

Llangollen Rural Community Council 09/16
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
on Tuesday 7th June 2016

Present

Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn	Cllr. Geraint Roberts
Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster	Cllr. Glyn Jones
Cllr. Mark Valentine	Cllr. Jim Davies
Mrs S.A. Jones	PCSO Dave Jenkins

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Alyson WinnClerk: Mrs S.A. Jones**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr. Anthony Roberts as he was working and Cllr. Darrell Wright unable to attend due to family commitments.

2. Declaration of Interest

A declaration of interest was made by Cllr. Mark Valentine concerning item 7.

3. Police Matters

The Chairman Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn welcomed PCSO Dave Jenkins to the meeting; who then gave his report which covered May.

Trevor – During the month there had been two thefts, one case of criminal damage and a case of anti-social behaviour.

PCSO Dave Jenkins stated that he had been out with the Speed Gun on Gate Road and the A5 in Fron and on Llangollen Road and Station Road in Trevor. Letters have been sent to some vehicle owners who were over the recommended speed limit. Concerns were raised about the number of cars parked on the road and pavement outside Ffordd Llidiart, Gate Road, Fron. PCSO Jenkins stated that he would put leaflets on the offending vehicles. There were complaints about youths congregating at the back of the Garth & Trevor Community Centre; about cars speeding at night between the Garth & Trevor Community Centre and the Premier shop; and that there were motor bikes speeding at night along Station Road in Trevor. It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for June 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: It was reported that the edges of the pavements needed to be cleared / swept on the Trevor Estate, especially between Heol Penderyst and Telford Avenue and by the Penybont bungalows.

Garth: It was reported that there was quite a flow of water running from the small reservoir at the top of Blackwood Road, down Garth Road and into the Tower Woods.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meetings had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes**10/16****Monthly meeting:**

Cllr. Mark Valentine left the meeting. The Clerk had contacted WT Evans, Cefn Mawr regarding the printing the Community Newsletter and the Council's request to ask the Company to produce a 'dummy' proof for the Members to look at in June. Unfortunately WT Evans Ltd was unable to oblige due to time constraints. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to stay with the present printer and review the situation in twelve months' time. Cllr. Mark Valentine returned to the meeting.

Inspector Jackie Downes of North Wales Police has agreed to attend the July meeting.

The parking restrictions that have been discussed on Station Road between the Telford and the bridge over the canal are still on hold as the Community Council are waiting for a meeting to be held between Eastmans and Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the lease of the Trevor basin fields.

The Annual Return, bank reconciliation, a variance analysis and all the relevant documents that have been requested, have been forwarded to the External Auditor.

There was a complaint that the skip day was in Trevor and not in Fron. Clerk to contact C/Cllr Pat Jeffares.

Extraordinary Meeting:

Cllr. Geraint Roberts stated that he thought that the May minutes should be amended due to the outcome of the extraordinary meeting held 10th May 2016. This was rejected.

There were concerns about what was in the plans for the Underneath the Arches evening, how many stewards, what improvements have been made and what additional support will be provided. The Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council and ask to see the plan.

There were concerns about pedestrian's crossing over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct at night in light of the recent tragic loss of life on the Aqueduct. Councillors expressed their deepest sympathy to the boy's family.

8. Planning**Planning Applications:**

Erection of double garage

Heyburn, Blackwood Road, Garth P/2016/0420

There were no objections

Certificates of Decision:

There were no certificates of decision.

9. Correspondence**E.Mail**

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares regarding the 30mph sign that has been hit on approaching Fron from Chirk.

Invitation from the Mayor of Wrexham to a civic service at St Giles Parish Church 19/6/16.

One Voice Wales:

Notification to say that there is a statutory requirement that all Councils publish and report annually to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on allowances and expenses payable to Community and Town Councillors by September each year.

The Model Financial Regulations have been recalled.

General:

Kingdom Security report on the number of tickets that had been issued during the month.

Society of Local Council Clerk's National Salary Awards 2016 -18.

Receipts:

Mr PJ Ankers

Peter Green Groundcare

10. Leasing of Playgrounds**11/16**

There has been no further news from Land Registry regarding the three outstanding play-areas.

11. Footpaths & Roadways

The stretch of grass has been cut at the top of the Oerog and the contractor has asked if the Community Council would like him to cut this on a monthly basis at the cost of £40 per cut. This was agreed for June, July, August and September 2016.

12. Projects 2015/2016

Nothing to report.

13. Meetings / Training

During May Councillors Mrs Alyson Winn and Darrell Wright had attended a One Voice Wales training course on 'The Role of Chairman.' They had enjoyed the course and came back with a number of ideas for improving agendas and minutes.

14. Noddfa Cemetery Report

The Chairman of the Noddfa Cemetery Committee Cllr. Elfed Morris stated that the Risk Assessment has not been completed at Noddfa Cemetery as there is an unstable headstone, and that there has been some difficulty in contacting the family. He asked for permission to use spray paint to show the boundary of a grave for internment, when being dug by the Gravedigger. This was agreed.

The Clerk had been contacted by a local Funeral Director asking if it would be possible for a refund on a reservation at Noddfa as his client had decided to have his ashes buried in a different location. This was agreed.

15. Playgrounds including Garth Playground

Nothing to report.

16. Newsletter

The deadline for the Autumn Newsletter is Friday 12th August 2016.

17. Garden Competition

The judges Ms Andrea Evans and Mr Tony Roberts have confirmed that they will judge the Best Kept garden competition on Tuesday 5th July 2016.

18. Local Government Ethical Framework – Code of Conduct

The Clerk made reference to a letter received from the Welsh Government, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, concerning changes to the Model Code of Conduct. In addition, the Council were required to adopt a revised Code by the 26th July 2016, and therefore a copy had previously been circulated for approval.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008 (No.2016/84) in relation to the Model Code issued by the Welsh Government, be adopted by this Council as the new Members Code of Conduct with effect from 7th June 2016.

2. That it be noted that paragraph 15(1) and (2) of the Model Code did not apply to Town and Community Councils, and for the purposes of paragraph 17, it be determined that the reviewed amount should be £25.

19. Finance**12/16**

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:

FCC Recycling	101861	3631.53
Aqueduct Community Association	101862	1000.00
Mrs SA Jones	101863	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101864	445.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101865	685.00
HM Revenue Customs	101866	PAYE
One Voice Wales	101867	70.00
Garth & Trevor Community Centre	101868	3000.00
Fron Community Centre	101869	3000.00

20. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Tuesday 12th July 2016.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.