

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Tuesday 7th December 2021

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Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Phil Jones
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. D Wright and Cllr. S Jones.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 2nd November 2021 and 15th November 2021 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

None in attendance.

5. Report on police matters

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.

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 on-going. The Clerk was drafting a letter to residents and the Management Committee, asking for their opinions/views on the possibility of using the Community Centre car park for pick-ups and drop offs.

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 notice board near Hafryn flats.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk had again contacted WCBC regarding the clearance available for grass-cutting machinery if a gate was installed.

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

Noddfa Cemetery risk assessment – To be scheduled.

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

Water running into the Trevor playground – This had been dealt with by the residents concerned.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – LRCC's solicitor was working on this. The Clerk was awaiting a reply from Eastman's.

Safety issues on Gate Road due to parked cars – The situation was on-going.

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

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Part of wall at Noddfa Cemetery had collapsed – The work was scheduled to be done.

Pavements on the Trevor Estate – The paths from the shop, up to Heol Penderyst, including Telford Avenue, would be resurfaced and were on WCBC's plan. Others would be checked at the same time.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2021/1059 – Parking and operation of 1 private hire vehicle (renewal of application P/2020/0726) – **Vron Hyfryd, Yr Ochr, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/1070 – Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of P/2018/0939 to extend time period for submission of reserved matters and commencement of development – **Gwel Y Dyffryn, Trevor Road, Garth Wrexham**

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

There were no objections to the applications.

For information - Refused:

P/2021/0763 - First floor extension and alterations to dwelling – **Beverley, 4 Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

10. Discussion of the proposed budget and approval of the precept amount for 2022/2023

The proposed budget had been distributed. It had been discussed at the Finance meeting held on 3rd December, where it was decided to present it for approval to the full Council. As the Clerk had passed her CiLCA qualification in October 2021 it was decided that the Clerk's salary would increase from point 20 to point 21, with effect from 1st November 2021 in line with her contract of employment. In addition it was decided that the Clerk's salary would increase from point 21 to point 22 with effect from 1st April 2022.

WCBC could not yet confirm that the Community Agent grant would be paid for 2022/23. It was decided that provision of a Community Agent would be discussed once further information had been received from WCBC. It was decided that the Clerk would speak with the Penley Rainbow Centre to establish the number of hours needed in Llangollen Rural based on demand and work done in the last 8 months.

It was decided to increase the Playground Fund by £3,000 to £15,000.

Following discussion it was agreed that the proposed budget was approved at £57,440 for 2022/23 compared to £56,990 in 2021/22. This would equate to a Community Council charge at Band D of £67.58 in 2022/23 compared to £66.04 in 2021/22.

11. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group

Three quotes had been received for drawing up a project specification. It was decided to submit an application to the War Memorial Trust (WMT), including the 3 quotes, for a profession advice grant of up to £1500, to fund preparation of the project for a bid for the work. The Council would indicate which quote they preferred but the final decision would be made by the WMT.

12. Update on publication of the Community Newsletter

Positive comments had been received by Councillors regarding the November 2021 issue of the Community Newsletter which had been distributed at the end of November. The Chairman thanked the Councillors who had helped with distribution. It was decided that the newsletter would be produced quarterly as it had been prior to the pandemic. Cllr. Roberts was happy to continue sourcing and

collecting advertising revenue. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Roberts and also thanked the Clerk for preparing the newsletter.

13. To appoint a representative to One Voice Wales

It was decided to defer this appointment until the next meeting.

14. Report from the Aqueduct Association

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster reported that the Community Group, which had worked in association with the Community Council, were planning to dissolve and distribute its remaining funds. The Chairman thanked the Aqueduct Community Association for their hard work in fundraising for the Community.

5. Update from the Christmas Working Group

The Christmas card competitions in Ysgol Y Garth and Froncysyllte CP School were being judged next week. Barnett Engineering had donated the prizes for Ysgol Y Garth. The Community Council had provided the prizes for Froncysyllte CP School. The presentation to the winners would take place in the respective school yards whilst abiding by Welsh Government rules regarding Covid-19.

Entries were still being submitted for the competition for the Most Interesting and Creative garden display, and the Most Interesting and Creative window display. Judging would take place later in the month.

16. The tree line on School Hill, Garth

Two complaints had been received that dead branches and bits of trees were falling onto the road and pavement just below the School. There were 4 or 5 dead medium sized trees overhanging from a private property. Cllr. Roberts had contacted the owner to inform him of the situation and the owner informed him that he would contact one of the complainants.

17. Defibrillators in the Community

Froncysyllte CP School had submitted a funding bid to the Welsh Government for a defibrillator to be sited at the School.

18. Update on the proposed cycle track

Cllr. Roberts informed Councillors that discussions were taking place between WCBC, Denbighshire County Council and the land owners to progress with the project. Funding of £100,000 was available for the project from the 'Levelling-Up Fund'.

19. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end November 2021: receipts for 2020/21; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Authorised payments:

P Ankers	102456	£200.00
P Green	102457	£375.00
WTE Printers	102458	£637.00
The Rainbow Centre	102459	£2,500.00
J Evans	102460	£199.10
J Evans	102461	NJC
NEST	DD	£45.76
Total		£4,875.88

22. Items for the next agenda

Grant applications

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm - venue to be confirmed