

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
On Tuesday 4th February 2020

30/19

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Rod Playford

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Phil Jones to his first meeting. Also, on behalf of the Council, she expressed her thanks to Cllr. Steve Edwards for his hard work for the council and the community.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of interest

None received.

4. PCSO's report on police matters

PCSO Abigail Land was unable to attend and the Clerk had not been provided with a report.

5. Community Agent's report

The Community Agent presented his report. He was continuing to see a previous referral and had met with residents who had fallen. The Garth & Trevor Over 50's Club was doing well, and the Community Agent had set up a bank account for the club. The Clerk would arrange a cheque payment to the club, for the £1000 Community Inclusion Grant it received from WCBC Social Care. The Community Agent had attended meetings with the Southern Cluster Community Agents, which were held bi-monthly.

Cllr. Sinclair offered to assist the Community Agent with changing the email address from trevorcommunityagent@gmail.com to llanrural.communityagent@gmail.com.

6. Update from the Clerk on the work log

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

Parking Fron Basin/Trevor Basin – parking consultations were with the legal department of WCBC.

Dog fouling on the old railway line - still waiting for WCBC to set up an enforcement officer to visit the area.

Pot holes at Bee Bank – pot holes had been filled, but the escaping waste water was being investigated.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near to the old post office - parking consultations were with the legal department of WCBC.

J C Edwards wall and pillars site – the funding application to Cadwyn Clwyd for a feasibility study had been successful. An application had also been made to the ANOB Sustainability Fund for the £1500 match-funding.

New notice boards for Garth – a new supplier was being sourced.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – an email had been received from WCBC stating that they would not be happy for the gate to be locked, and that it would be contrary to the conditions of the grant received for the installation. They advised engaging with the police, but this had

been done by the Community Council, and so it was decided that the Clerk would write to WCBC to inform them of this.

Purchase of 2 speed signs and 2 extra lockable mounting posts – the order will be placed in February to obtain the best price. Two bilingual plates will also be purchased.

Public meeting to discuss the possible use of part of the school field – the meeting on 11th January 2020 in Froncysyllte was well attended, and the group were in favour of the Community Council taking on part of the field. This was considered by Councillors, and it was decided to continue the discussions with the school.

7. Planning applications

P/2018/0218 – Conversion of former shop to dwelling - **Cross Shop, Holyhead Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham.**

There were no objections to the application.

For information (Approved by WCBC):

P/2019/0779 - Demolition of existing dwelling and double garage with flat over and erection of replacement two-storey dwelling with detached double garage/store with self-contained flat above - **Bryer, Trevor Hall Road, Garth.**

P/2019/0848 - Application for tree works to trees subject to tree preservation order WCBC No.127. 3 no. Yew tree (G1) – reduce lower third of crowns by 1.5 - 2 metres to produce an elliptical crown shape and reduce overhang onto footway - **Trees within grass verge outside no's 4 – 8 Ffordd Llidiart, Froncysyllte.**

8. Correspondence update from the Clerk

One Voice Wales

Agenda and backing papers for Wrexham/Flint Area Committee Meeting 14th January 2020

OVW Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference Thursday 26th March 2020

OVW Response 3rd January 2020 – Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting – December 2019

Training sessions in Mold, February to July 2020

Wrexham County Borough Council

Dementia Tour Bus 2020

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum - Thursday 30th January 2020

Transport for Wales – renewal of bus passes

Cable work by Scottish Power – Garth, Trevor Road -9th March 2020

Possible grant funding: Postcode Local Trust and Postcode Community Trust

WCBC News: Pay for green bin collections from February 17th 2020

Welsh Government

Consultation Document - Changes to planning and related application fees

SuDs –proposed amendments to two Orders on Sustainable Drainage

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

Update Review of County Electoral Arrangements for Wrexham – Draft Proposals

Community Transport Association

Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter - Issue No. 3, December 2019

North Wales Police

Wrexham Rural QPM – Police Meeting – 14th January 2020

Ken Skates AM

E-newsletter 17.01.20

Learning Disability Wales

Free training: Introduction to supporting people to get online – 23rd April, Wrexham

Play Wales

E-bulletin – December 2019 and January 2020
Publications 2019 and 2020

Planning Aid Wales

Training dates

Keep Britain Tidy

Great British Spring Clean - 20th March to 13th April 2020

Capel y Groes, St. David's Church and Seion Chapel

Acknowledgment and thanks for donations

The correspondence was made available for perusal by Councillors, and copies had been e-mailed.

9. Funding of the Mobile Library Service provided by WCBC

WCBC had asked by letter if the Community Council would like to make an expression of interest in funding the mobile library service. The letters from Wrexham Library Service, which included forecasted budget figures for the mobile library service for 2020/21, were discussed. The cost of providing the service to Llangollen Rural for 2020/21 was estimated to be £824.00.

The Mobile Library Service was a valued and important service for the residents of the area who were unable to visit Cefn or Chirk libraries, and one which the Community Council did not want to lose. It was considered that the benefit of the service outweighed the estimated cost of £824.00 for 2020/21, and it was hoped that this service was not under threat of being cut.

It was decided that the Clerk would reply to the Library Service emphasising the value, importance and benefit of the mobile library to the residents of Llangollen Rural. If WCBC were looking to withdraw the service, or if it were under threat, the Community Council would be prepared to make an expression of interest in funding the service.

10. Approval of a representative of Llantysilio Community Council onto Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities

It was decided to approve the appointment of Cllr. Maggie Smith from Llantysilio Community Council to the board of Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities.

11. VE Day 75

The Clerk provided details from the SSSFA, the Armed Forces charity, of the proposed VE Day 75 celebrations marking the end of the war in Europe on 8th-10th May 2020. After a discussion, it was decided that Cllr. Sinclair would speak to Froncysyllte Community Centre to see if they had an event planned, and the Community Agent would speak to the Garth & Trevor Over 50's Club to see if they were going to hold an event.

12. Councillors' reports on meetings attended.

Nothing to report.

13. Ownership and maintenance of the footpath between Alma Rd. and School Lane in Froncysyllte.

The path had been reported by a resident as being in a poor condition. WCBC had informed the Clerk that the path was not recorded on the Definitive Map, and was therefore not maintained by the Public Rights of Way section. It was decided that the Clerk would request further information from WCBC, including who owned the path/land.

14. Resident's request for AstroTurf pitch at the George Avenue playground in Trevor 33/19

A resident had requested that an AstroTurf pitch was installed at the George Avenue playground, due to the wet condition of the ground for a large part of the year, and the lack of available space to play ball games in the village. This was discussed, and it was said that some years ago there were discussions with WCBC about a possible MUGA in the area, and that at the time funds were held by WCBC for this purpose. It was decided that Cllr. Roberts, as County Councillor would make enquiries with WCBC to establish if funds were still available.

15. SLA with WCBC for playground maintenance and inspection 2020/21

The SLA was discussed and it was decided that the Community Council would enter into the agreement for 2020/21. The Chairman signed the SLA agreement.

16. Grant applications

Five grant applications had been received:

Froncysyllte After School Club;
Froncysyllte Darby & Joan Club;
Froncysyllte Nursery Plus (Hopscotch);
Friends of Froncysyllte CP School; and
Ysgol Y Garth PTA.

Following discussion it was decided to award £100 to each applicant.

17. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end January 2020: receipts for 2019/20; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Authorised payments:

P Ankers	102267	£125.00
D Jarvis	102268	£10.00
P Green	102269	£80.00
J Evans	102270	£76.50
D Jarvis	102271	NJC
J Evans	102272	NJC
NEST	DD	£26.62
Total		£1,698.93

18. Items for the next agenda.

Discuss bringing unoccupied properties back into use.

Discuss the kerbs in Trevor – full of weeds.

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 3rd March 2020 7.00pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre