

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
on Tuesday 9th May 2017

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Present

Cllr. Darrell Wright	Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn	Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Mark Valentine	Cllr. Jim Davies
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster	Cllr. Steve Edwards
Cllr. Steve Jones	
Mrs S.A. Jones	

Chairman: Cllr. Darrell WrightClerk: Mrs S.A. Jones

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by all the Community Councillors.
 The Chairman welcomed two new Community Councillors Steve Edwards and Steve Jones to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr. Anthony Roberts working.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Matters

PCSO Dave Jenkins was unable to attend the meeting but had sent his April report to the Clerk who read it to the Council Members.

Trevor - One case of anti-social behaviour on the Trevor Estate.

It was decided by the Community Councillors that the priorities for May 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Trevor: It was stated that a car had rolled into the fence panel at 2 George Avenue and although the panel had been replaced by the driver, the owner of the property has asked for a crash barrier to be installed. Clerk to contact Economic Development or arrange a site visit. There have been further complaints about dog fouling on the old railway line and outside Garth School, the Clerk has contacted Wrexham County Borough Council and they have asked that residents should report the offending dog owners.

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**2/17**

A request was received last month from residents on the Trevor Estate, for a 20mph speed limit between Charles Avenue and The Scout Hut on Heol Penderyst.

A decision on installing double yellow lines on Station Road in Trevor is still outstanding.

The Clerk has contacted Wrexham County Borough Council about these and they have said that they have been waiting for the new Councillors to take up positions.

The Clerk has written to Nigel Davies re. Community Agents and he will be attending the meeting in July.

The Clerk has written to Kevin Roberts regarding Digital inclusion but has received no reply.

Following the e Mail received from C/Cllr. Jeffares about the grass cutting schedule for 2017 it was confirmed that there would be one cut every six weeks by housing and twice a year on the trunk roads. After a lengthy discussion the Trevor & Garth Councillors agreed to fund for one year, an extra cut out of their project fund money. The Clerk had been informed by Wrexham County Borough Council that for the Community Council to cut along the trunk road would require traffic management and this would be expensive.

8. Planning**Planning:**

Conversion and extension to existing garage to form self-contained annex accommodation.

Ballacraine, Gate Road, Froncysyllte. P/2017/0287.

Single storey extension

22 Tower Hill, Acrefair. P/2017/0343

There were no objections to the above.

Certificates of Decision

Erection of 2 two storey detached dwellings and construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access.

Land off Maes Mawr Road, Garth P/2017/0123 GRANTED

Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed single storey extension.

Gwynfa, Station Road, Trevor. P/2017/0173 GRANTED

Outline permission for residential development (5 detached houses and garages) and new access.

Paddock adjoining the south of Bryn Celyn, Garth, Trevor, Wrexham. P/2017/0233 REFUSED

9. Correspondence**Email:**

The Clerk stated that during the month she had received three e mails from residents living on The Ochr in Froncysyllte. These had been forwarded to Wrexham County Borough Council who have contacted the residents direct. The Clerk stated that The Ochr is now open but with further work planned, the road will be closed again towards the end of the year.

One Voice Wales:

New Councillor Induction Training 30th May 2017. Councillors Steve Edwards and Steve Jones would be attending.

Letter from One Voice Wales requesting contact details of the new Chairman.

General:

HSBC Banking mandate form.

Wales Audit Office – Audit fees and other matters relating 2015 – 16 audit.

Zurich – Insurance Renewal proposals, these were approved.

Receipts: Mr Ankers

10. Footpaths & Roadways**3/17**

It was agreed for Peter Green Groundcare to cut the Oerog on a monthly basis.

11. Projects 2016/2017

The Clerk was asked to contact Mark Watson Jones of the Trunk Road Agency to see when the wild flower seeds would be planted on the A5 Trunk Road in Fron.

It was decided to hold a site meeting to discuss what to do with the raised bed outside the Premier shop in Trevor.

12. Meetings / Training

Nothing to report.

13. Noddfa Cemetery Report

A Noddfa meeting was held 24th April at the cemetery. The Chairman Cllr. Elfed Morris gave his report with a number of issues highlighted at the cemetery.

The peg on the gate at the cemetery needed to be adjusted and placed in line with the hole. The ramp - It was discussed and agreed that Claybrook's Construction should be contacted for a quote to alter the ramp / footway at the cemetery.

The ramp – it was also discussed that Barnett Engineering should be contacted for a quote to alter the ramp at the cemetery.

The water butt has gone over onto its side and it was decided to ask Andrew Blake to re-fill the container.

Cllrs Mark Valentine and Elfed Morris have agreed to sort out the above.

The old seat has now been disposed of as it was unsafe. It was decided to replace the seat and the Clerk was asked to get some prices for a new one.

Before the new seat is installed it was decided that it should be placed on concrete with a concrete pathway.

The risk assessment has been carried out with no actions identified.

14. Playgrounds**Woodlands Grove Play-area**

The Woodlands Grove play-area is closed until the end of May to give the re-seeded areas chance to get established. It will also allow for an independent Risk Assessment on the play area to take place. It was agreed to ask ROSPA's advice and that the Chairman to contact them.

15. Election

The election was uncontested in the Ward as only ten candidates put their names forward for election as Community Councillors.

16. Newsletter

Due to the election the deadline has been extended to 15th May 2017. The front page will cover the official opening of the new Garth playground.

17. Best Kept Garden Competition

The Clerk has written to the judges but has not as yet, had a reply.

18. Chairman's Allowance**4/17**

Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn stated that she had had a thoroughly enjoyable time as Chairman after a very busy year in office. She then gave an account of the expenses that she had incurred.

Telephone etc.	£ 25.00	
Entertaining & Community function	£120.00	
Travelling expenses	£ 55.00	Training courses, meetings etc.
Donation	£100.00	
Total	£300.00	

19. 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:

Mrs SA Jones	101955	NJC rates
Mr PJ Ankers	101956	250.00
Peter Green Groundcare	101957	515.00
Civic Society	101958	25.00
Zurich	101959	726.26

20. Internal Audit

The Clerk has been informed that the books will be ready for collection on Thursday 11th May 2017. She has written to the External Auditor to request an extra week to get the paperwork over to Grant Thornton and this has been agreed. The deadline is now June 12th 2017.

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 6.30pm at Froncysylte Community Centre on Tuesday 6th June 2017.