

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre
Tuesday 7th November 2023

19/23

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams
Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Chairman: Cllr. K Sinclair

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. D Wright.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd October 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 – member of Dee Valley Federation of Schools Governing Body - Item 15

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

None

6. Police Report

The Police Sergeant had met with Members just prior to the meeting to discuss the police report which had been circulated to Members.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Community Agent was not in attendance but had forwarded a report which the Clerk had circulated.

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 – With regards to parking on Gate Road it was decided to invite an officer of WCBC to the next Council meeting to discuss the issues and solutions, including the possible introduction of a traffic regulation order. Following that meeting, a public meeting would be organised in January for Members to speak to residents and obtain their views.

Installation of a bilingual sign on the lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk would obtain a sign as soon as possible.

Memorial in Garth – The work had been completed but unfortunately a small leak remained. Cllr. Morris would ask the contractor to address this.

JC Edwards Wall – The Clerk would ask WCBC for an update.

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 Trevor – The notice board was nearing completion.

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

Regarding the email “Levelling up Fund” received from Canal & River Trust, it was decided to ask CRT to meet with Members before the start of the next Council Meeting.

Email received from the contractor who empties playground bins: Councillors discussed the issue of dog waste bags being placed in the bin within the playground in Garth and in the playground bin in the Oaks. The County Councillor offered to ask WCBC for additional bins to be placed outside the playground and for signs to be placed on playground bins, stating that they should not be used for dog waste bags.

10. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor updated Members with regards to the parking issues at the bottom of Garth Road and on Gate Road.

11. An update on grant applications to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The bid for the planters and the bid for the playground had been submitted. It was decided to submit the bid for the Boer War Memorial for £7000 with £7000 match funding being sourced elsewhere.

12. To consider a quote for trimming trees encroaching on the road above Woodland Road playground

It was decided to trim the trees at a cost of £600.

13. To decide if work is required on the Clinker Path

It was decided that the Clerk would arrange for the edges of the path to be cleared to reinstate the full width of the path.

14. Update on the Station Road planter, the four planters on Trevor Green and consideration of the creation of wildlife areas

The area of the Station Road planter had been cleared and the new planter would be installed on 15th November by ‘Keep Wales Tidy’. A funding bid had been submitted to replace the four planters on Trevor Green. It was decided that the Clerk would contact WCBC to inform them of the areas that the Council had agreed were possible suitable sites for creating wildlife areas.

15. Approval of payments to Garth CP School and Froncysyllte CP School

The following payments were approved: £500 each to Garth CP School and to Froncysyllte CP School.

16. External Audit Report 2021/22

The Auditor General had reported an unqualified audit opinion with no further matters drawn to the Council’s attention. The Clerk was thanked for the work done on the audit.

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

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

Authorised Payments for November 2023:

P Ankers	102637	£362.50
P Green	102638	£618.00
Azets	102639	£246.00
SLCC	102640	£296.00
Garth CP School	102641	£500.00
Froncysyllte CP School	102642	£500.00
J Evans	102643	NJC
J Evans	102644	£164.20
Total		£3,738.56

18. Items for the next agenda

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Co-option to fill a vacancy

Budget and precept

Parking on Gate Road

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 5th December 2023, 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre