

Llangollen Rural Community Council
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Minutes of Meeting held in Garth and Trevor Community Centre
on Tuesday 6th March 2018

Present

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

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Steve Edwards

Chairman: Cllr. Darrell Wright

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr. Anthony Roberts, work.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Matters

PCSO Dave Jenkins was unable to attend but had sent his report covering February 2018, and this was read out by the Clerk.

The report detailed:

Assault - 6, 2 - Counter allegations, 4 - linked. All persons known and being dealt with.
Burglary other than dwelling - 1 shed entered, items recovered.
Burglary Residential - 1 attempt to enter garage. Nothing taken, believed to be related to the above incident on the same night.
ASB - 1, All clear on Police arrival

For the year to date reported crime in Llangollen Rural has increased by 40.7%, compared to the same period during the previous year. Councillors expressed their concern at the increase in reported crime. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the Police Commissioner and invite him to attend the next council meeting to discuss the Council's concerns. The Clerk was also asked to write to neighbouring Councils to obtain information on their reported crime figures.

4. Outstanding Work Log

The work log was updated:

The Green outside Trevor Shops - four or five stones have been removed from the stoned area and need to be replaced. A resident has these for safe-keeping until the work can be completed.

Potholes in the area - WCBC is currently dealing with potholes in the County.

Trevor play area - part of the area has been dug up and needs to be fixed.

Pump field - Councillors discussed the problems encountered, and it was decided to write to David Cartwright inviting him to a meeting with Councillors to try to resolve the issues.

Speed of traffic on Station Road - Cllr A Roberts is arranging for a representative from the speed recorder company to attend the next Council meeting to make a presentation.

5. Members Urgent Reports

Trevor: Cllr Mrs D J Evans reported that a number of coping stones outside the Community Centre were loose, and it was decided to ask Cllr A Roberts to liaise with WCBC to have these fixed.

Froncysyllte: The school field is being used by motorcycle riders and as result the ground is being made very muddy and uneven. The school are dealing with WCBC to resolve this.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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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 new car park at the old Flexys Warehouse site was due to open on 1st April 2018 but has now been put back to 1st July 2018. WCBC has asked Mr Read for a 3 month extension on the current car park. Concern was expressed about the effect on the community of closing Read's car park once the new car park is open. It was decided to write to the Head of Housing and Economic Development at WCBC to complain about the car park closure and its effect on the community.

The Clerk has requested a quotation from D Lewis for his services for 2018 for up-keep of the Garth Cenotaph.

Cllr M Valentine contacted the Head of Dinas Bran, and the Head of the Dee Valley Foundation to ask if they could raise the concern that children are creating problems for pensioners by ringing doorbells and knocking doors.

8. Planning

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 PENDING

Parking and operation of 1 No. private hire vehicle

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

Construction of timber hostel providing 4 No. short term guest sleeping accommodation together with washroom/wc facilities

The Barn Function Room Trevor Villa Llangollen Road Trevor Llangollen P/2018/0091 PENDING

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 PENDING

9. Correspondence

WCBC

Kingdom Monthly Report Jan 2018

Applications for the Youth Service Strategy Revenue Grant are still open

One Voice Wales

Membership Renewal request

Training courses March 2018

Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony 29th March 2018

Planning Aid Wales

Pre-application community consultation event 21st March 2018

Welsh Assembly

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - payments to Councillors

Engagement Event Invitation from Independent Review Panel

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Guidance for Principals Councils on the Review of Communities
Welsh Government and One Voice Wales agreement to end burial and cremation fees for children
Women's Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme
2018/19: Funding to Support the Initial setting up of Joint Arrangements

Arcadis

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site Management Plan Workshop

AVOW

Request to become a 'Friend of Wrexham Shop-mobility' and help financially or in kind.

Community Health Council

Report on Improvements needed in the Provision of Non-emergency patient transport.

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

10. Footpaths & Roadways

It was reported that there was a fallen tree on the railway line path but this was being resolved.

Trees overhanging the street lighting on Llangollen Road, between the Barn and Tower Hill, were causing concern. Cllr A Roberts was dealing with this.

Cllr Mrs S Kempster informed Councillors that the Clinker path through the woods could be improved as part of the Natural Resources Wales programme, and Councillors supported this.

Cllr Mrs S Kempster informed Councillors that a Litter Pick with Wales Keep Tidy would be held on Saturday 14th April 2018 at 10am.

11. Projects 2017/2018

Nothing to report

12. Community Agent

The Community Agent met with Nigel Davies at AVOW for her induction, and the DBS check is being processed. She has met staff at Llangollen Health Centre and at Chirk Doctor's Surgery, visited Chirk Hospital Social Workers, and attended the monthly forum meeting with other Community Agents. She has also met with the Rhos Community Agent. When the DBS check is complete and WCBC have provided an identity card, the Community Agent will be able to meet with clients. She is on leave at the moment but will attend the next meeting on 3rd April 2018.

13. Meetings / Training

The notes of the meeting of the Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum on 1st February 2018 have been circulated to Councillors. The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd March at 4.00pm.

14. Noddfa Cemetery Report

The Clerk reported that the last risk assessment for the Cemetery was carried out on 24th April 2017 so this year's assessment will need to be scheduled soon.

As noted in Correspondence the Council has been informed of a 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association

and One Voice Wales, signed 23rd November 2017, to end burial and cremation fees for children (under 18). This includes

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fees for interment and also for exclusive right of burial and any other fees such as permission to erect a memorial. This includes residents of the area or not and the intention for further interments at a later date. Councils are encouraged to ratify and implement the agreement locally. The Welsh Government will annually make available £600,000 for allocation among Principal Councils in Wales that have agreed to comply with the agreement. The Council decided to ratify the agreement and asked the Clerk to write to the Welsh Government to confirm this.

15. Playgrounds

The Clerk reported that the SLA with WCBC for 2018/19 has been signed and returned.

Councillors decided to accept the 2 year tender for groundwork received from P Ankers, and also to accept the quotation for the maintenance of seats.

16. Newsletter

Cllr S Edwards informed Councillors that the Spring Newsletter was about to be printed. Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr S Edwards for the work he had undertaken producing the Newsletter.

17. Finance

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

The following payments were authorised:

One Voice Wales	102029	£261.00
Information Commissioner's Office	102030	£35.00
HMRC	102031	£817.44
A Evans	102032	NJC
J Wilson	102033	NJC
P J Ankers	102034	£50.00
J Wilson	102035	£40.06
A Evans	102036	£151.43

The Clerk has contacted WCBC regarding the outstanding £1500 from the Underneath the Arches event in 2017 and this was being processed directly into the bank account.

The next Finance meeting will be held on Friday 9th March at 10.00am in Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

18. Donations

Requests for funding had been received from the Children's Wales Air Ambulance appeal, and Wrexham Shopmobility. The Council decided that it could not currently make donations.

1st Trevor Scout Group and Llangollen Eisteddfod have thanked the Council for their donations.

20. 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 7pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre on Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

