

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre
On Tuesday 5th July 2022

10/22

Present

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

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths
Cllr. Mrs Rachel Allen

Chairman: Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Anthony Roberts and Cllr. Dave Metcalfe.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 7th June 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 the Road Safety Officer of WCBC and had drawn his attention to: a blind spot for pedestrians at the end of the pavement next to Oaks; the lack of pavements on the road; the width of the road up to the Cenotaph and then on to the flats; a tree encroaching onto the road by over 2 feet and lifting the surface; vehicles driving onto private property to pass other vehicles on the road; and debris on the road which was hazardous to pedestrians having to walk on the road. The Chairman thanked the resident for his contribution and informed him that this would be discussed later in the agenda.

5. Police Report

The police report had been circulated to Councillors and this was discussed. PCSO Lara Shiers was in attendance, and answered questions posed by Councillors. The Chairman thanked the PCSO for her report and for attending the meeting.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Clerk had not received a report from the Community Agent but was informed that she had been on holiday for 2 weeks. A Community drop-in event was being held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre on 11th July for residents to have the opportunity to meet the Community Agent and a Welfare Rights Officer. The Clerk had emailed the Penley Rainbow Centre to ask about the Community Agent's phone but had not received a reply.

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 would write to CRT, WCBC and the Boat Company to request a site meeting at the Fron Basin, and afterwards at the Fron Community Centre to discuss the situation. Furthermore, the Clerk would write to WCBC and the Police to ask why penalty notices were not being issued with regards to any traffic violations by visiting coaches to the Fron Basin area, and if this was going to be addressed by visits from Enforcement Officers.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – The posts for the parking restriction signs had been installed.

New notice boards for Garth – Regarding the proposed site of the noticeboard near Hafryn flats, the Clerk had written to WCBC to ask when this would be resolved as the original request was made in February 2021. The reply received stated that confirmation was being sought from the client department and that WCBC would reply to the clerk when the licence agreement was in draft form.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The gate had been installed. Item 16 on the agenda was to discuss and decide on the terms and conditions regarding the lockable access gate.

Memorial in Garth – A local contractor was going to carry out the work.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – LRCC's solicitor was working on this. Draft documentation had been sent to Steve Westhead of Eastman's.

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

Flooding on the A539 – One gully was scheduled to be repaired by WCBC.

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

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2022/0502 – First floor extension and alterations to dwelling – **Beverley, 4 Gate Road, Froncysyllte**

P/2022/0513 – Single storey rear extension and external staircase – **Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Cefn Mawr**

Amended plan and additional information:

P/2021/0888 – Erection of new stable block, provision of access, associated earthworks and landscaping to provide "Animal Physiotherapy Business" – **Bryer, Trevor Hall Road, Garth, Wrexham.**

There were no objections to the applications.

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

10. Discussion and decision on whether the Council would like to do something for the 'Great Big Green Week' at the end of September.

Cllr. Mrs R Allen outlined the purpose of the event and some possible ways in which the Council could participate and also encourage the public to do so. Following a discussion it was decided that a working group comprising Cllr. Mrs R Allen, Cllr. D Wright, Cllr. Keith Sinclair and Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams would work on producing a firm proposal for consideration at the September Council meeting.

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

Cllr. Sinclair presented a report and informed members that funding was not available for defibrillators and seeking funding for water stations was not a viable option within the funding timescale. It was proposed that the Council apply for funding for walking route booklets for three routes: one in Fron; one in Garth; and one in Trevor. The AONB was willing to negotiate with CRT and WCBC regarding the siting of interpretation board, and any necessary improvements. It was decided to map the proposed routes and to identify any possible improvements in preparation for the Council to consider submitting a bid.

12. Discussion regarding pedestrian road safety on Garth Road.

Cllr. Morris agreed that sections of the Garth Road were narrow but this had been the case for many years. He outlined the various representations that had been made to WCBC when planning permissions had been submitted in the past for housing developments. This included the Oaks development where the Community Council had pushed for provision to be included in the permission for a fence perimeter, road widening and the installation of a pavement. That pavement ends where the development ends. Some narrow areas of the road are not able to be widened due to the geography of the area. At the bottom of

School hill the Council had put the case for road widening when planning permission was sought for development, and road widening and a pavement was included in the Oakfield's development following representations by the Council. Any major improvements are only likely if there is an application for a major development on land near the road.

Following a discussion it was decided that the Clerk would ask WCBC if the road sweeper and gully cleaner could visit Garth Road, Woodlands Grove and the Trevor Estate to improve the condition of the roads.

13. Decision on the membership of the Community Council's Working Groups: Boer War Memorial Working Group; JC Edwards Wall Working Group; Christmas Lights Working Group and Standing Orders Working Group.

Membership of the Working Groups was discussed and decided as follows:

Boer War Memorial - Cllr. K Sinclair, Cllr. Mrs S Williams, Cllr. D Metcalfe and Mr Phil Jones

J C Edward's Wall - Cllr. A Roberts, Cllr. Mrs S Kempster, Cllr. D Wright and Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths

Christmas Events - Cllr. E Morris, Cllr. D Wright, Cllr. Mrs S Williams and Cllr. Mrs R Allen

Standing Orders - Cllr. K Sinclair, Cllr. Mrs S Kempster and Cllr Mrs S Williams

14. Clarification and decision on the Council's representation on the Froncysyllte Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr. Mrs S Williams had resigned as a Community Council representative on the Froncysyllte Community Centre Management Committee and Cllr. K Sinclair had resigned as a trustee on the Committee. It was decided that Cllr. K Sinclair and Cllr. D Metcalfe would be the Community Council's representatives on the Froncysyllte Community Centre Management Committee.

15. Decision on the distribution of the remaining souvenir Jubilee water bottles.

Water bottles distributed – 108 as follows:

Garth CP School pupils – 62; Froncysyllte CP School pupils – 30; other school pupils – 15; Froncysyllte Community Centre display – 1.

There were 32 bottles remaining and it was decided that 1 would be given to Cefn Museum and one to Llangollen Museum. Of the 30 remaining, Councillors would personally buy 16 at a cost of £2.75 each in order to recoup the cost to the Council. There were 13 water bottles remaining.

16. Discussion and decision on the terms and conditions regarding the lockable access gate at the George Avenue playground.

The gate at the entrance to the George Avenue playground had been installed. The Clerk outlined the remaining terms and conditions required by WCBC for the lockable access gate to be used. The Community Council must:

- consult and seek written approval from the local Councillor agreeing to the proposed opening and closing times of the gate;
- consult with both sets of residents abutting the pathway from George Avenue regarding the proposed opening and closing times of the gate;
- confirm to the local Authority the proposed opening and closing times for each day and provide a contact name and telephone number for the key holder;
- provide 2 x bilingual signs (Welsh above English) on both sets of gates informing members of the public and park users of the opening and closing times, the sign should include a contact name and telephone number of the key holder in case of emergencies; and
- provide the padlocks to secure the gates and provide both the local authority and local Police (if required) copies of the access keys for maintenance and inspection purposes

Following a discussion it was decided that the opening times for the summer (Apr-Sept) would be 8am to 9pm and for the winter (Oct-Mar) they would be 9am to 5pm. With regard to the times the Clerk would consult and seek written approval from Cllr. A Roberts and also consult with both sets of residents abutting the pathway. Once this was done the Clerk would confirm to WCBC the opening and closing

times and proved details of the key holder. Also following this the Clerk would source suitable signage to comply with the conditions, and ensure that WCBC are provided with the combination for the padlock. Cllr. Mrs S Kempster volunteered to be the key holder and as such would be provided with the spare mobile phone in case she needed to be contacted.

17. Discussion regarding the overgrown hedge opposite the Aqueduct Garage in Trevor.

Following a discussion it was decided that the Clerk would write to the landowner and request that the overhanging branches are trimmed to ensure pedestrian safety.

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

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

Authorised payments:

P Ankers	102506	£332.50
P Green	102507	£621.00
North Wales Fencing Co.	102508	£2,230.80
WCBC	102509	£846.00
HMRC	102510	£1,085.06
Mrs P Lewis	102511	£300.00
One Voice Wales	102512	£35.00
J Evans	102513	£152.80
J Evans	102514	NJC
WTE Printers	102515	£720.00
NEST	DD	£50.08
Total		£7,354.39

19. Items for the next agenda.

Items to be received by the Clerk by Wednesday 31st August 2022

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 6th September 2022 at 7.00pm at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre