

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
On Tuesday 7th May 2019

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Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn
Cllr. Rod Playford
Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Steve Edwards
Cllr. Steve Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

Mr Tony Jones of Garth wished to address Councillors regarding the Pump field and was invited to speak by the Chairman. Mr Jones said that he had received a letter of reply from the Council following the questions he asked at the March meeting but was not satisfied with the response. Mr Jones stated that he had read previous minutes of Council meetings and was not happy with the work carried out at the Pump field. The Chairman asked Mr Jones if he had a question for the Council or a specific point he wished to raise. Mr Jones then asked what the goal was in carrying out the work at the Pump field. The Chairman stated that the Council would reply to Mr Jones by letter and he left the meeting.

4. Police Matters

PCSO David Jenkins was unable to attend, so his report was read out by the Clerk. Between 1st April and 3rd May the following were reported:

Seven reports of ASB, 3 at Trevor Basin and 4 on Trevor Estate
One report of Criminal Damage in Fron
One unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle from Trevor (recovered)
One theft from a vehicle in Fron

Cllr. Mrs J Evans informed Councillors that teenagers were still congregating at the Community Centre and recently a down-pipe had been broken. It was also reported that a number of fires had been lit at the bottom of the new footpath, and also at the George Avenue playground. There had been increased complaints about littering at the playground. Councillors expressed their concern at the increase in anti-social behaviour and the number of complaints received from residents. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the PCSO to inform him of the situation and to ask for a plan of action.

5. Community Agent

David Jarvis from Garth had been appointed as the new Community Agent from 1st May 2019. He had met with Rob Loudon of Adult Services in WCBC for an induction, visited AVOW for a DBS check and is organising his ID badge. He is meeting with Lynda on 7th May for the handover of information. It was previously decided to look at changing the e-mail address for the Community Agent once the post was filled.

6. Work log –Action Plan

The work log was updated.

Cllr. S Edwards and Cllr. A Roberts offered to unpack and set up the speed sign to ensure it was functioning correctly. It was decided to position the sign firstly in Station Road.

Regarding the parking issue at the Fron Basin, Cllr. Roberts is in discussion with WCBC and CRT about the issues surrounding the WHS and will report back to Council.

The trees at the front of Garth & Trevor Community Centre have not yet been trimmed and Cllr. Roberts offered to contact WCBC about this.

7. Members' Urgent Reports

It was reported that there were no "No Cycling" or "No Dogs" signs at the Chapel side of the George Avenue playground in Trevor. Cllr. Roberts offered to put up "No dog fouling" signs.

Loose stones from a drive on Charles Avenue were spilling onto the pavement causing a potential hazard and Cllr. Roberts offered to speak to the resident.

Cllr. Playford informed Councillors that the new owner of the bungalow near Trevor Hall Road was trying to clear the culvert near the property which was full of rubbish including pieces of a car. Possibly the pipe inside the culvert was broken and the drain may have collapsed as water was running off the field and onto the drive instead of into the drain. Cllr Roberts said he would query this with WCBC.

Cllr. Mrs A Winn reported that the hedge in Gate Road opposite Fron Basin needed cutting. WCBC were not cutting up to the boundary with Argoed Hall. The Clerk would report this to WCBC.

The Clerk had received e-mail from the acting Clerk of St Thomas Charities asking for the appointment of two trustees from the Council. Cllr. Mrs J Evans had been a trustee for a number of years and was happy to continue and Cllr. K Sinclair volunteered to be a trustee.

8. 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.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Regarding the Froncysyllte School field Cllr. A Roberts informed members that he was meeting with the WCBC's Lead Education member, Cllr. Phil Wynn, to discuss the possibility of partitioning the field to allow community use. He would report back to the Council.

10. 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 PENDING

Application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission P/2017/0466 – layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for plots nos 1 and 2 (residential development)

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

Single-storey rear kitchen extension

Trevor Cottage, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Wrexham P/2019/0309 PENDING

Single-storey rear extension

34 Heol Penderyst, Trevor, Wrexham P/2019/0256 GRANTED

11. Correspondence

Welsh Government

Proposed Permanent Traffic Order – A5 Froncysyllte, WCBC (40 mph Speed Limit) Order 201-

One Voice Wales

Welcome Letter - Membership OVW 2019-20

Training at Gresford Trust Memorial Hall

Training in Abergele

Llangefni Training Dates

Institute of Welsh Affairs

Your council's contribution to Understanding Welsh Places

Wrexham Area Civic Society

In Focus Issue 48 Spring 2019
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Membership Renewal request

Ken Skates

E-newsletters 05/04/19, 18/04/19

Play Wales

Opening streets for play
Play-workers Forum 2019
E-bulletin May 2019

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

Regarding the Proposed Permanent Traffic Order – A5 Froncysyllte, WCBC (40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2019, received from the Welsh Government, the Chairman expressed her thanks to former Cllr. Jim Davies from Froncysyllte for the work he had done in bringing this about.

12. Footpaths & Roadways

Cllr. S Jones expressed concern at the state of the surface of Garth Road from the crossroads to playground. The Clerk would contact WCBC to ask that this is inspected.

Cllr. Mrs S Kempster asked whether there should be a barrier of some sort at the canal end of the Clinker path due to the short distance of the canal from the path to prevent small children running from the path to the canal. It was decided that the Clerk would raise the issue with the officer from 'Our Picturesque Landscape'.

13. Projects 2018/2019

Councillors discussed the issue of littering and decided to purchase litter pickers and related supplies. The Clerk would contact 'Keep Wales Tidy' for advice on suppliers.

14. Meetings / Training

Cllr. Rod Playford had attended a meeting of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley ANOB and reported that there was a push for a reduction in light population and planning for tree management at the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

15. Playground

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Community Centre play area was resurfaced on 29th April.

Following a Goal Post Safety Audit, WCBC had informed the Clerk that, for Health & Safety reasons, the goal post in Froncysyllte play ground had to be removed as one leg is rotten. It was decided that the Clerk would find out if the goal post could be repaired and if necessary obtain prices for a replacement.

The Clerk met with a HAGs representative on April 4th regarding the zip-wire and the wet pour under the slide. She was told that the specifications of the zip-wire would be examined to see if the return could be adjusted and, if this was possible, they would repair the wet-pour at the same time as visiting to adjust the zip-wire. The Clerk has not received an update from HAGS so has asked for one.

16. Newsletter

The summer newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of June. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Steve Edwards and Cllr. Anthony Roberts for their work in producing the newsletter.

17. Best Garden Competition and Community Planters

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Andrea Evans and Tony Jones have agreed to judge the best garden competition and the Clerk is arranging a suitable date for judging.

Derwen College will be planting the Community Planters in June.

It was decided that the Clerk would arrange for the planting circles at Trevor shop and the planters on Trevor Green to be tidied.

18. Risk Assessments

The risk assessment for seats is complete and the Clerk will be carrying out the street furniture assessment next week. The Cemetery assessment will be completed by the end of May.

19. Chairman Allowance

Details of the Chairman's Allowance for 2018/19 have been completed for publication, and for submission to the IRPW by 30th September 2019.

20. Finance

Financial statements were presented as at the end April 2019 including: receipts for 2019/20; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

The following payments were authorised:

P Ankers	102179	£250.00
P Green	102180	£560.00
Rainbow Safety Surfacing	102181	£1,740.00
WACS	102182	£25.00
J Evans	102183	£41.44
J Evans	102184	NJC
L Broe	102185	NJC
NEST	DD	£122.32
NEST	DD	£15.29
Total		£3,528.41

The internal audit will be carried out the week beginning 20th May 2019.

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 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre on Tuesday 4th June 2019.