

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
On Tuesday 3rd September 2019

14/19

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Steve Edwards
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Rod Playford

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Elfed Morris and Cllr. Darrell Wright (previous engagements).

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Police Matters

PCSO Abigail Land was in attendance and reported the following between 9th July and 3rd September 2019:

Twelve reports of ASB – 6 reports of boy racers in the area, 3 reports of youths shouting and swearing in the street and in the park, 2 reports of youths smoking cannabis, and 1 report of youths jumping into the canal.

Two reports of criminal damage – 1 report of youths causing damage to outdoor furniture and 1 report of damage caused to fencing by contractors.

One theft – Theft of a life ring from canal side.

The PCSO informed Councillors that colleagues were working with CRT regarding boy racers using their car parks as a meeting point and a PC had been assigned to deal with the issues. Cllr. Roberts reported that he had spoken to CRT and requested that the car park gates are locked at night.

With regard to other anti-social behaviour, the PCSO stated that although the situation had improved officers would continue to patrol the area as much as they are able. The Chairman requested that patrols continue at George Avenue playground as recently the zip-wire had been damaged.

It was decided that the Chairman and Clerk would attend the meeting with the South Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant on 15th October 7.00 p.m. (venue to be confirmed).

4. Community Agent

The Community Agent was continuing to support the formation of an over 50's social group in Garth and Trevor. He was discussing floral enhancement schemes with local groups and organising areas for regular litter picking. The Agent had arranged to be at Llangollen Medical Centre Information Desk once a week from September instead of once a fortnight and had visited Cefn Mawr Health Centre.

He was continuing to support two referrals and was supporting the Picturesque Landscape Initiative which starts on 25th September in Ty Mawr where lottery funding will be shared between LRCC and Cefn Mawr.

The Clerk will ask the Community Agent to change the e-mail address.

5. Work log –Action Plan

The work log was updated.

The Clerk had contacted the speed sign suppliers regarding the placing of the speed sign on a hill and was advised that it can be placed on a slight hill. It was decided to place the sign on Gate Road in Froncysyllte.

Regarding parking issues at the Fron Basin and the Trevor Basin, discussions were ongoing between Cllr. Roberts, WCBC and CRT. It was decided to ask for a site meeting with WCBC at the Fron Basin to discuss the situation.

Cllr Roberts stated that he would ask WCBC to repair the potholes on Gate Road in Fron.

The trees at the front of the Garth & Trevor Community Centre had still not been trimmed. Cllr Roberts reported that he had again raised this with WCBC and this would be done soon.

The Clerk had twice requested that WCBC cut the hedge on Gate Road in Froncysyllte but on both occasions she had not received a reply. Cllr. Roberts offered to look into this.

6. Members' Urgent Reports

It was reported that the hedge bordering The Oaks on Garth Road was overgrown and encroaching onto the pavement. Also the fence behind the Aussie Rooster was broken. Cllr Roberts offered to contact the Oaks Management Company to ask them to rectify these issues.

7. 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.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Regarding the complaints about fires at 'Bryer' in Garth, the Clerk had sent an email to the owners and received a reply stating that they would keep them to a minimum and ensure that the wind is blowing down the valley rather than up the hill to properties.

The Clerk reported that Environmental Health (WCBC) had sent a letter and information leaflets to the owners of Trevor Hall about the bonfires. Also a contact telephone number had been given to Cllr. Playford to use if necessary.

The Clerk informed Councillors that a letter had been sent to the owners of Trevor Cottage asking that they trim the hedge adjacent to the pavement on the A539. As the work had not yet been done it was decided that the Clerk would send out a second letter.

As the Trevor shop hedge had not yet been trimmed Cllr. Roberts would speak to the shop owners.

A site meeting took place on 17th July with Darren Green at the A539 in Trevor and minutes of the meeting had been circulated for discussion. Following discussion it was decided to distribute a letter to residents asking them to consider parking on their property and requesting feedback from them before considering introducing traffic management.

9. Planning

Conversion and alterations to part of existing dwelling to provide 1 No. bedroom holiday let apartment
Ballacraine, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham P/2019/0239 GRANTED

Application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission P/2017/0466 – layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for plots no.s 1 and 2 (residential development)

Paddock Adjoining and South of Bryn Celyn, Garth Road, Garth, Llangollen P/2019/0266 GRANTED

10. Correspondence

One Voice Wales

Legal Topic Note – Financial Assistance to Churches

Your Council's contribution to the Understanding Welsh Places website

Long Forest Project – Free App for Community Councils to Survey Hedgerows

Older People's Commissioner for Wales Impact and Reach Report 2018-19

One Voice Wales Conference and AGM 05/10/2019

Quick Check Training Finder – North – Sep – Dec 19

Wrexham County Borough Council

Tenant and Member Partnership

Public Space Protection Order – Wrexham Town

Innovative approaches to public services in rural communities

Help spread this message to people who don't use the internet: Button batteries potential risk to children

Ken Skates

E-newsletter 16/08/19 and Advice surgeries poster

North Wales Police

Wrexham Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team & New PCSO arrivals

FCC Environment (UK) Ltd

Community Liaison Meeting Monday 23rd September 2019

Hafren Dyfrdwy

Potable Water Mains Renewal at George Avenue, Trevor

Wales & West Utilities

Acrefair and Trevor gas pipe upgrade

Play Wales

E-bulletin August 2019

Supporting Your Local Marie Curie Nurses 2019-2020

Request for donations

The correspondence was made available for perusal by Councillors, and copies had been e-mailed.

11. J C Edwards' Pillars

The Clerk had sent a letter to Cefn Community Council about the removal of the pillars and received a reply stating that the Historical Society was responsible and that the letter had been forwarded to them. An e-mail received from Phil Vaughan stated that the removal was instigated by him on behalf of the Historical Society.

A request had been made to Eastman's for permission to renovate and maintain the remains of the wall and pillars. A reply had been received stating that they did not have any issues with the proposals. Anna Irwin of WCBC had agreed to attend a meeting to advise on the best way forward to renovate and maintain the site.

It was decided that the Clerk would arrange a site visit with WCBCs Conservation Officer and Ian Biggs of Eastman's to establish what needs to be done in order to obtain quotes. The Council would also seek funding for the work.

12. Footpaths & Roadways

The Clerk had still not received a reply from WCBC regarding the hedge in Gate Road Froncysyllte.

13. Speeding

The Clerk reported that she had requested information on the Community Speed-watch Scheme.

14. Projects 2019/2020

Regarding the proposed community use of Froncysyllte playing field, Cllr. A Roberts reported that the school were deciding which part of the field to retain, but division of the field had been agreed in principle. The issues of fencing the area, grass cutting and maintenance were discussed. Cllr Sinclair requested a written proposal on the issues and it was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Cllr. Playford requested that two new notice boards were purchased for Garth from project money and it was decided that the Clerk would obtain prices for boards similar to the one at Froncysyllte post office.

15. Meetings / Training

The Clerk is attending the CiLCA Training Course and Cllr. Playford is attending the One Voice Wales' Conference and AGM on Saturday 5th October 2019.

16. Playgrounds

Over the last 4 or 5 weeks there had been an improvement in the problem of ASB at the George Avenue playground but unfortunately there had been a recent incident where the zip wire seat had been damaged and removed by vandals. The seat had been fixed by WCBC. The Council asked the PCSO to continue with regular patrols at the park. The Clerk would arrange for the zip wire at George Avenue and the one at Garth playground to be inspected.

Peter Green was working on jobs identified from the Annual Inspection and the site meeting held on 27th June 2019. WCBC had completed the work on the flat swings and one of the play panels at the Oaks.

17. Newsletter

Cllr. Edwards informed Councillors that the newsletter was about to be distributed.

18. Llangollen Urban, Rural and Glyn Traian Welfare Charities

Cllr. Sinclair had circulated a paper containing proposals for discussion on how the Charity could distribute the funds that are available annually. The proposals were discussed and it was decided to put these to the Charity meeting on 12th September for its consideration.

19. Donations/Grants

The following donations were authorised: £3000 each to Garth & Trevor Community Centre and Froncysyllte Community Centre; and £500 each to Garth CP School and Froncysyllte CP School.

Copies of the Grant Application poster and the Grant Application Form had been previously circulated to Councillors for their consideration. Following discussion it was decided to amend the form to include the maximum grant amount available of £100. The poster would be included in the next newsletter.

20. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end August 2019: receipts for 2019/20; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Payments were authorised:

P Ankers	102217	£400.00
P Green	102218	£660.00
WCBC	102219	£18.77
J Evans	102220	£256.35
D Jarvis	102221	NJC
J Evans	102222	NJC
HMRC	102223	£398.04
NEST	DD	£26.62
Total		£3,059.59

Payments authorised in August:

P Ankers	102208	£280.00
WCBC	102209	£417.29
Derwen College	102210	£659.00
One Voice Wales	102211	£80.00
J Evans	102212	£251.88
P Green	102213	£575.00
J Evans	102214	NJC
D Jarvis	102215	NJC
J Evans	102216	£368.58
NEST	DD	£26.62
Total		£4,100.78

21. Annual Return

The certified Annual Return had been received from the external auditors and the Auditor General for Wales had issued Llangollen Rural Community Council an unqualified audit report. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the work carried out on the Annual Return.

22. 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 7.00pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Tuesday 1st October 2019.

