

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre
On Tuesday 1st November 2022

21/22

Present

Cllr. Darrell Wright

Cllr. Steve Jones

Cllr. Mrs R Allen

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Dave Metcalfe

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Keith Sinclair, Cllr. E Morris, and Cllr. Mrs S Williams.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 4th October 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. Police Report

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

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Clerk had forwarded the Community Agent's report to Councillors.

7. 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 – Discussions between the County Councillor, CRT and WCBC were on-going. The Clerk had received a reply from Ian Bancroft regarding the lack of Steering Group meetings, asking why the Community Council was not kept informed and to request a meeting with him. He had asked M. Bather of WCBC to arrange a meeting with Councillors and the Clerk was waiting for a suggested date from members. It was decided that the Clerk would ask M. Bather to meet with Councillors prior to the next Council meeting on 6th December.

Regarding the report that 70 seater coaches were travelling over Scotch Hall Bridge despite the weight restriction for vehicles, the Clerk had written to WCBC and was awaiting a reply.

The Clerk had asked CRT to provide a sign in the Fron Basin directing visitors to the public toilets on the A5 and was awaiting a reply.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk was finalising the agreement with WCBC and would organise the necessary signage.

Memorial in Garth – A local contractor would carry out a temporary repair for the winter and then carry out a full repair in the spring which would cost between £700 - £800.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – The Council's solicitor was registering the land transfer.

Safety issues on Gate Road due to parked cars – The County Councillor would ask WCBC if signs could be installed on Gate Road warning drivers of pedestrians on the road.

Installation of a new bench at Garth & Trevor Community Centre – The Clerk would order a bench from the supplier who had provided a bench for the Pump Field.

Request to WCBC for road signs (No footway) to be placed at four locations on Garth Road – The Clerk had been informed that WCBC had ordered 5 signs and were investigating where they would be placed.

Order for speed sign for Station Road Trevor – The quotation had been sent to Councillors for their consideration. It was decided that the Clerk would order the sign and bilingual plate.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2022/0860 – Single storey side extension – Maes Hafan, Canal Side, Froncysyllte Wrexham

There were no objections to the application.

P/2022/0878 – Variation of condition 36 of P/2021/0560 to increase number of boats – Trevor Basin, New Road, Trevor Wrexham

Councillors decided to object to this application due to concerns regarding parking, access and traffic generation as stated in its original objection to P/2021/0560.

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

All correspondence was listed in the Clerk's report and had been forwarded to Councillors. The following item was received after publication of the agenda:

Email from WCBC - For information - Application for Grant of a Premises Licence under the Licencing Act 2003 Aqueduct Diner, Holyhead Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham, LL20 7RA

10. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor informed members that he had contacted WCBC's planning officer with regard to the concerns about planning application P/2022/0878. The Traffic Regulation Order for lower Queens Street was now out for consultation. He was in discussions regarding the possible use of a free resident parking scheme in the area to alleviate the parking problems near the WHS.

11. Discussion on the condition of the notice board in Trevor, the maintenance of all community notice boards and action to be taken.

Following a discussion about the condition and size of the Trevor notice board, it was decided that the Council would purchase a new and larger notice board for Trevor. The Clerk would obtain a price for a double door, lockable, two post notice board.

12. Update from the Cadwyn Clwyd Green Communities Project Working Group

Cllr. Sinclair reported that the Community Council had been successful in its grant application and had been awarded £43,183.56 by Cadwyn Clwyd. In addition, provision of the full match funding had been agreed by the AONB. Councillors thanked the Working Group for its work on the application and also Cllr. Morris for his assistance in identifying the landowners.

13. A report from Cllr. Metcalfe on the OVW conference 'The importance of Community & Town Councils in creating resilient spaces for nature'.

Cllr. Metcalfe reported to Councillors on the conference.

14. Publication of the Autumn/Winter Community Newsletter.

It was decided that the next newsletter would be published at the start of December.

15. To consider appointing a 'Biodiversity Champion'.

Following a discussion it was decided to appoint Cllr. Mrs R Allen as Biodiversity Champion for the Community Council.

16. To receive a report on 'Applications to Local Places for Nature'.

Following a discussion it was decided that Cllr. Allen would apply for a Wildlife Garden and a Food Garden for installation at Fron Community Centre.

17. To consider and decide on the quotation received for replacing the steps in Woodland Grove playground.

The Clerk had received one quotation for replacing the steps and this was discussed. Taking into account health and safety concerns with the current steps, it was decided to accept the quotation so that the work could be carried out as soon as possible.

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

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end October 2022: receipts for 2022/23; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Payments to be authorised for November 2022:

P Ankers	102548	£292.50
P Green	102549	£718.00
WCBC	102550	£161.84
One Voice Wales	102551	£35.00
J Evans	102552	NJC
J Evans	102553	£98.95
NEST	DD	£50.08
Total		£2,337.52

20. Items for the next agenda

Approval of the Biodiversity Report
Budget 2023/24

Items to be received by the Clerk by Wednesday 30th November 2022

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 6th December 2022 at 7.00pm at the Froncysyllte Community Centre