

**Llangollen Rural Community Council** **44/15**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre**  
**on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Present**

Cllr. Elfed Morris	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster	Cllr. Glyn Jones
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn	Cllr. Geraint Roberts
Cllr. Anthony Roberts	
Mrs S.A. Jones	PCSO Rebecca Holmes

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed MorrisClerk: Mrs S.A. Jones**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's Jim Davies & Mark Valentine work commitments and Cllr. Darrell Wright – holiday.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Police Matters**

The Chairman Cllr. Elfed Morris welcomed PCSO Rebecca Holmes to the meeting; she then gave her report which covered February.

**Trevor** – There were two cases of anti-social behaviour; one on the Trevor Estate and one case of a dog not under control.

**Fron** – One case of theft - Vehicle number plates had been stolen and one case of criminal damage to a taxi door. Two cases of anti-social behaviour where youths were being noisy at night.

PCSO Holmes stated that there would be more regular patrols in the area and that a number of vehicles had been stopped on the Trevor Estate going the wrong way.

It was reported by Members that vehicles were speeding down Gate Road and up Tower Hill. It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for March would be for PCSO Dave Jenkins to spend his time checking out issues identified within the three villages. A request was made for PCSO Dave Jenkins to attend Youth Club one evening to talk to the young people; PCSO Holmes said that she would pass the message on.

**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:** The Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council to ask for the sweeper to come round the Rhos Y Coed Estate. It was reported that the men working on the Penybont bungalows had left rubbish on the pavement.

**Fron:** It was reported that BT had trimmed the hedge by Argoed Hall on Gate Road and had not cleared up the debris.

**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**

There were no matters arising.

**8. Planning**

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**Planning Applications:**

Two storey front extension

**Tegfan, Garth Road, Garth. P/2016/0076**

There was no objection to the above application.

**Certificates of Decision:**

Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of new two storey dwelling and construction of new vehicular / pedestrian access.

**Heyburn, Blackwood Road, Garth, Wrexham. - Granted**

Erection of double garage

**Heyburn, Blackwood Road, Garth, Wrexham. - Withdrawn**

G1 - Fell 1 Alder, 2 Ash, Thorn &amp; mixed shrubs. G2 – Fell 3 Ash, 1 Thorn &amp; mixed shrubs.

(Protected by Pontcysyllte Conservation Area)

**Trevor Basin Car Park, New Road Trevor. - Granted**

Sycamore (overhanging footpath and driveway) – Crown lift to give 5.5m approx. ground clearance in all directions and cut ivy at base.

Ash (twin stemmed) - fell to ground. Ash (multi stemmed) – reduce height by 2m approx. and reduce side branches by 1m approx. Boundary hedge / trees (adjacent to field) – Holly / Sycamore / fallen stems – cut to ground level, Ash (triple Stemmed) – fell to near ground level, Sycamore (3 stems) fell to ground level, Ash x 2 (larger trees) – crown reduce by 2m approx. and remove dead branches, Sycamore – crown reduce by 2m approx., Ash – remove, cutting back to main stem.

Cypress (opposite Telford Public House by wall) – fell in sections to as near ground level as possible, remove all arising from site. (Within Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Conservation Area).

**Canal Wharf and Dock House, The Slip, Trevor, Wrexham. – Part Consent**

Variation of condition 2 &amp; 3 of planning permission P/2013/0010 to extend time period for submission of reserved matters and commencement of development.

**Land adjacent to Gwel Y Dyffryn, Garth. - Granted****9. Correspondence****E.Mail**

Tania Evans Denbighshire Countryside Access Officer.

Looking at extending the footpath along the old railway line from Gypsy Lane to Bryn Howell.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares asking for Cllr's to attend a meeting with him to discuss the 2016 Underneath the Arches event. Cllr's Elfed Morris and Mrs Sue Kempster said they would attend.

C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares – concerns were raised about the state of the roadway and verges in Blackwood, Tower Hill &amp; Garth Hill.

**Welsh Government:**

Robert Hay – Section 137 Expenditure Limit

R. Pugh Transport – A5 Trunk Road &amp; Various Streets in Llangollen (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 201.

John Bader Chairman Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales  
Annual Report 2016/17.**One Voice Wales:**

Membership of One Voice Wales 2016/17

Consultation on the draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.

**WCBC:****46/15**

Inviting two representatives from the Community Council to attend the Consultation on the Council Plan 3/3/16.

Andy Lewis Head of Housing, Public Protection & Environment  
Service Level Agreement 2016/17.

Laurence Isted Head of Community Well Being & Development  
Wrexham local Development Plan (2013 – 2018) Preferred Strategy Consultation 12/2 – 1/4/16.

Donna Dickenson Head of Education Enrichment & Intervention Services  
Reshaping programme Education Enrichment & Intervention

**General:**

Commemorative Medal for Schools & Councils to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
After a lengthy discussion it was decided to ask Tiddlywinks, Fron & Garth Schools if they had any plans to celebrate this?

HSBC Business Banking Notice of Variation.

**Receipts:**

Mr PJ Ankers

Mr P Green

Fron Darby & Joan Club

Fron PTFA

Cefn Mawr Welsh Society

Trevor Indoor Bowls

1<sup>st</sup> Trevor Scout Group

Fron After School Club

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Wrexham Armed Forces Community Appeal

**10. Leasing of Playgrounds**

Wrexham County Borough Council has now signed the transfer document for the Garth Play area over to Llangollen Rural Community Council. This document has now been forwarded to the Land Registry Office. It is expected that during March the following play-areas will also be transferred – The Oaks and Fron Community Centre on a 25 year lease and the Woodlands Grove site as freehold. Meanwhile all the play-areas including George Avenue in Trevor will be managed and maintained by Llangollen Rural Community Council.

**11. Footpaths & Roadways**

Nothing to report.

**12. Projects 2015/2016**

Nothing to report.

**13. Meetings**

Cllr's Mrs Sue Kempster & Mrs Alyson Winn had attended a meeting about the Draft Local Government Plan in Llandudno and gave a detailed report.

**14. Noddfa Cemetery Report**

Councillors agreed to hold a meeting during March.

**15. Playgrounds including Garth Playground**

As the Garth playground has now been signed over to the Community Council and the other playgrounds will be by the end of March the Clerk has contacted Zurich for a quotation to increase the Public Liability cover to include 22 items of play equipment. The three benches in Woodlands Grove, Fron and The Oaks, Trevor have also been included. The Insurers have confirmed that there will be no extra cost from March to the renewal date. It was discussed in detail as to whether the Community Council should insure the equipment for damage but because of the extra cost they decided to just insure for public liability with Members agreeing to take out a three year insurance policy.

**16. Newsletter****47/15**

The deadline for items to be included in the Summer Newsletter will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. As Cllr. Pat Jeffares would not be standing for re-election next year he has asked for someone to take over the responsibility for getting the adverts in the newsletter. Cllr. Anthony Roberts offered to take on this responsibility.

**17. Finance**

During February a Finance subcommittee meeting had taken place and the Chairman Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans gave her report.

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.

Members of the Finance Committee had looked at whether they should transfer some of the balance from the Current account into the deposit account. The decision was made that although the interest rates were low they would be recommending to full Council to transfer £20,000 into the deposit account. This was approved by full Council.

The Precept Budget for 2016/2017 was agreed at £47,000 by full Council in December and this has been confirmed by Wrexham County Borough Council.

The Clerk has contacted Zurich and requests Council to approve that the Fidelity Guarantee be increased to £100,000, this was agreed.

The Clerk has received a letter from JDH Business Services Ltd to inform Council of their services. They have sent a detailed audit plan and what they expect of Council. These notes were discussed in detail and approved.

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:

David Cartwright	101842	350.00
One Voice Wales	101843	243.00
Mrs SA Jones	101844	PAYE
Mr PJ Ankers	101845	160.00
Inland Revenue	101846	NJC
BP&D	101847	-----
TA Gittins	101848	201.60
David Cartwright	101849	1022.00
Mr Elfed Morris	101850	300.00

**18. Chairman's Allowance**

The Chairman Cllr. Elfed Morris said that he would give a detailed report of his year in office at the Annual General meeting in May.

**19. Policies**

Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans has read through the Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment Schedule and the Investment Strategy and stated that these were correct and asked for approval from Members. These were approved.

The Risk Assessment Policy has been amended to take into account Auto enrolment, the rest of the policy was correct.

The Chairman Cllr. Elfed Morris has read through the Standing Orders and stated that these were correct. This was approved.

The Clerk stated that at this present time there had been no change to the Wrexham County Borough's Code of Conduct so this was accepted and approved.

Expenditure under Section 137 was noted and approved.

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

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Froncysylte Community Centre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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