

Llangollen Rural Community Council **13/16**
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
on Tuesday 12th July 2016

Present

Cllr. Darrell Wright	Cllr. Jim Davies
Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Glyn Jones	Cllr. Mark Valentine
Inspector Jackie Downes	PCSO Hannah Harris
Mrs S.A. Jones	

Chairman: Cllr. Darrell Wright Clerk: Mrs S.A. Jones

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr. Anthony Roberts and Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster as they were working, Cllr. Geraint Roberts unwell and Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn on holiday.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Matters

The Vice-Chairman Cllr. Darrell Wright welcomed Inspector Jackie Downes and PCSO Hannah Harris to the meeting. A number of issues were raised with Inspector Downes including anti-social behaviour, the forthcoming Underneath the Arches event and speeding within the Ward.

Apologies were received from PCSO Dave Jenkins as he was unable to attend so PCSO Hannah Harris gave her report which covered June.

Trevor – During the month there had been one theft of a motor bike and two cases of anti-social behaviour.

Fron – There had been one theft of a mobile phone and two cases of anti-social behaviour.

PCSO Hannah Harris said that PCSO Dave Jenkins had been out during the month with the Speed Gun on Gate Road and the A5 in Fron and on Llangollen Road and Station Road in Trevor.

There were concerns about vehicles parking on the island by the toilets in Fron as they were restricting the visibility for motorists. Clerk to contact Highways Department at Wrexham County Borough Council to discuss the issue.

It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for July and August 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

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Trevor: It was reported that there was fly tipping on Gypsy Lane. There were trees overhanging the pavement between the entrance to the Oaks and the Garth Corner on Garth Hill. Clerk to report these issues.

Fron: It was reported that some work had been done to rebuild the walls on the A5 Holyhead Road but there was still some more work to be done. Complaints were made about the slippery road surface on Yr Ochr. The road verges need cutting in Fron. Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council.

Garth: It was reported that the Garth War Memorial wall had been damaged and needs to be re-pointed. Clerk to arrange for quotations.

At an earlier meeting it had been stated that there was a proposal to move the office at Garth School and since then Wrexham County Borough Council has agreed to fund this. It was proposed that the Garth project fund should give £2,000 to match fund this. Councillors requested that Garth School should write to the Community Council asking for this funding.

A problem has arisen at Fron School as there are complaints about residents parking on the school yard. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Cllr. Mark Valentine who is a School Governor should take back the Community Council's comments to the Governing Body.

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 Vice-Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

A draft plan for the Under Neath the Arches has been received.

It was reported that the flow of water running from the small reservoir at the top of Blackwood Road, down Garth Road and into the Tower Woods is due to Dee Valley Water flushing out the system during maintenance work.

8. Planning

Planning Applications:

Conservatory and front elevation

Stone Cottage, Cwmalis Road, Froncysyllte P/2016/0616

Certificates of Decision

Erection of double garage

Heyburn, Blackwood Road, Garth P/2016/0420 Granted

Listed Building consent for conversion to form B&B and Tea Rooms

Former Methodist Chapel, Station Road, Trevor P/2016/0216 Granted

Conversion to form B&B and Tea Rooms

Former Methodist Chapel, Station Road, Trevor P/2016/0217 Granted

Two storey extension with stair link and balcony and erection of detached double garage with storage area above accessed via external staircase.

Pen Y Graig Farm, Quarry Road, Froncysyllte P/2016/0230 Granted

9. Correspondence**15/16****E.Mail**

Freedom of Information request from WT Evans Cefn Mawr.

Howard Griffiths Canal & Rivers Trust regarding the replacement signs on the draw bridge in Fron.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares regarding drainage advice.

Melanie Salisbury Wrexham County Borough Council Honouring our Veterans.

Ceri Postle Wrexham County Borough Council Introducing the new Pontcysyllte web site and new contact details.

Dave Pugh Wrexham County Borough Council responding about a complaint from a local resident.

Marie Russell Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum Agenda and notes

Wrexham County Borough Council:

John Davies Head of Education

Reshaping of Education, Enrichment & Intervention Services.

One Voice Wales:

Meeting notes and agenda for the AGM 19th July 2016.

Wendi Huggett – Good Practice Exchange Wales Audit Office.

General:

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

Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report.

AVOW – AGM 15th July 2016.

Shelter Cymru asking for financial assistance.

Community Agents – information.

Receipts:

Mr PJ Ankers

Peter Green Groundcare

10. Leasing of Playgrounds

During the month it has been confirmed that the registration and transfer of the Woodlands Grove play-area has now been completed. This play-area now belongs to the Llangollen Rural Community Council. The two play-areas that are Leasehold applications i.e. The Oaks and Froncysyllte Community Centre are still pending at the Land Registry Office.

Councillors approved for the Clerk to ask Mr Cartwright if he would be willing to act as the official Solicitor for the Community Council.

11. Footpaths & Roadways

There were complaints from residents that there was gravel coming down a driveway onto Cwmalis Road. Clerk to report this to Wrexham County Borough Council.

12. Projects 2015/2016

Trevor Councillors have agreed to their project money being used to pay for a base for the new seat in memory of Ethan. Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster had agreed to get three quotes.

13. Meetings / Training**16/16**

During June Councillor Mrs Alyson Winn had attended a One Voice Wales training course on 'The Council as an Employer.'

14. Noddfa Cemetery Report

There has been a Noddfa Cemetery meeting held during the month and Cllr. Elfed Morris gave his report.

A new set of Cemetery Rules were approved by Members. A new form - permit to erect a monument was accepted by Members.

The risk assessment has not yet been completed.

Plots 90 and 91 in the new section were to be left unused, to gain access into the adjacent field.

15. Playgrounds including Garth Playground

It has been confirmed that work on the new play-area in Garth is expected to start in September. It was noted that the funding agreement has been signed and approved.

The Annual Pay Inspection Reports have now been received and a playground meeting is planned for next week.

16. Newsletter

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

17. Garden Competition

The Best Kept Garden competition was postponed due to inclement weather conditions. It will now take place on the 29th July 2016.

18. External Audit

There has been no communication from the External Auditor.

19a. 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:

BP&D	101870	-----
Mr RK Jones	101871	126.50
WCBC	101872	774.00
NWN Media	101873	311.52
Mrs SA Jones	101874	197.41
Mrs SA Jones	101875	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101876	225.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101877	520.00
Derwen College	101878	860.00
BP&D	101879	100.00
One Voice Wales	101880	35.00

19b. Finance Committee Meeting**17/16**

The Chair of Finance Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans gave her report of the recent finance meeting.

Year-end payments & receipts against budget & Year-end balance of account against band statement.

- a) The Bank Statement was reconciled and signed by the Chairman.
- b) The Year-end balances, payments and receipts against the budget / precept were checked and all balanced by Members.

Clerk's Salary & Salary Scales

The 2016 – 2018 National Salary Awards had been received in May. The new pay scales have been agreed by NALC, One Voice Wales & SLCC and these came into effect 1st April 2016.

It was brought up by the Clerk that the new Clerks were now being recruited on Salary Grade 23 and she had spoken to SLCC to see what grade they thought she should be on. The answer was salary grade 25 – 26.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided by the Finance Committee to put to full Council that the Clerk's salary grade increases to Grade 25 backdated to 1st April 2016. All the above was approved.

The Chairman asked that for the next finance meeting the Clerk should bring her Contract of Employment, Job description, a list of her monthly hours and responsibilities up for discussion.

20. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre on Tuesday 6th September 2016.

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