

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Froncysyllte Community Centre
Tuesday 17th December 2024

19/24

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Chairman took the minutes

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. E Morris.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 5th November had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

With regards to flooding on the old railway line Cllr. Roberts proposed that the Community Council pay for remedial action. Following a discussion it was decided that WCBC should pay for the work as they owned the land. Cllr. Roberts would report the issue to WCBC.

It was reported that the public service buses were not turning down onto Gate Road. Cllr Roberts would report this to WCBC.

Cllr. Jones reported that the missing gate by the effluent was due to be replaced the following week.

6. Police Report

A report had not been received.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Chairman informed Members that one Community Agent had been appointed and another was waiting for vetting. Both Community Agents, who lived locally, would be in post by January and would share the work in Llangollen Rural.

8. Update from the Clerk on the work log

An update was not available.

9. Planning Applications

P/2024/0341 – Single storey rear extension with roof garden above – **Bridge House, Llangollen Road, Acrefair, Wrexham, LL14 3SG**

P/2024/1572 – Installation of roof balcony and roof light – **Bryn Awelon, Pen Y Gaer Road, Garth, Trevor, Wrexham, LL20 7YN**

There were no objections.

10. Correspondence update from the Clerk

A list of all correspondence was not available but all correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors.

11. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor informed Members that the TRO's for Gate Road in Froncysyllte and for George Avenue in Trevor would go ahead. Also management of the WHS car parks were to revert to WCBC in January.

12. Approval of the budget and the precept amount for 2025/26

20/24

The proposed budget had been discussed at the Finance meeting held on 28th November, where it was decided to present it for approval to the full Council.

It was recommended that the budget for grants to various associations was set at £1000 rather than £600, and the grant process was reassessed by the Council.

It was further recommended that the Council use £5,000 of reserves to offset the precept to residents, thereby making the 2025/26 precept request £55,524 (£64.49 per Band D property based on the latest available tax base). As the tax base for 2025/26 had not yet been received the figure of £64.49 could change slightly. The recommended budget for 2025/26 was £60,524.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were accepted and the proposed budget was approved.

13. External Audit report 2023/24

Deferred to the next meeting

14. Appointment to the Finance Committee

Deferred to the next meeting

15. Section 137 application process

Deferred to the next meeting

16. Purchase of two new community seats

It was decided to purchase metal seats for the two sites: Methodist Hill and Pontcysyllte.

17. Garden Competition 2025/26

Deferred to the next meeting

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

An update was not available.

19. Items for the next agenda

External audit report 2023/24

Appointment to the Finance Committee

Section 137 application process

Garden competition 2025/26

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 4th February 2025, 7.00pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre