

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Tuesday 6th July 2021

11/21

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Phil Jones
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 1st June and 22nd June 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 in attendance.

5. Report on police matters

The Clerk presented the report received from PCSO Lara Shiers as she had been delayed. During June there had been regular ASB patrols following the previous month's incidents. There had been no further incidents of anti-social behaviour.

NWP had recently rolled out a 'Grab a Gripe' neighbourhood initiative across the Eastern area, whereby they will ask the community to feedback on their 'gripes' and issues. There would be regular sessions where the community would have the opportunity to meet the local PCSO's and chat about any issues or concerns.

During the month there had been 4 RTC reports; 3 of which were 'non-injury RTC'. There was a serious injury RTC on Mill Lane involving a motorcyclist.

The PCSO joined the meeting and commented on the report.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Clerk had circulated the Community Agent's monthly report and this was discussed. Several referrals had been received and she was helping individuals. The Community Agent was attending Froncysyllte Community Centre on the four Mondays (starting 28/6/21) in order to engage with the community. She was about to meet with Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster and Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans to arrange sessions at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

7. 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 – Discussions between the County Councillor, CRT and WCBC were on-going. It was noted that a response had not yet been received from Rebecca Lowry at WCBC following her attendance at the Community Council meeting held on 22nd June. It was decided that the Clerk would email Ian Bancroft (Chief Executive, WCBC), with copies sent to Terry Evans (Lead Member) and David Bithell (Lead Member for Environment & Transport), expressing the Community Council's disappointment

that a reply had not been received from Rebecca Lowry, regarding the issues and concerns expressed by the at the meeting of 22nd June.

Dog fouling on the old railway line – An update had not been received regarding the request for enforcement visits by WCBC.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Installation of the parking restrictions had commenced but the signs had not yet been installed.

New notice boards for Garth – Awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the notice board near Hafryn flats. It was decided to use an alternative site to avoid any further delay. Cllr. Roberts offered to chase this up with WCBC.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The work at the bottom of the playground had been completed. The Clerk was waiting for confirmation from WCBC regarding the clearance available for grass-cutting machinery if a gate was installed. A reply had not been received from the resident next to the path.

Possible use of the Froncysyllte school field - Discussions were on-going, but on hold due to Covid 19.

Footpath between Alma Road and School Lane – Collection of the necessary information to apply for the Modification Order was on-going.

Noddfa Cemetery risk assessment – To be scheduled.

Memorial Garth – Cllr. Morris offered to find a contractor willing to carry out the work.

Tree obstruction on entering the Bont Bridge – The work to remove 3 saplings, which were growing out of the bridge, had been completed.

Cleaning the stone pillars at Noddfa Cemetery – Barnett Engineering had carried out the work free of charge, and the entrance to the Cemetery was looking much better after their efforts. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the company and thank them for carrying out the work.

Water running into the Trevor playground – The water was still running into the playground. Cllr Roberts would ask for further investigations to be carried out. The situation would be monitored.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – The solicitor acting on behalf of the Community Council was ready to proceed, but the Clerk was waiting for a reply from Eastman's.

Safety issues on Gate Road due to parked cars – The situation was on-going.

Flooding on the A539 – One gully to be inspected due to a possible collapse.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2021/0491 – Two storey side extension, loft conversion and alterations to front of property – **Arfosa, Llangollen Road, Trevor LL20 7TF**

There were no objections to the application.

For information (Approved by WCBC):

P/2021/0237 – Single storey rear extension – **Argoed Lodge, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0310 – First floor front extension – **4 Tir Griffin Close, Garth, Trevor**

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

10. Confirmation of the provision of match funding for the JC Edwards Wall project

The provision of match funding for the JC Edwards Wall project up to a maximum of £9,721.50 was approved.

11. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group

The funding application for a feasibility study had been submitted to the War Memorial Trust and the Working Group was awaiting a reply.

12. Consideration of installation of a bench at the Clinker

Our Picturesque Landscape had asked for the Council's approval to install a cast iron bench at the Clinker and this was approved by the Council.

13. Damaged wall at Noddfa Cemetery

Part of the wall at the top of the Cemetery near the water container had fallen down and needed repairing. It was decided that Cllr. Roberts would ask two contractors for quotes for the repairs and report back to the next meeting.

14. To consider resuming publication of the Community Newsletter

This was discussed and it was decided that Cllr. Roberts would speak to the printers to find out which software would be suitable to produce the newsletter prior to publication, as had been done previously. Also, he would ask for quotations for production of the newsletter from a proof, and also for full production of the newsletter.

15. To consider increasing the Clerks hours

The Clerk left the meeting for this item. It was decided that the Clerk's hours would be increased to 18 hours per week with immediate effect. The Clerk would inform Councillors if, during a particular month, more hours were needed to complete work. The Clerk's salary would be discussed at the November meeting and Clerk would provide a copy of the pay scales to Councillors.

16. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end June 2021: receipts for 2020/21; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Authorised payments:

P Ankers	102416	£360.00
WCBC	102417	£831.00
HMRC	102418	£828.21
J Evans	102419	£148.29
P Green	102420	£588.00
J Evans	102421	NJC
NEST	DD	£33.47
Total		£3,660.64

17. Items for the next agenda

Noddfa Cemetery Wall

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 7th September 2021 at 7.00pm via Teleconferencing