

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
on Tuesday 1st September 2015

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn	Cllr. Geraint Roberts
Cllr. Jim Davies	Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Glyn Jones	Cllr. Anthony Roberts
PCSO David Jenkins	Mrs S.A. Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed MorrisClerk: Mrs S.A. Jones**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans - sickness

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Police Matters

The Chairman Cllr. Elfed Morris welcomed PCSO Dave Jenkins to the meeting.

PCSO Jenkins stated that during July there had been one case of assault and four cases of anti-social behaviour related to Underneath the Arches. There had been two cases of burglary, one in Trevor and one in Froncysyllte, two thefts from sheds in Trevor, and two cases of criminal damage, one in Garth and the other in Trevor.

During August there had been one theft in Froncysyllte and two cases of anti-social behaviour in Trevor.

It was reported that the art project boards along the canal side walk had been vandalised and that there had been a problem getting through to the Police call centre on 101.

It was noted that cars are parking on Gate Road, Froncysyllte and on the pavement by Ffordd Lidiart at weekends, making it difficult for residents to pass. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for September 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: At the bus stop by the Old School House on Llangollen Road the pavement side of the road is slipping.

The footpath from Station Road to the Rhosycoed Estate has a crack in it and it is slipping into the gardens. Clerk to report both of these observations to Wrexham County Borough Council,

Froncysyllte: A request was made to install a rubbish bin opposite the Cenotaph as there were two bins on the opposite side of the road.

6. Minutes of the Previous 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.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Trevor: A reply has been received from Ken Skates AM regarding the Trevor / Trefor sign.

A reply has been received from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the complaints received by Llangollen Rural Community Council about the Underneath the Arches event.

Fron: A reply has been received from Mr D Kynaston to say that the notice board in Fron was treated when it was installed and should be re-done every twelve months.

8. Planning

Planning Applications:

Erection of new dwelling (2 bed) with associated access and landscaping on land to the rear of Glen Craig.

Glen Craig, Llangollen Road, Trevor. P/2015/0599

There were no objections.

Certificates of Decision

Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof and use of existing flat roof as a patio area for public house.

Aussie Rooster, Llangollen Road, Trevor P/2015/0262 Granted

9. Correspondence

Welsh Government:

Local Government Democracy Division

The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decision) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales Draft Directions.

WCBC:

Minutes of the Rural Community Council Meeting held on the 2nd June 2015.

Invitation to attend a Planning Training Workshop 22nd October 2015 at Chirk Parish Hall.

One Voice Wales:

Agenda and minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the Flintshire / Wrexham Group.

Motions for debate at the Annual General Meeting 3rd October 2015.

General:

Legal Topic Notes from NALC.

Wrexham Area Civic Society programme for 2015 and newsletter.

Charles Gittins – Blackwood timber harvest.

Dee Valley Water Drought Plan 2015.

Receipts:

Mr PJ Ankers

Peter Green Groundcare.

10. Leasing of Playgrounds

A meeting has been held with Councillors and the Community Council's Solicitor, to discuss how the **freeholds and leasing's of the playgrounds** where progressing. All the searches are now in and the Community Council have had several site meetings with Officers from Wrexham County Borough Council and our Solicitor to make sure that everything is in order before we take them over.

Wrexham County Borough Council are in the process of transferring the following playgrounds over to the Community Council.

Garth - freehold. Woodlands Grove – freehold.

The Oaks – leasehold. Fron Community Centre – leasehold.

George Avenue, Trevor not until 2020.

Maintenance, grass cutting etc. of all the above playgrounds, is now the responsibility of Llangollen Rural Community Council.

11. Footpaths & Roadways

Following complaints about the issue of dog fouling, it was reported that Wrexham County Borough Council's Enforcement Officers have been seen in the Ward and have put up new signage.

12. Projects 2015/2016

Nothing to report.

13. Meetings

Another meeting has been held with Wrexham County Borough Council to look at installing a new solar light by **Cromwell Terrace in Garth**. Work can be carried out during a weekend or at half term.

At the July 2014 Community Council meeting complaints were received from residents requesting a **one way system on the Rhosycoed Estate in Trevor**. A site meeting was held in September 2014 and it was then decided to go out to consultation.

Following this a special meeting of Council was then called in August 2015 with Darren Green from Wrexham County Borough Council to discuss the results of a possible one way system on the Rhosycoed estate. It was stated by Darren Green that the response to the consultation letters sent to all households on the Rhosycoed Estate in Trevor, was that the majority were in favour of a one way system.

Recommendation:

Members of the Community Council decided that they should go with the majority decision made by the residents living on the Estate. This was proposed and seconded with all in favour. C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares said that he would now take the Community Council's decision forward to Wrexham County Borough Council. Mr Darren Green said that this could be in place by the end of September.

As a result of a meeting the Community Council had with Wrexham County Borough Council and the Aqueduct Community Association, represented by Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster, the **parking problems in Trevor** improved during the busy weekends in August with cars being parked on the field adjacent to the canal basin car park. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Kempster for her efforts in making sure that there was always someone available to man the field. A number of local groups gave their time to manning the field.

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster has received confirmation that she has been accepted as a member of the Cadwyn Clwyd Board.

14. Noddfa Cemetery Report

A meeting to be arranged for September.

15. Playgrounds

A meeting of the Playground Committee was held on the 22nd July 2015.

Annual Play Inspections

The Annual Play Inspection report has been received on all the playgrounds and the overall result was LOW RISK.

Garth: the gate needs painting and some attention to the fencing.

The Oaks: A swing has a crack in it and it was suggested that the Clerk should enquire if it would be possible to swop the swing over for one from Garth (if the bid for a new playground in Garth is successful). The litter bin is rusty and needs painting.

George Avenue: The grass is a bit bald in places.

Woodlands Grove: The gate needs painting, the picnic table and bench need repairing, and the litter bin needs a new front. On the multi play equipment the paintwork has some rusty patches and needs touching up. There are some bald patches and a comment was made about the crawling tunnel. The cost of repairing the equipment on an annual basis was discussed and should an emergency fund be allocated.

Quotation for grass cutting Woodlands Grove

A quote has been received from Peter Green Groundwork for the Woodlands Grove play-area and this was accepted

Playground Signage

A quote has been received for signage and the Clerk distributed the sample sign and this was approved. The Clerk was asked if she could prepare a balance sheet for the next meeting of the expected cost per annum for the play areas.

16. Garth Playground

A letter has been received from WREN with a change of application dates.

17. Newsletter

The Autumn Newsletter will be ready for collection on Friday 4th September 2015.

18. Garden Competition

There were 24 entries in the Garden Competition and these were judged by Ms Andrea Evans and Mr Tony Roberts. A presentation evening was held in August for all the entries and about fifty people attended. All agreed that it had been a very successful evening.

19. Finance

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:

Mrs SA Jones	101793	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101794	435.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101795	240.00
Mrs SA Jones (garden exp.)	101796	313.92
Mrs SA Jones	101797	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101798	265.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101799	450.00
BP&D	101800	810.00
Inland Revenue	101801	PAYE rates
Garth School	101802	500.00
Fron School	101803	500.00
Seion Chapel	101804	200.00
St David's Church	101805	250.00
Capel Y Groes	101806	250.00

A finance meeting was held 20th August 2015.

It was reported that the banking mandate form has been completed and accepted by HSBC.

All payments and receipts were checked off against the budget and then the payments and receipts were checked off against the bank statement and all balanced.

As stated in the July meeting the External Auditor had now completed the Audit on the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2015.

The second precept payment from WCBC has been received.

The date of the next finance meeting will be Thursday 19th November at 10am in Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

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 6th October 2015. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.