

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Froncysyllte Community Centre
Tuesday 1st October 2024

14/24

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs S Williams, Cllr. P Jones, Cllr. E Morris, Cllr. A Roberts and Cllr. D Metcalfe.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 3rd September and the Finance Committee meeting held on 17th September 2024 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

Two planters at the bottom of Trevor estate and the planter at Hafryn flats need to be cut back. The Clerk would arrange for this to be done.

6. Police Report

A report had not been received.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Council had been informed that the new Community Agent for Llangollen Rural had started work on 16th September, and had then undertaken the induction processes which involved the necessary training and shadowing with other Community agents. The Chairman offered to telephone AVOW to find out the actual start date in the community and to ask her to get in touch to find out about activities and groups in the area.

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 proposed TRO on Gate Rd. was about to go out to consultation.

Memorial in Garth - No update

JC Edwards Wall – A planning application had been submitted on 16th September.

Request for gates on the Oaks play area - The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Management Committee of the Oaks for evidence that all or the majority of residents wanted gates to be installed.

Planting of wildlife areas – The Clerk would request an update from WCBC

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

Emails from One Voice Wales regarding training – The Chairman highlighted the importance of the training courses that were available and encouraged Members to take advantage of the training opportunities.

10. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor had provided a written report:

The TRO applications for Gate Road and the A539 were ready to go out to consultation;

Traffic management for the duration of the JC Edwards wall project had been discussed with Highways;

With regards to extending the yellow lines on George Avenue agreement was requested from the Community Council; and

The Bont Hill would have a two way traffic control system in place on 3rd and 4th October for Severn Trent to carry out repair work.

11. Update on the Fron Community Centre playground project and the Trevor Green planters' project

The Clerk updated Members on the submitted claims.

12. Approval of payments to Seion Chapel, St. David's Church and Capel Y Groes

The following payments were approved: £200 to Seion Chapel; £250 to St. David's Church; and £250 to Capel Y Groes.

13. Risk Assessments of Community Seats

The risk assessment of the community seats in Froncysyllte was discussed. It was decided that the seat at Methodist Hill would be replaced as one of its legs was corroded. Cllr. Sinclair offered to measure the seat and the available space for a replacement. Also, a slat would be replaced on one of the benches at the Community Centre.

14. Report on Noddfa Cemetery

The Chairman informed Members that the deeds were now with the Clerk and that the Council owned the Cemetery and adjacent field. A further report on the cemetery would be deferred to the next meeting.

15. Report on Garth CP and Froncysyllte CP Schools from the Community Council's appointed Governor

Cllr. Sinclair reported that the pupil numbers at Froncysyllte CP School were low but that a playgroup had been set up. At Garth, wrap around care run by WCBC was being set up. It was decided that the Clerk would ask the Headteacher to meet with Councillors prior to the next meeting in order to provide an update.

16. Drainage issues on the old railway line

The County Councillor had secured funding for maintenance of the gullies.

17. Adding equipment to the playgrounds

The Chairman proposed investing some of the Council's reserves in improving the playgrounds, by adding a piece of new equipment at three of the playgrounds. It was decided that the Playground Committee would provide proposals for consideration by the full Council.

18. Report on the Community Centre Art Project

The Chairman reported that following a meeting with an officer of WCBC, funding had been identified for tidying the art work on Froncysyllte Community Centre and the Chapel Tea Rooms. The Community Centre had submitted a funding bid which had been successful. The project would run from the 9th September to 2nd November with an artist, and would involve the community, schools and groups helping to renovate the art work.

19. Wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday

It was decided that Cllr. S Jones would lay the wreath in Garth, and Cllr. K Sinclair, Cllr. P Jones and Cllr. Mrs S Williams would arrange for the laying of 2 wreaths in Froncysyllte.

20. Community Speed signs

The Chairman reported that the signs on Station Road and the A539 were not currently working, and that the initial arrangements for changing the batteries for the signs were not continuing. It was decided that the Council would employ someone to charge and change the batteries on the signs, and to download data to be sent to the Clerk.

21. The role of the Clerk

The Chairman proposed that a working group was set up to go through the policies affecting the role of the Clerk. It was decided to set up a working group comprising Cllr. Mrs S Kempster, Cllr. D Wright and one other.

22. Proposals of the Finance Committee**16/24**

The Finance Committee had met recently and made the following proposals:

That the Council applied for internet banking with 4 authorised signatories;

That £15,000 was transferred from the project fund to the playground fund;

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That surplus funds were invested in a high interest account, the amount to be determined once the budget for 2025/26 had been set.

The Council accepted the proposals and the Clerk would action them.

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

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

Payments to be authorised for September 2024:

S Kempster	102726	£254.00
Froncysyllte Community Centre	102727	£3,000.00
Garth & Trevor Community Centre	102728	£3,000.00
Froncysyllte CP School	102729	£500.00
Garth CP School	102730	£500.00
Total		£7,254.00

Payments to be authorised for October 2024:

P Ankers	102731	£342.50
P Green	102732	£840.00
HMRC	102734	£1,275.87
J Evans	102735	£410.18
J Evans	102736	NJC
Total		£3,971.85

24. Items for the next agenda

Email from M Crosbie's family re. the Garden Competition

Salt bins

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 5th November 2024, 7.00pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre