

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre
Tuesday 4th June 2024

5/24

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths
Cllr. A Roberts
Cllr. Dave Metcalfe

Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Phil Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

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

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th May 2024 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

The footpath opposite Garth playground was overgrown. It was decided that the Clerk would inform WCBC.

6. Police Report

The police report had been circulated to Councillors and this was discussed. The County Councillor had queried the last 2 months crime figures with the police sergeant and these would be checked.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

AVOW had requested a meeting with Members in order to update them with regard to the Southern Consortia contract. It was decided that the Clerk would arrange a meeting between AVOW and Cllrs. Mrs S Kempster, D Wright, K Sinclair and E Morris.

8. Update from the Clerk on the work log

The Clerk provided an update on the work log and this was discussed.

Parking at Fron Basin/Trevor Basin – A Community meeting was being held on 11th June to discuss the proposed TRO with the residents of Gate Rd. and to obtain their views. Members met with M. Bathers (WCBC) and CRT prior to the Council meeting to discuss parking and the Trevor Basin hire boat relocation.

Memorial in Garth - No update

JC Edwards Wall – The planning application was due to be submitted.

Installation of a sign on the gate at the George Avenue playground – Cllr. Roberts offered to fix the sign.

WCBC to place road signs (No footway) on Garth Road - WCBC were about to install the signs.

Planting of the Trevor planters – Cllr. S Williams and Cllr. S Kempster were purchasing plants.

Request for gates on the Oaks play area - The Clerk had asked the Management Committee of the Oaks for their views on the request but would email again to ensure that all members had considered the request.

9. Planning Applications

P/2024/0350 – Variation of condition 34 of planning permission P/2022/0878 to amend drainage plan – **Trevor Basin, Off Tower Hill, Trevor, Wrexham**

There were no objections

For information - Granted:

P/2023/0715 - Change of use of building from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A3 (Food and Drink) – **Aqueduct Garage, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Wrexham**

P/2023/0874 – Single storey side and rear extension and extension of existing balcony – **Aqueduct Inn, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

10. Correspondence update from the Clerk

Email from WCBC inviting Members to Mayors Civic visit to St. Giles Parish Church on Sunday 23 June 2024 – It was decided that Cllr. Metcalfe would attend on behalf of the Council.

11. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor updated Members on ongoing issues including the resurfacing of Garth Road. He informed Members that despite his requests WCBC was not planning to resurface the road. It was decided that the Clerk would write to WCBC supporting the County Councillor's efforts to get the road re-surfaced.

12. Re-adoption of Council Policies

The Council decided to re-adopt the following policies: Code of Conduct; Risk Assessment; Investment Strategy; Freedom of Information; Social Media; Mileage and Subsistence; Equality & Diversity; Training & Development; and Welsh Language Policy.

13. Membership of the Community Councils' Working Groups

Membership of the Working Groups was discussed and decided as follows:

Boer War Memorial - Cllr. K Sinclair, Cllr. Mrs S Williams, Cllr. D Metcalfe and Cllr. P Jones

J C Edward's Wall - Cllr. Mrs S Kempster, Cllr. D Wright, Cllr. K Sinclair and Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths

Green Community – Cllr. Mrs S Kempster, Cllr. K Sinclair, Cllr. D Wright and Cllr. D Metcalfe

The Christmas Events, Standing Orders and Community Newsletter working groups were not required.

14. Boer War Memorial project

The possibility of submitting proposals to the Shared Prosperity fund for parts of the project was discussed. It was decided to submit a series of proposals for elements of the work on the project.

15. Update on the Fron Community Centre playground project and the Trevor Green planters' project

The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the playground project. There was an under-spend on the planters project which WCBC had agreed could be used to purchase additional items for the project. A Change Request form would need to be submitted for consideration. It was decided to submit a request for an additional planter at the top of the Clinker path and signage for the planters on Trevor Green.

16. Notice board at the Oaks, Garth

Following a number of complaints from a resident of the Oaks, it was decided to remove the notice board.

17. The steps onto the old railway line in Trevor

The County Councillor informed Members that WCBC were going to replace the steps.

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

The financial statements as at the end of May had been circulated: receipts for 2024/25; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against the budget and receipts. It was agreed to increase the fidelity insurance cover to £200,000.

Payments authorised for June 2024:

P Ankers	102695	£476.43
P Green	102696	£785.00
HH Print Ltd	102697	£108.00
HMRC	102698	£1,137.07
J Evans	102699	NJC
J Evans	102700	£112.51
Gallagher Insurance	102701	£814.47
NEST	DD	£66.39
Total		£4,649.17

19. Items for the next agenda

Parking Enforcement

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 9th July 2024, 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Thursday 27th June 2024 at 6.00pm

7/24

Present

Cllr. Mrs S Kempster
Cllr. D Wright

Cllr. K Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths

Cllr. A Roberts

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public participation.

None

4. Internal audit report 2023/24.

The Clerk presented the internal audit report to Councillors and this was accepted. The fidelity insurance cover had been increased to £200,000, and two entries on the asset register had been amended. As recommended the level of reserves would be reviewed during the budget setting process.

5. Approval of the Annual Return 2023/24

The Annual Return and the associated documentation had been shared with Councillors. It was decided to approve the Annual Return which was duly signed by the Chairman. Cllr. Mrs S Kempster thanked the Clerk for the work carried out in preparing for the internal and external audit.

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