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Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
on Tuesday 3rd April 2018

Present

Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn
Cllr. Mark Valentine

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Steve Edwards
Cllr. Steve Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Darrell Wright

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr. Anthony Roberts and Cllr. D J Evans.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Matters

The Chairman Councillor Darrell Wright welcomed PCSO Dave Jenkins to the meeting and he gave the following report for March:

One case of anti-social behaviour, relating to a neighbourhood dispute.
One case of criminal damage
One non-stop road traffic collision.

Concern was expressed about speeding on the bottom of Gate Road, Fron and the PCSO agreed to monitor this. It was decided that the priorities for April would be for PCSO Dave Jenkins to spend his time checking out issues identified within the three villages.

The Clerk had written to the Police Commissioner inviting him to attend the meeting to discuss the Council's concerns regarding the increase in crime in the area but he was unable to attend or send a representative.

4. Outstanding Work Log

The work log was updated:

The Green outside Trevor Shops - The Clerk has asked Kevin Claybrook to replace the stones in the stoned area of the Green. He has agreed to this and estimated the cost to be an hour's labour.

Trevor play area - Peter Green has advised that the area should dry out before being put to rights.

Pump field - Garth Councillors are to meet with David Cartwright to try to resolve the situation and will report back to the Council.

5. Members Urgent Reports

Complaints have been received about buses parking in the Fron Basin. It was decided that the Chairman would visit the boatyard to discuss this once the Council had identified the bus companies involved.

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

The Clerk has written to the Head of Housing and Economic Development at WCBC to complain about the closure of Reads car park and its effect on the community. A reply has been received outlining the plans for the area, and this was read out to Councillors.

8. Planning

Display of various advertisements (included as part of wider signage scheme across the site)

Trevor Basin off Station Road Trevor Llangollen P/2018/0028 GRANTED

Demolition of garage and erection of new garage together with covered area to rear for recreational purposes

Lynwood Station Road Trevor Wrexham P/2018/0104 GRANTED

Parking and operation of 1 No. private hire vehicle

Erw Wen Station Road Trevor Wrexham P/2018/0128 GRANTED

Notification of proposed works to trees within Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Conservation Area (immediately in front of Bridge End Cottage) to include: removal of 5 no. trees (2 Cherry, 1 Hazel, 1 Dead Pine, 1 Birch). Further 5 no. trees of small stature, poor form and condition, due to inappropriate past management, to also be removed and the pruning back to main stems 2 no. elongated diagonal primary limbs from two retained trees (1 Birch and 1 Cherry)

Bridge End Cottage, Pontcysyllte, Llangollen P/2018/0156 GRANTED

Two-storey extension to dwelling

Dee View Methodist Hill Froncysyllte Llangollen P/2018/0198 PENDING

Conversion of Dwelling

Cross Shop Holyhead Road Froncysyllte Wrexham P/2018/0218 PENDING

9. Correspondence

WCBC

Kingdom Monthly Report Feb 2018

Invitation to the Mayor's Charity Evening on 18th May 2018

Local Development Plan (2013-2028) Consultation

One Voice Wales

One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Conference - 16th May 2018

Training courses April 2018

Came & Company Local Council Insurance sponsorship of 'One Voice Wales'

Strengthening Local Government Green Paper Consultation Document

Active Spaces Grant Programme

Consultation: Creating a Parliament for Wales

Motions for 2018 Annual General Meeting

SLCC

One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Conference - 16th May 2018

GDPR Checklist

Wales Audit Office

Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils 2016-17

Survey

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Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Discussion event for Clerks - 9th May 2018

NALC

A GDPR Toolkit for local councils

Planning Aid Wales

Newsletter March 2018

Information Commissioners Office

Conducting privacy impact assessments code of practice

Microshade Business Consultants

GDPR compliant packages

AVOW

Introduction of the new BME Skill Project Officer

Age Alliance Wales

Age Cymru and Age Alliance Wales Focus Group - 9th April 2018 Wrexham

Elancity

Evolis Radar Speed Sign

The correspondence was made available for perusal by Councillors, and hard copies or e-mail copies can be provided on request.

10. Footpaths & Roadways

It was reported that the handrail near the Oerog steps stile on the footpath through Trevor Hall Farm had come down. The Clerk would contact WCBC to ask them to fix the rail.

11. Projects 2017/2018

Nothing to report

12. Community Agent

The Community Agent has arranged meetings with Doctors' practices, and has met with neighbouring agents to share information. She has attended the launch of MIND in Wrexham, and made contact with some local groups. Unfortunately there have been no referrals as yet.

The Community Agent would like to organise a Coffee Morning in Fron and one in Trevor to engage with the Community to discuss the needs of residents. Councillors decided that it would be best to advertise the events in the next Community Newsletter, and to hold them after it is published. Councillors suggested that the Community Agent visits local groups such as the Darby and Joan Club in Fron, the Bingo Group in Trevor and the Mothers Union at the Church to introduce herself and meet with residents. The Clerk was asked to assess if there were funds in the grant to provide a budget for community engagement events.

The Council has received notification from WCBC that they have secured funding to extend the contract for a further 12 month period, until 30th November 2019. They will continue to work to identify solutions to secure more permanent funding.

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13. Meetings / Training

It was decided that the Clerk would attend the SLCC/OVW Joint Conference on 16th May 2018 and also the IRP for Wales meeting on 9th May 2018.

14. Noddfa Cemetery

The Risk Assessment for the Cemetery would be scheduled during April 2018.

The Clerk has sent a letter to the Welsh Government to confirm that the Council ratified the 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the Welsh Government, the WLGA and One Voice Wales, signed 23rd November 2017, to end burial and cremation fees for children (under 18).

15. Playgrounds

It was decided to accept the quotation received from P Green for ground-care of the playgrounds.

The Clerk had received notification from WCBC that following an inspection on the multi-unit at the Fron Community Centre, it had been identified that the wooden beam on the 'Wobbly Bridge' needed replacing. This was costed at £360.00 with WCBC. Peter Green has inspected the unit, sourced the wooden beam from A E Evans of Overton (free of charge) and is about to replace it.

Regarding the picnic bench at George Avenue Play area, WCBC have replaced the wood on the table-top of the picnic bench.

16. Policies

After consideration the Council decided to re-adopt the following policies: Code of Conduct WCBC; Standing Orders; Risk Assessment Policy; Financial Regulations; Investment Strategy; Annual Budget (Precept); Data Protection Policy; Social Media Policy; and Freedom of Information Policy.

It was decided to review the policy on Councillors mileage and subsistence allowances to ensure that it includes the current Local Government rates. It was last reviewed in 2013.

17. Newsletter

Publication dates for the Newsletter were discussed, and it was decided to publish at the end of June, mid Sept and at the end of November.

18. Risk Assessments

The risk assessment of seats has been carried out, and the risk assessment for Street Furniture will be carried out during April 2018.

19. Finance

The clerk provided copies of the accounts as at end of March 2018, including receipts for 2017/18, a bank reconciliation, and budget monitoring of income and expenditure against the budget/precept.

A remittance advice has been received from WCBC for the £1500 donation from last years 'Underneath the Arches' event.

The following payments were authorised:

Chairman	102039	£300.00
Baldwin's (Oswestry) Ltd	102040	£482.40
Peter Green	102041	£240.00

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P Ankers	102042	£100.00
A Evans	102043	£20.52
P Ankers	102044	£300.00

J Wilson	102045	£32.45	
A Evans	102046		NJC
J Wilson	102047		NJC

20. Best Garden Competition and Community Planters

It was decided that the Clerk would contact judges for the Best Garden Competition, and a date would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk had spoken to Derwen College about plants for the community planters, and it was decided to purchase the same plants as last year if the price remained the same.

21. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held at 6.30pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Tuesday 1st May 2018.