

**Llangollen Rural Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held at the Froncysyllte Community Centre**  
**On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

24/22

**Present**

Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Keith Sinclair	Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Steve Jones	Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths
Cllr. Mrs S Williams	Cllr. Dave Metcalfe
Cllr. Phil Jones (from item 6)	

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs R Allen.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 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. To Co-opt a candidate to fill an existing vacancy**

One application had been received for the office of Councillor, and the application letter was considered. Following a discussion it was decided to co-opt Mr Phil Jones to fill the vacancy of councillor. Phil Jones duly signed the acceptance office and code of conduct, and joined the meeting.

**6. Police Report**

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

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

The Clerk had not received a report.

**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* – Discussions between the County Councillor, CRT and WCBC were on-going. M. Bather of WCBC had met with Councillors prior to the Council meeting to discuss on-going issues. Regarding coaches crossing Scotch Hall Bridge, it was decided that the Clerk would ask WCBC to provide an appropriate sign for the bridge.

*Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground* – The agreement was being finalised.

*Memorial in Garth* – A local contractor had agreed to carry out a temporary repair for the winter and a full repair in the spring.

*Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land* – The Council's solicitor had registered the land transfer.

*Safety issues on Gate Road due to parked cars* – The County Councillor had agreed to ask WCBC to install signs on Gate Road warning drivers of pedestrians on the road.

*Installation of a new bench at Garth & Trevor Community Centre* – This was on-going.

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

*Order for speed sign for Station Road Trevor* – An initial email had been sent ordering the sign and arrangements were being discussed regarding invoicing, payment and delivery.

*Notice Board Trevor*- A quote had not yet been received from the supplier. The Clerk would check on this.

#### **9. Planning applications**

Consideration of planning applications:

**P/2022/0991** – Erection of dwelling with detached cottage – **Land at the Cottage, Garth Road, Garth, Wrexham**

**P/2022/0957** – Removal of condition 04 of planning permission P/2022/0513 – **Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the application.

For information – granted:

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

Not available.

#### **12. Discussion of the proposed budget for 2023/24 and approval of the precept amount for 2023/24**

The proposed budget had been distributed. It had been discussed at the Finance meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, where it was decided to present it for approval to the full Council.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk's salary would increase from point 22 to point 23 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. It was further agreed to use £3,000 of reserves to offset the precept to residents, thereby making the 2023/24 precept request £54,909 (£63.30 per Band D property). The precept request for 2022/23 had been £57,440 (£67.58 per Band D property).

The budget for 2023/24 was set at £57,909.

#### **13. Retrospective approval of the work carried out on the Wooden Agility equipment at Fron Community Centre play area**

The Council retrospectively approved the work carried out on the Wooden Agility equipment at Fron Community Centre play area.

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

Cllr. Sinclair reported that for the project to be completed by the end of March, contractors have to be secured by Christmas. In order to complete the identification of land owners, land registry searches may need to be funded up to a maximum of £500. It was decided that the Council would fund the required land registry searches up to a maximum of £500.

#### **15. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group**

Cllr Sinclair informed members that in order to prepare the report for the repair and renovation work, some preparatory work was needed which would cost £1,109.40. Following a discussion it was decided that the Council would fund exploratory work to the value of £1,109.40.

#### **16. To receive an update on the Local Places for Nature application**

At the last meeting it had been decided that Cllr. Allen would apply for a Wildlife Garden and a Food Garden for installation at Fron Community Centre. However due to the tight deadline for submitting applications, and issues regarding the proposed siting of the gardens it had not been possible to submit applications.

**17. To consider and approve the Biodiversity report**

The draft biodiversity report was discussed. Following some amendments this was approved by the Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs R Allen for her work on the report.

**18. To consider the Consultation by WCBC 'Have your say on the public toilet provision in Wrexham'**

The consultation being carried out by WCBC was considered. It was decided that the Clerk would send a letter to WCBC highlighting:

- That the toilets on the A5 in Fron should be more accessible, inclusive and needed upgrading;
- There should be signage at the Fron Basin, on the A5 and at the Community Centre;
- Opening times should be reviewed due to high visitor numbers.

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

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

**Payments to be authorised for December 2022:**

P Ankers	102554	£232.50
P Green	102555	£86.00
WCBC	102556	£900.79
RBL Poppy Appeal	102557	£326.00
SLCC	102558	£270.00
J Evans	102559	£152.13
J Evans	102560	NJC
NEST	DD	£50.08
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,785.00</b>

**20. Items for the next agenda**

Items to be received by the Clerk by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

**Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre**