

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
on Tuesday 11th September 2018

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Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn

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

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. A Roberts and Cllr. S Edwards, previous engagements.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Matters

PCSO Dave Jenkins was unable to attend the meeting but the following were reported for July 2018:

Six cases of anti-social behaviour - 5 regarding neighbourhood disputes (3 between same parties), 1 post Underneath the Arches
One burglary business - Trevor
One burglary residential - Trevor (insecure premises). Property recovered.
One burglary other than dwelling - garage in Froncysyllte
One Arson
One theft - property recovered apart from padlock and chain
One report of dangerous dog - suspected owner dealt with by Police Officer.

The following were reported for August 2018:

Four cases of anti-social behaviour - 1 neighbourhood dispute, 1 parking dispute, 2 involving youths.

The Clerk has received a complaint from a Trevor resident about groups of youths congregating around the community centre. The Clerk forwarded the complaint to the PCSO, informed the resident that this will be reported to Council, and asked the resident to report issues to the police '101' number so they are logged. The Clerk has previously e-mailed Dave Jenkins to request more frequent patrols at Garth & Trevor Community Centre. The Council will monitor the situation.

4. To receive written applications for the office of Councillor and to Co-opt a candidate to fill an existing vacancy

One application has been received and the Clerk read the letter of application to Councillors for their consideration. It was decided unanimously to co-opt Keith Sinclair to fill the vacancy of Councillor.

5. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed that Cllr. E Morris be appointed as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded and carried.

6. Outstanding Work log -Action Plan

The work log was updated.

Work has progressed on the pump field - the drains have been renewed, the footpath and steps repaired, and the grass area re-seeded.

Allan Forrest of WCBC and Cheryl Blount-Powell of CRT met with Councillors prior to tonight's meeting to discuss parking issues.

Complaints had been received about dog fouling on the old railway line path. The Clerk would report this to WCBC and request more frequent patrols.

Peter Green has a list of repairs to be done following the last playground meeting.
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7. Members' Urgent Reports

A complaint has been received that bus timetables on both sides of the main Llangollen to Wrexham Road, at the Old Post Office/Oaklands are at least 3 years out of date and consequently locals and tourists have no idea of the correct times. WCBC no longer update timetables due to the large number of changes and a lack of resources. The Community Council could update the timetables but need more information on the practicalities of doing so. It was decided that the Clerk would find out where up-to-date timetables can be obtained and how easily the cases can be accessed.

8. Minutes of the Previous 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.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Following the last meeting when Cllr Valentine left and did not return, Cllr Wright expressed concern at assessing declaration of interest due to the nature of Community Cllrs in a local area personally knowing many residents. He stated that it was difficult to decide in some instances where the boundary of a Councillor's interest and an acquaintance lay and that there was a grey area. It was discussed and decided that the code of conduct should be followed, and that if in any doubt it would be prudent to declare an interest. The Monitoring Officer at WCBC was available for advice in individual cases.

The Clerk has thanked I Land for the donation of a defibrillator at Trevor Basin.

10. Planning

Two-storey extension to provide additional bedroom at first floor level & utility room at ground floor level

Brynteg Station Road Trevor Wrexham P/2018/0487 GRANTED

Erection of garden room

Alexandria Blackwood Road Garth Trevor Wrexham P/2018/0598 PENDING

11. Correspondence

Welsh Government

Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales - Final Recommendations Report submitted to the Minister for the Cabinet Office on 5th September 2018

Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils - Outline Findings & Recommendations

Natural Resources Bulletin August 2018

Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language - Written consultation by 14th September 2018

A Welsh Government consultation on Petroleum Extraction Policy in Wales has been launched

One Voice Wales

Training courses September 2018 to March 2019

One Voice Wales Conference and AGM 29th September 2018

Community Transport Association

Transport Innovation Network Launch meeting in Conwy 16th October 2018

Planning Aid Wales

Responding to Planning Applications Training - 24th September 2018

Understanding Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 Contributions event - 18th Oct. 2018

North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent

Proposed 40mph restriction - A5 Froncysyllte

Susan Elan Jones MP & Ken Skates AM

Dates for local advice surgeries

Wrexham Area Civic Society

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August newsletter and reminder that award nominations are due by 30th September

The correspondence was made available for perusal by Councillors, and hard copies or e-mail copies can be provided on request.

12. Defibrillator Garth

Cllr Morris reported that a defibrillator had been installed at Hafryn flats, Garth and a training session was scheduled for 18th September at 7.00pm in Garth & Trevor Community Centre. Councillors expressed their thanks to Garth residents and local businesses for the donations made to enable the defibrillator to be fitted so quickly. Cllr E Morris was also thanked for his hard work in collecting donations, sourcing the equipment and organising the installation.

13. To consider a contribution to new street lighting

During a site meeting with Cllr Roberts, WCBC were asked to provide a system of street lighting along New Road, between the former entrance to Flexys and Abernant, to complement the works being carried out in the area as part of the World Heritage Site improvements. The cost of the scheme is estimated at £27,200. WCBC are willing to contribute £25,000 and are looking for a contribution from LRCC to cover the remainder, £2,200. Following a discussion it was decided to contribute £2,200, using the contribution received from the 'Underneath the Arches' event. The Clerk would inform WCBC of the decision.

14. Footpaths & Roadways

Nothing to report.

15. Speeding

The Clerk has asked Jill Taylor to meet with Councillors in October to demonstrate the speed sign.

16. Projects 2018/2019

Nothing to report.

17. Community Agent

The 'Memory Lane, Tea and Cakes' event was held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre on 15th August and was well attended. The Community Agent was able to chat to residents and find out their opinions. Transport appears to be an issue for people wishing to attend events. Another event is planned for October 8th to tie in with the 'International Day of Older Persons' on October 1st. The Council have successfully applied for a £50 grant from WCBC for an event celebrating the day.

The Community Agent has been working alongside Social Services on referrals and also on some referrals from residents attending the social event. She has contacted 'Make a Mark' with a view to starting an art project and has kept in touch with local activities.

18. Meetings / Training

The Finance Committee met on 31st August 2018 and minutes have been circulated to members.

Following a recent Cadwyn Clwyd meeting about the IBeacon project the Chairman requested that the Council contribute £250.00 to be included in the project and this was agreed.

19. Noddfa

The Council previously ratified the 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the Welsh Government, the WLGA and One Voice Wales, signed 23rd November 2017, to end burial and cremation fees for children

(under 18). The Clerk has responded to an e-mail from WCBC to confirm that LRCC would like to be part of the Welsh Government Child Burial and Cremation Grant Scheme.

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The Clerk has updated the contact details on the 'Rules and Regulations for the Control and Management of Noddfa Cemetery', and Councillors approved the amended document.

20. Playgrounds

A Playground site meeting was held on 16th August 2018 and notes have been circulated to members. Peter Green is working through the list of required work that has been identified in the playgrounds.

The Clerk will obtain information about inspection intervals from WCBC, and include the Garth picnic benches on the annual risk assessment. It was decided that the Clerk would report the cracked surface around the slide in Garth to HAGS and also ask for the return on the zip-wire to be checked.

The Council decided to take responsibility for the play area at Garth & Trevor Community Centre and to fix the holes in the wet-pour after quotations have been received.

21. Newsletter

The autumn newsletter has been distributed.

22. Finance

Financial statements are included as at the end August 2018:

Receipts for 2018/19; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

The following payments were authorised:

P Ankers	102085	£300.00
P Green	102086	£620.00
P Green	102087	£200.00
L Broe	102088	£46.77
AVOW	102089	£49.50
HAGS	102090	£87.60
WTEvans Printers	102091	£600.00
J Evans	102092	NJC
L Broe	102093	NJC
Achub Calon Y Dyffryn	102094	£50.00
HMRC	102095	£948.22
J Evans	102096	£424.14
Pawle & Co Ltd	102097	£460.80
Zoll Medical UK	102098	£960.00

It was resolved to amend the contact details on the bank account.

23. Annual Return

The Audited Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2018 has now been received from the External Auditor. A qualified audit report was received: 'In future years, the Council must ensure that the Annual Return is approved by the Council before the Notice of Appointment of Date for the exercise of Electors' Rights period commences in order to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

24. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm at Garth and Trevor Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd October 2018.

