15. Recommendations of the Playground Committee

The Playground Committee had recommended a list of work to be carried out at the playgrounds and it was decided that the Clerk would arrange for the work to be carried out.

16. Grant Application

The grant application was considered and it was decided to award £100 to Friends of Froncysyllte CP School.

17. WCBC speed sign on Llangollen Road

It was reported that the sign was now working.

18. A report on the trees and pavement opposite Trevor House and The Old School

It was reported that the issues had been addressed.

19. IRPW determinations for 2023/24

The Clerk presented a report to Members extracted from the IRPW report. Some of the determinations were mandatory and others discretionary. Following a discussion, it was decided:

- (i) To note the mandatory determinations, 4 and 43 – payments to be made in March of the year they relate to. The payment of £52 would be made available in full and not by claiming reimbursement.
- (ii) To adopt determinations 46 (travel), 47 & 48 (duties away from home) subject to prior authorisation by the Council.
- (iv) Not to adopt determination 45 (payment for senior role), 49 (attendance allowance), 50 (additional payment to Mayor or Chair) or 51 (additional payment to Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair).

20. Financial update from the Clerk and authorisation of payments to be made

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end of January: receipts for 2023/24; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against the budget and receipts.

Payments to be authorised for January 2024:

P Ankers	102656	£200.00
P Green	102657	£320.00
WCBC	102658	£65.56
WCBC	102659	£867.00
Rainbow Foundation	102660	£3,470.50
J Evans	102661	£120.79
J Evans	102662	NJC
Total		£6,153.07

Payments to be authorised for February 2024:

P Green	102663	£86.00
Rainbow Foundation	102664	£3,470.50
J Evans	102665	NJC
J Evans	102666	£35.90
Total		£4,701.62

21. Items for the next agenda

To be sent to the Clerk by Wednesday 28th February 2024.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 5th March 2024, 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 6.00pm

28/23

Present

Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs M. Griffiths

Cllr. Mrs S. Williams
Cllr. Elfed Morris

Chairman: Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs S. Kempster, and Cllr. A. Roberts.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public participation.

None present

4. Consideration of the tenders received for the repair and renovation of the Boer War Memorial.

Consultant Geriant Roberts was present for this item and informed members that he had requested four tenders. He provided Members with a summary of the tenders for their consideration. The tenders ranged from £46,064.50 to £129,684.50 which was considerably more than had been anticipated (an initial estimate was approximately £20,000), and more than the current funding available.

Following a discussion it was decided not to accept any of the four tenders as the Community Council did not have the required level of funding available. The SPF grant of £7,000 would therefore not be available to the Council as a condition of the grant was that the work had to begin before the end of March 2024.

Date and time of the next meeting – 5th March 2024 at the Froncysyllte Community Centre at 7pm