

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
on Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn	Cllr. Geraint Roberts
Cllr. Darrell Wright	Cllr. Mark Valentine
Cllr. Glyn Jones	Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Jim Davies	
PCSO Emily Blake	PCSO Steve Bellis
Mrs S.A. Jones	

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Mrs S.A. Jones

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster – previous engagement.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Matters

The Chairman Cllr. Elfed Morris welcomed PCSO Emily Blake and PCSO Steve Bellis to the meeting. PCSO Blake stated that during May there had been one case of anti-social behaviour and one burglary in Trevor.

It was reported that cars were speeding down Gate Road between 7am – 8.30am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm. There were reports of vandalism at Trevor Basin. PCSO Jenkins to check both of these issues.

It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for June 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

Trevor: It was reported that the two raised beds outside the Premier Shop and the small piece of land by the garages in Trevor needed weeding. Clerk to organise.

Froncysyllte: The Clerk was asked to contact Wrexham County Borough Council about cutting the hedge between Ffordd Llidiart and the Community Centre in Froncysyllte.

There were loose stones on the Holyhead road wall from Froncysyllte to the boundary with Denbighshire. Some work had been done on the wall and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether any further work was planned.

Garth: It was reported that a new footpath sign had been erected at the entrance to the Gwernydd Farm, Garth.

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

After the Annual General Meeting in May, Councillors (who had been unable to attend the AGM) were nominated for the following sub committees:

Cllr. Mark Valentine and Cllr. Anthony Roberts – Noddfa Cemetery Committee.

Cllr. Anthony Roberts - Playground Committee.

Cllr. Jim Davies as a representative on the Froncysyllte Community Centre Committee and Cllr.

Mark Valentine as a representative on the Garth & Trevor Community Centre Committee.

It was reported last month that Open Reach had left a length of loose cable by a new post installation on Station Road and that this was a trip hazard as it extends onto the footway. This has now been attended to.

8. Planning

Planning Applications:

Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof and use of existing flat roof as a patio area for public house.

Aussie Rooster, Llangollen Road, Trevor P/2015/0262

There were no objections.

Certificates of Decision received during May:

Appeal to the Welsh Office – Land fronting Gate Road, Froncysyllte – Dismissed

9. Correspondence

E mail's:

Karen Whitey Lang Wrexham County Borough Council – parking at Trevor Basin.

Cllr. Pat Jeffares – parking area at Pen Y Bont Bungalows, Trevor.

Steve Edwards – Cadbury Community Day 17th or 18th June.

Welsh Government:

Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

Access to Information on Community & Town Councils.

Natural Resource Management Bulletin.

WCBC:

Invitation to the Mayor's Civic visit to Church.

Re-shaping programme Bulletin 1 &2.

One Voice Wales:

Protecting Community Assets

Training Programme 2015.

General:

The Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Receipts:

Mr PJ Ankers, Peter Green Groundcare and Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

10. Leasing of Playgrounds

Nothing to report.

11. Footpaths & Roadways

It was stated that the pathway between Argoed Hall and Ty Coch needed some attention.

12. Projects 2015/2016

Nothing to report.

13. Meetings

During May Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster had attended a course – Play away.

Cllr. Darrell Wright had attended a meeting of all Community Councils based within the Wrexham County Borough. At the meeting Cllr. Wright brought up the parking issues in Trevor & Fron.

14. Noddfa Cemetery Report

Nothing to report.

15. Playgrounds

A meeting of the Playground committee had been held 28th May 2015. Those attending were Councillors Elfed Morris, Mrs Alyson Winn, Geraint Roberts, Mrs Sue Kempster and Mrs SA Jones –Clerk.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Anthony Roberts- business.

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster was elected as Chairman.

The following came up for discussion:

Freeholds & Leasing's

The Clerk stated that she had received information from the Solicitor who is acting for Llangollen Rural Community Council, that he has been informed by Wrexham County Borough Council that the ownership and leases on the playgrounds where proceeding.

Play Inspections

A Play Inspection had been carried out in April but at this time no information has been received from the Company.

Playground Signage

Information received from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the details of the company who designed the signage. Clerk to inquire as to the cost.

Visit Playgrounds

The committee then visited Garth playground , The Oaks in Trevor, Fron Community Centre, Woodlands Grove in Fron and George Avenue Trevor.

16. Garth Playground

The Community Council has agreed to donate £5,000 towards the refurbishment of the playground in Garth.

Councillors have visited Garth School where they saw a video and book about why the pupils think there should be a new playground in Garth. The Councillors reported on how impressed they were at the professionalism of the video and book by the children. The recent fundraising event for the Garth playground, a Swishing Night at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre raised £222. The next fundraising event for the playground will be on July 4th when there will be 'A picnic in the Park' at the Garth playground and when the 'Grand Raffle' will be drawn.

17. Newsletter

The deadline for the Autumn newsletter will be Monday 10th August 2015.

18. Garden Competition

The judging will take place on Tuesday 7th July at 9am starting at Froncysyllte Community Centre.

19. Register of Interest

The Clerk distributed the new Register of Interest forms for the Councillors to complete.

20(a). Finance

Copies of the Bank balances, payments and a list of receipts were distributed to the members and the following invoices were authorised for payment:

Play Wales	101779	25.00
Mrs SA Jones	101780	NJC rates
Inland Revenue	101781	PAYE rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101782	315.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101783	250.00
BP & D	101784	720.00

20(b). Finance meeting

A meeting of the finance committee was held on the 28th May 2015. Those attending were Councillors Elfed Morris, Mrs Joyce Evans, Glyn Jones, Mrs Alyson Winn, Darrell Wright and Mrs SA Jones – Clerk.

Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans was elected as Chairman.

The following came up for discussion:

Payments and receipts against budget.

All payments and receipts were checked against the budget.

Balance of Account against bank statement

The payments and receipts were checked off against the bank statement and all balanced.

Audit

The Internal Auditors report has been received and this has been forwarded to the External Auditor. The points made by the Internal Auditor have been noted and will be actioned.

AOB

The banking mandate form has been completed and forwarded to HSBC.

The Community Council's financial payments are now on the web site. The Clerk explained that some Community Council's stated the amount of their staff costs and some stated NJC rates for the Clerk's salary and PAYE rates for Inland Revenue payments. The committee recommended that these rates and not salary details should be put forward to full council for approval. The full council gave their total approval to this resolution.

The date of the next finance meeting will be Thursday 20th August at 10am in Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

21. Audit

The Clerk has sent the Annual Return to UHY Hacker Young with bank reconciliation and a variance analysis.

22. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Tuesday 14th July 2015. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.