

Llangollen Rural Community Council 35/15
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
on Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster	Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn	Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Mark Valentine	Cllr. Jim Davies
Mrs S.A. Jones	

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed MorrisClerk: Mrs S.A. Jones**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from PCSO David Jenkins due to work commitments and Cllr. Geraint Roberts unwell.

2. Declaration of Interest

There was one declaration of interest from Cllr. A. Roberts regarding item 8.

3. Police Matters

Although PCSO Jenkins was unable to make the meeting he had sent in his report for November. There had been one house burglary resulting in a vehicle being stolen and one shed had been broken into in Trevor.

In Froncysyllte some vehicle registration plates had been stolen.

In Garth a trailer and items on the trailer had been stolen.

Concerns were raised about the new one way system on the Trevor Estate, as some cars were going the wrong way. Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council and PCSO Jenkins.

It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for December and January would be for PCSO Dave Jenkins to spend his time checking out issues identified within the three villages.

4. Outstanding Work Log

The work log had been updated and a new page of outstanding actions issued to members.

5. Members Urgent Reports

Trevor: The Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council to ask for the sweeper to come round the Rhos Y Coed Estate.

6. 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.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

After the November meeting Cllr. Valentine had contacted Garth School with the offer of some match funding from the Community Council. This would be to create a new entrance as this would make the school more secure. However to date he had not received a reply.

8. Planning

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Planning Applications:

Proposed new two storey building to form garage with office over an existing car park to be used as ancillary accommodation to the day nursery.

The Towers Nursery, Llangollen Road, Trevor. P/2015/0809

There were objections to these plans as the car park would be considerably reduced in size.

Installation of one free standing array (two rows of eight) solar panels within garden area.

Lyndene, Blackwood Road, Garth P/2015/0822

Variation of condition Nos. 2 & 3 of planning permission P/2015/0010 to extend time period for submission of reserved matters and commencement of development.

Land adjacent to Gwel Y Dyffryn, Garth Road, Garth P/2015/0856

There were no objections to the above 2 applications.

Certificates of Decision:

Installation of one free standing array (two rows of eight) solar panels within garden area.

Lyndene, Blackwood Road, Garth P/2015/0822 - Granted**Certificates of Decision:**

Demolition of existing garages and erection of new garages / workshop.

Cromwell Terrace, Garth. P/2015/0653 – Granted

Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, erection of new triple garage in new location and removal of existing garage.

Bron Y Graig, Gilfach Road, Froncysyllte P/2015/0670 – Granted

Two storey extension (previously granted under code no. P/2010/0751)

Tower View, Holyhead Road, Froncysyllte P/2015/0675 - Granted

Erection of new replacement stone boundary wall (length and height as existing)

Angorfa, 3 Canal Terrace, Froncysyllte P/2015/0715 - Granted

Erection of new dwelling (2 Bed) with associated access and landscaping on land to the rear of Glen Craig.

Glen Craig, Llangollen Road, Trevor P/2015/0599 - Refused**9. Correspondence****E.Mail**

JDH Business our Internal Auditor confirming that he is willing to continue being our Auditor for the Internal Audit 2015/16.

Welsh Government:

Appointment of Chair and Members to the Scrutiny Committee – ‘National Entity for Welsh for Adults.’

Appointment of Chair to Career Choices – Careers Wales.

WCBC:

Andy Lewis Head of Housing, Public Protection & Environment

Management & Maintenance of play areas by Wrexham County Borough Council (This is in respect of monthly and annual Inspections by Wrexham County Borough Council). Members agreed to continue with the service.

Mark S. Owen Head of Finance

Precept payment schedule and tax base 2016/17.

Cllr. David Griffiths – Armed Forces Champion

Wrexham – Honouring our veterans – preserving their memories. (Hold in file until February).

Community Speed Watch – report for information.

Play Development Team- Consultation session Thursday 7th January 6 – 8pm.

Marie Russell – Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum 10/12/15.

One Voice Wales:

Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill for consultation.

Dates for the 2016 meetings:

26th January - Parish Hall, Chirk.

21st April - Mold Town Hall

19th July – Capel Y Groes, Wrexham

Confirmation that Cllr. Morris, Cllr. Evans & the Clerk are booked on the Module 21 training course.

Report from Mr Mike Harriman - on the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder reference group meeting. December training programme.

Response from One Voice Wales to the consultation Statutory Guidance for the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

General:

The Board of the Community Health Council are looking for members.

Police & Crime Commissioner – Have your say about policing 12th January 2016 at 6pm at Glyndwr University, and at 6pm 13th January 2016 at Ruabon Village Hall.

NHS Wales – Application submitted by L Rowland & Co for a minor relocation of the pharmacy from 12 Regent Street, Llangollen to the Llangollen Health Centre, Bishops Walk, Llangollen.

British Red Cross - application for funding.

Marie Curie Nursing Services – application for funding.

Bartlett's Solicitors, Wrexham - enquiring as to who was responsible for footway lighting.

Information:

Society of Local Council Clerks – information on Auto Enrolment.

Wrexham County Borough Council – Workplace pensions – Automatic Enrolment.

National Association of Local Councils – Retirement gratuities and staff pensions.

Receipts:

Mr PJ Ankers

10. Leasing of Playgrounds

Further correspondence has been received from the Solicitor acting for the Community Council regarding the Woodlands Walk playground and The Oaks.

11. Footpaths & Roadways

The Clerk was asked to contact Wrexham County Borough Council about the potholes on Tower Hill Road by Croesiolyn Farm. It was stated that the junction of Cwmalis Road and the Holyhead Road needed to be swept due to the amount of leaves on the road.

12. Projects 2015/2016

A request had been received for two new planters outside the flats at Bryn Eryl, this was agreed and the Clerk will order them in the Spring.

Quotes have been received for weeding the flower beds at the entrance to the Trevor Estate and the raised beds on the Estate, these were accepted.

13. Meetings

Nothing to report.

14. Noddfa Cemetery Report

Nothing to report

15(a). Playgrounds

Three quotes have been received for grass cutting in the playgrounds. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to offer Peter Green Groundcare the two year contract.

15(b). Garth Playground

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster confirmed that a meeting had taken place in November with Mrs Carla Hughes from Wrexham County Borough Council. It had been a very positive meeting and she had answered all questions. Unfortunately Cllr. Mark Valentine had been unable to attend due to work commitments but he had sent some information via e mail.

At the meeting on the 2nd December 2015 Cllr. Mark Valentine confirmed that all the information has been scanned in and uploaded. There is still more work to do on the application as the photos and film need to be downloaded. It was confirmed that the deadline for tenders was 8th December and Cllr. Mark Valentine has invited five parties to apply.

The Clerk was asked to forward all minutes for the play area including the Full Council minute from February 2015 when it was decided to apply for funding.
A further meeting will be needed before Christmas to discuss the tender documents.

16. Newsletter

The deadline for items to be included in the Spring Newsletter will be Monday 8th February 2016.

17a. Finance

Copies of the Bank balances, payments and a list of receipts were distributed to the members and checked. The following invoices were authorised for payment:

Mrs SA Jones	101819	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101820	260.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101821	180.00
HM Revenue & Customs	101822	397.00
Mr D Lewis	101823	100.00
WCBC	101824	673.80
BP & D	101825	675.00

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A finance meeting had been held on 19th November 2015 to discuss the precept requirements for 2016/17 from Wrexham County Borough Council. The Chairman Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans gave her report and asked for approval from full Council for an increase in the Clerk's salary; and a recommendation that there would be no increase to the precept for 2016/17 and these were accepted. This was accepted and approved.

Clerk's Salary

After a lengthy discussion it was put forward to full Council of an increase per hour to the Clerk's salary. At present the Clerk works 60 hours per month, the last time the hourly rate was increased was in 2012/13

Payments and receipts against budget and balance of account against bank statement

All payments and receipts were checked off against the budget and then the payments and receipts were checked off against the bank statement and all balanced.

Bank Accounts

Members looked at whether they should transfer some of the balance from the Current account into the deposit account. It was decided that although the interest rates were low they would be recommending to full Council to transfer £10,000 into the deposit account .

18. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.