

**Llangollen Rural Community Council** **30/16**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre**  
**on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Present**

Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn  
 Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans  
 Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster  
 Mrs S.A. Jones

Cllr. Mark Valentine  
 Cllr. Anthony Roberts

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn

Clerk: Mrs S.A. Jones

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr. Geraint Roberts unwell, Cllr. Darrell Wright business, Cllr. Jim Davies business, Cllr. Elfed Morris previous engagement, Cllr. Glyn Jones family commitment and PCSO Dave Jenkins off duty.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Police Matters****Police Matters:**

The Chairman Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn said that PCSO Dave Jenkins was unable to attend the meeting and the Clerk read out his report which covered November.

**Trevor** – During the month there had been two cases of anti-social behaviour, when eggs had been thrown at properties in Tower hill and Trevor and one case of criminal damage when the glass in the notice board on the Trevor Estate was broken.

The Community Councillors all agreed that they were concerned about the vandalism on the Trevor Estate and because of this the Aqueduct Community Association had decided that this year they would not be putting up a Christmas tree on the Trevor Estate.

It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for December 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**

**Garth:** The new solar light opposite Cromwell Terrace is not working. Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council.

**Fron:** There have been complaints from residents about the ivy growing over the walls onto Alma Road. There have also been complaints about the road surface along Gate Road to Bont Bridge and up the Bont Hill into Trevor.

**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**

Cllr. Valentine has received a price for new swings for the Woodlands Grove play-area the cost is in excess of £4,000.

**8. Planning 31/16****Planning Applications:**

Two storey extension with basement.

**Llanerch Cottage, Yr Ochr, Froncysyllte. P/2016/1012**

Application for variation of condition No 1 imposed under planning permission code no P/2012/0008 to allow for a further 5 years to commence development.

**Gwel Y Dyffryn, Garth Road, Garth. P/2016/1053**

There were no objections to the above applications.

**Certificates of Decision:**

Nothing to report.

**9. Correspondence****Welsh Assembly Government:**

Elin Jones AM Consultation on changing the name of the Welsh Assembly.

**E.Mail:**

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares – JC Edwards's wall in Trevor.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares – Street Lights.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares – Cromwell Terrace Solar light.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares – Gully A5 in Fron.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares – Local bus services.

Matt Anderson - Canal & Rivers Trust have taken down the planters on the canal bridge in Trevor for the Winter.

Nicola Haigh – response from Ken Skates's to the letter from Wendy Capell.

**Wrexham County Borough Council:**

Jane Johnson – Elections 2017.

Annette Sethwood – LDP Preferred Strategy.

Donna Dickenson – Youth Services

Donna Dickenson – Commissioning framework for Youth Support services update.

Mike Barclay – Funding for staffed play provision

Mark Owen – Precept payment schedule and tax base 2017/18.

PCSO Agreement between Police Crime Commissioner for North Wales, the Chief Constable & North Wales Police & Wrexham County Borough Council.

Kingdom – Report for November.

POCS in the Community - Make your community safer with a public access defibrillator (A.E.D.).

**One Voice Wales:**

Area meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 with minutes and agenda.

Luned Evans North Wales Development Officer, writing to the Wales Audit Office.

Luned Evans North Wales Development Officer, with a letter she has sent to Dr Helen Patterson about public transport within Wrexham County Borough.

**General:**

A Froncysyllte resident asking for a copy of the December minutes (Freedom of Information Request).

Wrexham Area Civic Society – Annual Awards Evening.

**Receipts:**

Mr PJ Ankers

Peter Green Groundcare

**10. Leasing of Playgrounds****32/16**

Completion documents have been received for Garth Road and the Oaks Play-areas.

**11. Footpaths & Roadways**

Nothing to report.

**12. Projects 2015/2016**

Nothing to report.

**13. Meetings / Training**

During November Councillors have attended a number of training courses, these have covered: The Council, the Councillor, the Council Meeting & Code of Conduct.

A meeting has been held with C/Clr. Pat Jeffares and Darren Green from Wrexham County Borough Council to discuss the issue of parking on Station Road in Trevor. It was decided to consult with the residents about installing a combination of both single and double yellow lines along Station Road from The Telford to the narrow bridge. A restriction on the single yellow lines with no parking 31<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> October. The car park at Reads Yard was also looked at to see if it was possible to increase the number of car parking spaces.

**14. Noddfa Cemetery Report**

It was reported last month that there was a problem with moles in the cemetery, this has now been sorted.

**15. Playgrounds including Garth Playground**

Following the successful Post Installation Report, the new playground in Garth is now open and a new fence has been installed. A lot of children have visited and enjoyed playing on the numerous items of play equipment including a new exciting zip-wire, and an all-purpose football/netball/basketball practice area. The official opening will be in the Spring when the weather improves.

The total amount raised by the Aqueduct Community Association in fundraising for the new playground is £2,084.51. This has now been forwarded as a part payment to HAGS -SMP Ltd who built the playground with further funding from WREN and the Community Council.

The Clerk has contacted the Insurers about the new / extra equipment in the Garth playground. They have confirmed that the equipment has now been put on the policy at no extra cost.

**16. Newsletter**

The deadline for the Spring newsletter is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017. It was noted that the newsletters can be viewed on the web site [www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk)

From 2017 there will be a 'notice board' in the newsletter informing the community of all events planned during the year.

**17a. Finance**

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

WCBC (repair play equipment)	101910	190.60
WCBC (half yearly play inspection)	101911	774.24
Richard Southwell	101912	286.00
T Hodgkinson	101913	816.00
Mrs SA Jones	101914	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101915	205.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101916	200.00
BP&D	101917	650.00
Chirk Town Council	101918	483.00
HM Revenue & Customs	101919	PAYE

**17b) Finance Meeting**

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The Chairman of the Finance Committee Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans gave her report.

**Clerk's Salary**

After a lengthy discussion it was put forward to full Council for an increase of 1% to the Clerk's salary as per the recommendation in the National Salary Awards from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. This was proposed and seconded with all in agreement to the increase.

The Clerk's Fixed expenses have not increased for three years and it was decided to increase these in line with the guidelines issued by SLCC. This was proposed and seconded with all in agreement to the increase.

**Payments and receipts against budget and balance of account against bank statement**

All payments and receipts were checked off against the budget and then the payments and receipts were checked off against the bank statement and all balanced.

**Bank Accounts**

Members looked at whether they should transfer some of the balance from the Current account into the deposit account. It was decided not to transfer any further funds into the account.

**Annual Quotes for Services**

The Clerk stated that last year Mr Ankers for Noddfa Cemetery and Mr Green who looks after the playgrounds were each given a two year contract.

**18. Precept**

The precept for 2017/18 was approved by Members with a small increase from to take into account the cost of the May 2017 election; a number of new projects that have been highlighted, and the increased cost of maintenance to the five playgrounds.

**19. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.