

**Llangollen Rural Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held at the Froncysyllte Community Centre**  
**On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

18/22

**Present**

Cllr. Elfed Morris  
Cllr. Keith Sinclair  
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Darrell Wright  
Cllr. Steve Jones  
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Chairman: Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Clerk: Andrea Evans

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs R Allen, Cllr. D Metcalfe and Cllr. Mrs S Kempster.

**2. Minutes of the last council meeting**

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 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**

A resident of Garth was in attendance and addressed the Council regarding pedestrian road safety on Garth Road. He told members that he had met with Officers of WCBC to discuss this but had not received satisfactory answers. He questioned whether road safety was a priority for the Council. The Chairman thanked the resident for his contribution and informed him that this would be discussed later in the agenda.

**5. Police Report**

A police report had not been received.

**6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme**

The Clerk had forwarded the Community Agent's report to Councillors. The Clerk would ask the Community Agent to use a numbering system for clients rather than initials in her report to ensure their anonymity.

**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 again emailed CRT to ask for a meeting. The Clerk had resent the email to WCBC and the Police regarding the enforcement of penalty notices for any traffic violations by coaches visiting the Fron Basin area. The Clerk had emailed Ian Bancroft to ask why there were no Steering Group meetings, why the Community Council was not kept informed and to request a meeting with him.

It was reported that 70 seater coaches were travelling over Scotch Hall Bridge despite the weight restriction for vehicles. There was no sign informing drivers of the restriction and Councillors were concerned about potential damage to the bridge. Following discussion it was decided to write to WCBC to ask them to address the situation before the bridge is irreparably damaged.

It was also decided to ask CRT to provide a sign in the Fron Basin directing visitors to the public toilets on the A5.

*Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground* – The Clerk had sent letters to the residents abutting the pathway to the playground regarding the opening and closing times. If no response was received then the Clerk would finalise the agreement with WCBC and organise the necessary signage.

*Memorial in Garth* – A local contractor would shortly submit a quote for the work.

*Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land* – The Council’s solicitor had received the completed transfer document from Eastman’s and would register it once they had received the Land Registry fee. The payment was authorised.

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

*Flooding on the A539* – WCBC had reported that the gully outside Brookfield would be cleaned following inspection. The gully on the opposite side of the road had a tap-root inside which had caused the line to become 50% full with silt for the first 2.5m. They would try a root cutting head to clear the line.

*Installation of a new bench at Garth & Trevor Community Centre* – The Clerk would obtain prices for a wooden bench.

*Request to WCBC for road signs (No footway) to be placed at four locations on Garth Road* – The Clerk had emailed WCBC requesting that signs were installed.

*Order for speed sign for Station Road Trevor* –The Clerk had requested a quote from the previous supplier.

## **8. Planning applications**

Consideration of planning applications:

**P/2022/0733** – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – **The Mount, Tower Hill, Acrefair, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the application.

For information - Granted:

**P/2022/0502** – First floor extension and alterations to dwelling – **Beverley, 4 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. The following items were discussed:

Email from Atkins Global on behalf of NWTRA – Consultation on retaining the 30mph speed limit on a stretch of the A5. Following a discussion, it was decided that the Clerk would reply to Atkins stating that the Community Council’s opinion was that the stretch of road in question should have a 20mph speed limit in the interest of road safety, and taking into account the two accidents that have occurred on the road in the last 2 years.

Email from Froncysyllte resident – reporting that motorbikes had been using the footpath instead of bridleway and the path had gouges on it. It was decided to ask the Rights of Way officer of WCBC to visit and assess the situation, and the Clerk would inform the resident of this.

## **10. An update from the County Councillor**

The County Councillor was not able to attend and had sent his apologies.

## **11. Update from the Cadwyn Clwyd Green Communities Project Working Group**

Work on a bid for funding was on-going. Cllr. Sinclair thanked Cllr. Morris for assisting with identifying land owners on the proposed walking routes.

## **12. Discussion on the condition of the notice board in Trevor and the maintenance of all community notice boards**

It was decided to defer discussion of this item until the next meeting.

## **13. To decide on the appointment of a representative to be ‘Champion for the AONB’ representing Llangollen Rural**

It was decided to appoint Cllr. D Wright to be ‘Champion for the AONB’ on behalf of the Council.

**14. Authorisation of payments to: Seion Chapel - £200; St. David's Church - £250; and Capel Y Groes - £250**

It was decided to authorise the payments.

**15. To decide whether to change the direction of the speed sign on Gate Road in Froncysyllte**

The direction of the speed sign on Gate Road Froncysyllte was discussed and it was decided that the sign would be turned around to monitor traffic driving along the road in the opposite direction.

**16. Discussion of the complaint received about the trees above the Woodland Grove playground**

The Clerk reported that despite further investigations regarding the boundary of the land that had been transferred from WCBC, it was not clear from the available paperwork who was responsible for the area in question. It was decided to arrange a site visit for Cllr. Sinclair, Cllr. Mrs S Kempster, Cllr. E Morris and Cllr. Mrs S Williams to assist in establishing who was responsible for the trees in question.

**17. To discuss and decide on ways to deal with emails scams using Councillors' email addresses**

The receipt of scam emails by Councillors using other Councillor's email addresses was discussed. It was decided that Councillors would send emails to each other using a message to show its authenticity.

**18. To discuss the publication of the next newsletter**

It was decided to publish an Autumn/Winter edition at the end of November. The edition would include details of 'Grant Applications' for local organisations, and details of any Christmas competitions.

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

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

**Authorised payments for October 2022:**

P Ankers	102539	£292.50
Allington Hughes	102540	£952.20
One Voice Wales	102541	£45.00
Garth CP School	102542	£500.00
Fron CP School	102543	£500.00
J Evans	102544	NJC
P Green	102545	£621.00
J Evans	102546	£88.50
E Morris	102547	£60.00
NEST	DD	£50.08
<b>Total</b>		<b>£4,090.43</b>

**20. Items for the next agenda**

Items to be received by the Clerk by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00pm at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre**