

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
On Tuesday 3rd March 2020

34/19

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Rod Playford

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Phil Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. A. Roberts (holiday).

2. Minutes of the last council 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.

3. Declarations of interest

None received.

4. PCSO's report on police matters

PCSO Abigail Land was unable to attend and the Clerk had not been provided with a report.

5. Community Agent's report

The Community Agent presented his report. He was continuing to see a previous referral and he had received a new referral from the Red Cross. The Garth & Trevor Over 50's Club was well attended and had some new members. A meeting was due to be held at Froncysyllte Community to discuss the needs of the over 50's in Fron.

Councillors decided to enter into a funding agreement with WCBC for a community agent, for a further 12 months.

6. 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 - parking consultations were with the legal department of WCBC.

Dog fouling on the old railway line - still waiting for WCBC to set up an enforcement officer to visit the area.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near to the old post office - parking consultations were with the legal department of WCBC.

J C Edwards wall and pillars site - a brief was being prepared for the feasibility study quotation, and it was hoped that a consultant would be appointed by the end of May.

New notice boards for Garth - a new supplier was being sourced.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground - a reply had been sent to WCBC, stating that the Community Council had engaged with the police regarding the ASB at the playground, resulting in the proposal that the gate be locked at night.

Purchase of 2 speed signs and 2 extra lockable mounting posts - the order had been placed.

Possible use of the Froncysyllte school field - discussions were on-going.

Pot holes at Bee Bank – pot holes had been filled, but the escaping waste water was being investigated.

Footpath between Alma Road and School Lane – the Clerk has requested further information.

7. Planning applications

P/2020/0116 – Construction of parking bay for two vehicles in garden area adjacent to dwelling – **Lyndhurst, Woodlands Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham.**

There were no objections to the application.

For information (Approved by WCBC):

P/2018/0218 – Conversion of former shop to dwelling - **Cross Shop, Holyhead Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham.**

P/2019/0151 - Erection of detached garage with WC on the ground floor and administrative office above within the roof space (in part retrospect) - **The Towers Day Nursery, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Wrexham.**

8. Correspondence update from the Clerk**One Voice Wales**

Membership renewal letter

Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony 26th March 2020

Training in Mold – The Council Meeting – 24th March 2020

Training in Mold – Introduction to Community Engagement – 5th March 2020

Minutes of the Larger Council's Committee – 5th February 2020

Wrexham County Borough Council

World Heritage Site Stakeholder Partnership meetings

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – School Crossing Patrols, and Discretionary Services

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – Owl Cymru

Owl Cymru statement 17th February 2020

WCBC News: Reports of stolen and faulty items being sold at car parks in Wrexham

Welsh Government

Consultation Events - Beyond Recycling

Minimum Pricing for Alcohol Stakeholder Information – 2nd March 2020

Wales Audit Office

Press Release: Accounts qualified at a third of town and community councils

Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales

IPRW

Draft Supplementary Report – Principles relating to the reimbursement of Cost of Care

North Wales Police

Quarterly Meeting summary

Ken Skates AM

E-newsletter 12.02.20

North Wales Community Health Council

News Release - Health Watchdog Asks People to Talk about Vascular Services

Press statement: Time to Go Home

Play Wales

E-bulletin – February 2020

Publications – Focus on play for county councillors and Play and gender.

Events 2020

Planning Aid Wales

Training – Responding to Planning Applications – 16th March 2020 - Gwersyllt

Keep Britain Tidy

Local Places for Nature – Welsh Government funded project –Free garden starter kit

Dave Metcalfe

Requesting a link On LRCC website to the PKC group

The correspondence was made available for perusal by Councillors, and copies had been e-mailed.

Regarding the email from Keep Britain Tidy and the Local Places for Nature project funded by Welsh Government, it was decided that the Clerk would apply for a free wildlife garden starter kit for the railway line path in Trevor.

Councillors thanked Dave Metcalfe for his email but decided that it was not appropriate to install a link on the Councils website to the PKC group.

9. Future Maintenance of the Community's War Memorials.

The future maintenance of the Community's War Memorials was discussed. The Community Council was responsible for the maintenance of Garth War Memorial and it was painted in October 2019. The outside of the dome needed to be sealed and this would be done when the weather improved. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the painter to arrange for the work to be done.

Regarding the Froncysyllte Boer War Memorial Fountain, it was noted that it was last in need of maintenance work approximately six years ago. The memorial was not the responsibility of the Community Council, but members had long recognised the importance of the memorial, and had assisted with ensuring it was kept in the best condition possible given its age. The lip of the fountain bowl was damaged. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the Conservationist and Head of Museums at WCBC, to ask him to visit the memorial to assess what needed to be done and make recommendations.

10. Quotations for grass cutting and litter picking at the playgrounds, cemetery and footpaths.

The quotations were considered and it was decided to accept the quotations from P Green Groundcare and P Ankers.

11. Quotations for the maintenance of Community Seats.

Following consideration it was decided to accept the quotation from P Ankers.

12. Ownership and maintenance of the footpath between Alma Rd. and School Lane in Froncysyllte.

The path was not recorded on the Definitive Map, and was not therefore maintained by the Public Rights of Way section. The path/land was not registered at the Land Registry. The Clerk had requested further information from WCBC and it was decided to wait for this before considering this matter further.

13. The state of the kerbs in Trevor.

Complaints had been received from residents about the state of the kerbs and pavements on the estate. It was decided that the Clerk would write to WCBC expressing concern at the poor state of the roads, pavements, kerbs and verges, and ask the Head of Housing to meet with Councillors about the issues.

14. Resident's request for AstroTurf pitch at the George Avenue playground in Trevor.

Cllr. Roberts, as County Councillor, was making enquiries with WCBC to establish if funds were held by WCBC for a MUGA in the area.

15. Unoccupied houses in the Community.

Following a discussion it was decided that the Clerk would write to WCBC, to ask it to identify unoccupied houses in the community and ask for a copy of WCBC's policy in relation to unoccupied properties.

16. Councillors' reports on meetings attended.

Nothing to report.

17. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end February 2020: receipts for 2019/20; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Authorised payments:

Morelock Signs	102273	£5,796.00
Froncysyllte After School Club	102274	£100.00
Froncysyllte Darby & Joan Club	102275	£100.00
Froncysyllte Nursery Plus	102276	£100.00
Friends of Froncysyllte CP School	102277	£100.00
Ysgol Y Garth PTA	102278	£100.00
P Ankers	102279	£125.00
P Green	102280	£90.00
One Voice Wales	102281	£290.00
Wales Audit Office	102282	£184.75
Information Commissioner	102283	£40.00
J Evans	102284	£39.79
S Kempster	102285	£300.00
D Jarvis	102286	NJC
J Evans	102287	NJC
S Jones	102288	£150.00
R Playford	102289	£120.00
HMRC	102290	£669.24
Garth & Trevor Over 50's Club	102291	£1,000.00
NEST	DD	£26.62
Total		£10,598.21

18. Items for the next agenda.

Discuss bringing unoccupied properties back into use.

Update on Sugn-y-Pwll reservoir and the condition of the road.

Trees on the railway line at the back of the houses in Trevor.

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 7th April 2020 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre