

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Froncysyllte Community Centre
Tuesday 4th March 2025

24/24

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Cllr. Steve Jones

Cllr. Anthony Roberts

Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Dave Metcalfe (until 7.55pm)

Cllr. Darrell Wright

Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. E Morris.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 4th February 2025 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record subject to the following addition: Minute 18 – It was agreed that the Council would deposit £60,000 for 12 months in a HSBC bank account which offered a higher interest rate. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

Cllr. S Kempster reported that behind the shops in Trevor there was shrubbery hanging over onto the footpath which led from the shops to Telford Avenue. Also the path at the back of Pen y Bont to George Avenue was covered in moss causing a hazard. Cllr. Roberts offered to report this to WCBC.

Cllr. Sinclair reported that the 'Bridge that Connects' project was looking to work with the local schools and would like a letter of support from the council. It was decided that Cllr. Sinclair would ask Claire Farrell to send a request to the Clerk.

6. Police Report

The monthly report from the PCSO had been previously circulated to Councillors and this was discussed. It was decided that the Clerk would ask if the locations of the reported incidents could be included on the report. With regards to the request from the local Inspector to identify up to three issues that affect the community which would be worked on in the next three months, the Council identified ASB and parking on double yellow lines, particularly those close to the WHS and residents' dwellings.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Community Agent had met with Members just prior to the meeting and provided an update.

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 - The TRO's on Gate Road and George Avenue had been installed, and 20 signs on Llangollen Road and Gate Road were due to be installed. Enforcement patrols on Gate Road would be made.

Memorial in Garth - A contractor had inspected the memorial and work on the edge of the dome would be carried out.

JC Edwards Wall - Five Councillors had met with WCBC on 11th February and agreed to the design amendments so that the project could be re-tendered as soon as possible. This decision was retrospectively approved by all Members. Also urgent tree work on the site costing £300 was retrospectively approved.

Request for gates on the Oaks play area – The Clerk had arranged for 2 gates to be installed at the playground and would request an update on the expected installation date.

Planting of wildlife areas - The Clerk had again requested an update but a reply had not been received. Another request would be made.

Seats at Methodist Hill and Pontcysyllte – The Clerk had ordered two seats and informed Members that payment had to be made before they were delivered. The seats would be delivered to A.N. Richards in Froncysyllte for initial storage prior to installation. Cllr. Sinclair offered to arrange for the old seats to be taken away.

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

Email from WCBC - Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26 - It was decided to submit two bids: one for the Boer War Memorial project and one for playground equipment for the George Avenue playground. Cllr. Sinclair offered to prepare the grant bids.

Email from WCBC - LUF grant project updates - It was decided that the Clerk would ask for clarification with regards to the location of 'Trevor Basin re-wilding path'.

Email from WCBC - Community Review - The answers to the Community Review questionnaire were discussed and decided on, for the Clerk to submit the questionnaire to WCBC.

Email from Clwydian Range and Dee Valley – With regards to the offer of a large photo of the Aqueduct, it was decided that it should be offered to the Chapel Tearooms in the first instance and if they did not want it, then the Community Council would take it.

10. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor updated Members on current issues including the Newbridge road repair, work planned on the gullies on the Ochir hill, work by Scottish Power in Froncysyllte and the new fence at the bottom of Gate Road.

11. Garden Competition 2025/26

It was decided that the Garden Competition would be held this year and that it should be advertised as soon as possible. The Clerk would contact the judges to suggest a judging date during the first two weeks of July. It was further decided that Cllr. S Williams and Cllr. M Griffiths would consider the categories for judging and put forward a proposal at the next meeting for consideration.

12. Grant Applications

The grant application was considered and it was decided to award £200 to Froncysyllte and District Darby and Joan Club.

13. The planting of community planters

The planting was discussed and it was decided that the Clerk would ask Derwen College to carry this out.

14. Ongoing maintenance of the Clinker path

The on-going maintenance of the Clinker path was discussed, in particular the cutting of the sides of the path which encroach onto the path itself. It was decided that the clerk would obtain a quote for maintenance to be carried out at the start and end of the growing season.

15. Annual maintenance of community seats

A quote of £400 had been received for the annual maintenance of the community seats and this was accepted.

16. Membership of One Voice Wales 2025/26

Following a discussion it was decided to renew the Council's membership with One Voice Wales for 2025/26.

17. Clearing the growing foliage at the Woodlands Grove playground**26/24**

A quote had been received for clearing the foliage growing over the fence at the Woodlands Grove playground: the initial cut would cost £150 and then £70 per cut for up to 3 times a year. It was decided to accept the quote.

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

The financial statements as at the end of February 2025 had been circulated: receipts for 2024/25; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against the budget and receipts.

Payments to be authorised for March 2025:

P Ankers	102762	£240.00
P Green	102763	£270.00
RJ Tree Services	102764	£300.00
D Lewis	102765	£140.00
ICO	102766	£52.00
D Wright	102767	£208.00
M Griffiths	102768	£208.00
S Jones	102769	£208.00
S Williams	102770	£208.00
S Kempster	102771	£300.00
J Evans	102772	NJC
J Evans	102773	£143.03
Broxap	102774	£2,077.20
Total		£5,490.98

The Clerk informed members that the £60,000 transfer to a bank account with a higher interest rate would be made following the upcoming safeguarding meeting with the bank.

19. Items for the next agenda

Update on SPF grant bids

Payment to consultant – Boer War Memorial grant bid.

20. To exclude members of the press and public due to consideration of confidential information contained with the next item of business

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public due to consideration of confidential information contained with the next item of business.

PART 2**21. To receive a report from the Dee Valley Federation Governing Body**

Cllr. Sinclair presented a verbal report from the Dee Valley Federation Governing Body and this was accepted.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 1st April 2025, 7.00pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre