

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre and via Zoom
On Tuesday 1st March 2022

32/21

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Darrell Wright	Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair	Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Phil Jones	Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths
Cllr. Mrs S Williams (remotely)	

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs S Kempster.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st February 2022 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest from Cllr. K Sinclair in agenda item 8, Section 78 appeal, as he is a near neighbour of the property.

4. Public Participation

None

5. Report on police matters

PCSO Rhys Yaxley attended for this item. The police report had been circulated to Councillors and this was discussed.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

A monthly report had not been received from the Community Agent, and confirmation had not been received from WCBC regarding grant provision for 2022/23.

The Clerk had received the requested information from the Penley Rainbow centre on estimated costs for 2022/23, staffing, travel and phone costs for 2021/22, and monthly monitoring figures. The Clerk was due to meet with the manager of the Centre to discuss this information. Once the meeting had taken place, it was decided that the Council would meet to decide on provision for 2022/23.

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 ongoing. The Clerk reported on the replies she had received from the residents of Gate Road/Ffordd Llidiart and the Froncysyllte Community Centre Management Committee, to the letter asking for their opinions/views on the possibility of using the Community Centre car park for pick-ups and drop offs. The majority of replies, including that of the Management Committee, had indicated that they were against the use of the Community Centre car park for this purpose.

Following a discussion it was decided to request a meeting between the Community Council, CRT and the Llangollen Canal Boat company to discuss the issues raised by residents and possible solutions.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Installation of the parking restriction signs were on WCBC's work schedule.

New notice boards for Garth – Awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the noticeboard near Hafryn flats.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk had asked WCBC to recommend an alternative contractor in order to obtain a quotation for the work.

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

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

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – LRCC's solicitor was working on this. The Clerk was awaiting a reply from Eastman's. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Eastman's again and ask for a reply, as this needed to be sorted out as soon as possible.

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

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

Pavements on the Trevor Estate – Work was commencing on 14th March 2022.

Branches falling onto the road and pavement near Garth School – The Clerk had sent a letter to the owner asking if this could be addressed.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2022/0118 – Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two storey extension, with associated alterations to Brookside Cottage – **Brookside Cottage, Trevor Hall Road, Garth, Wrexham**

Section 78 Appeal at: Argoed Lodge, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham

There were no objections to the application or the appeal.

For information - Granted:

P/2021/1139 – Proposed roof extension with dormers to the front and rear, including skylights – **Ben Tara, Maes Mawr Road, Garth, Wrexham**

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

A request to meet with the Council had been received from Lesley James who was exhibiting work at Ty Pawb, called Tales from Terracottapolis. The exhibition incorporated artifice of the JC Edwards Offices. It was decided to invite her to meet with Councillors prior to the next Council meeting in April.

10. An environmental Competition in the local schools

This was discussed and it was decided to defer consideration of this until the next meeting when more information would be available.

11. The Wrexham 2025 – UK City of Culture Bid

The WCBC bid for Wrexham to become the UK City of Culture in 2025 was discussed. WCBC were asking for ambassadors and stakeholders for the bid. It was decided that Llangollen Rural Community Council would become an ambassador and a stakeholder for the bid. The Clerk would inform WCBC and Cllr. Sinclair volunteered to liaise with WCBC once this was done.

12. Quotation for the maintenance of community seats

The quotation for the annual maintenance of community seats was discussed. It was decided to accept the quotation for £325.00.

13. Quotations for grounds maintenance at Noddfa Cemetery, community footpaths, community planters, and grass cutting at the pump field and near Froncysyllte School

Quotations covering 2 years (April 2022 to March 2024) had been received and these were discussed.

It was decided to accept the following quotations:

- (a) Ground maintenance at Noddfa Cemetery - £1,160 per annum

- (b) The tidying of community footpaths - £1,100 per annum 34/21
- (c) The tidying of community planters (ad hoc basis) – Rhos Y Coed Estate £60 each tidy, Station Road £15 each tidy and Hyfryn Border £60 each tidy
- (d) Grass cutting at the pump field garth - £210 per annum and grass cutting near Froncysyllte School -£210 per annum.

14. The issue of subsidence on the Newbridge Road and its effect on traffic in the area.

The B5605 at Pentre had been closed since January 2021 due to a major landslip during Storm Christoph. The resulting diversions were causing increased traffic, and tailbacks on the roads in Llangollen Rural. Also when the A483 was affected by road works or bad weather the traffic problems in the community were even worse, at times bordering on chaos. Numerous complaints had been received about this. County Cllr. Rondo Roberts informed Councillors that he had brought the problems to the attention of the NWTRA and WCBC. Gatemen had been deployed at the entrance to some roads to deter unsuitable vehicles entering the village. A business plan had been sent from WCBC to the Welsh Government and WCBC were hopeful that the £2m funds would be released to allow the repairs to take place.

It was decided that the Clerk would send a letter to WCBC expressing concern at the effect of the increased volume of traffic in Trevor and Froncysyllte and asking that the repair on Newbridge Road was resolved as soon as possible. Also to ask if the diversion used could be further away (20 or 30 miles).

15. The Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee was discussed. It was decided that the Clerk would research the costs involved in providing school children in the community with a souvenir of the occasion.

16. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Following a discussion it was decided to appoint JDH Business Services Ltd as internal auditors.

17. To receive a financial update from the Clerk and authorise payments to be made.

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end February 2022: receipts for 2021/22; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Payments authorised for March:

P Ankers	102478	£100.00
ACS Technology	102479	£200.00
P Green	102480	£80.00
Information Commissioner	102481	£40.00
J Evans	102482	NJC
Cllr S Jones	102483	£150.00
Cllr S Williams	102484	£150.00
J Evans	102485	£53.38
NEST	DD	£48.72
NEST	DD	£47.24
Total		£1,801.85

18. Items for the next agenda.

Queen’s Jubilee
Environmental engagement/schools

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 5th April 2022 at 7.00pm – Garth & Trevor Community Centre

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Thursday 24th March 2022 at 7.00pm

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Present

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

Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans
Cllr. Mrs S Kempster
Cllr. Phil Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. S Jones, Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths and Cllr. A Roberts.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public participation.

None present

4. Community Agent provision and the contract for 2022/23

The Council had been informed on 8th March that the Community Agent had resigned and her last work day was 9th March. Existing staff at the Penley Rainbow Centre (PRC) were currently covering Llangollen Rural work of 16 contracted hours per week.

The Clerk had been informed that the likely grant from WCBC for 2022/23 would be £10,800 but this had yet to be confirmed.

The Council recognised the benefits of having a Community Agent and was keen for the provision to be successful in supporting the community. The last 12 months had seen an improvement in provision but not as much as had been expected given the resources of the PRC. The Council wanted to ensure that it was getting value for money from the contract with PRC, and that the contract was being well managed. It was decided that the post should be filled by someone local who was proactive and that there should be more liaison and supervision of PRC. The Council should be involved in the selection process of a new Community Agent who should work the full contracted hours within Llangollen Rural. Regular reports should be received of the number of clients who have been helped in the community. It was decided that the Clerk would ask the manager of the PRC to meet with Cllr. D Wright, Cllr. Keith Sinclair, Cllr. Phil Jones and the Clerk to discuss the concerns of the Council and decide on the way forward.

5. Quotations received for grounds maintenance at the playgrounds

The Clerk had requested three quotations for the work and had received one reply. It was decided to accept the quotation from P Green for 2022/23 for £5,476.

6. The quotation for installation of a gate at the George Avenue playground

A quotation of £1,859 had been received from North Wales Fencing. Following a discussion it was decided to accept the quote.

7. Chairman's Allowance payment 2021/2022

The payment of £300 was authorised.

Date and time of the next meeting – 5th April 2022 at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre and via teleconferencing at 7pm