

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth and Trevor Community Centre
Tuesday 5th March 2024

29/23

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths
Cllr. Dave Metcalfe

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs S. Williams and Cllr. Keith Sinclair.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 6th February 2024 and the 28th February 2024 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. P. Jones declared an interest in item 9, planning application P/2024/0068 due to his home's proximity to the property in question.

4. Public Participation

None

5. Member's Urgent Reports

None

6. Police Report

The police were in attendance and presented the report which had been circulated to Councillors.

7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

A report had not been received from the Community Agent.

The Clerk had previously requested information from the Rainbow Foundation in order to finalise the previous two years' accounts, but had not received this. In order to resolve this, the Clerk had met with the Operations Director of the Foundation on February 16th to discuss finalising the last two years' accounts in order to reconcile the accounts, and to inform him that the Council grant for 2023/24 service provision was £12,480. Following the meeting, the requested information had still not been received from the Operations Director. It was decided that the Clerk would continue trying to resolve the issue in order to finalise the accounts.

8. Update from the Clerk on the work log

The Clerk provided an update on the work log and this was discussed.

Parking at Fron Basin/Trevor Basin – The Clerk had informed the officer at WCBC of the decision regarding the proposed TRO on Gate Road but had not yet received a response.

Memorial in Garth – The contractor had fixed the leak.

JC Edwards Wall – Regarding the consultation being carried out by WCBC, the Clerk had contacted M. Bathers of WCBC informing him of the Council's request but had not received a reply. The consultation had now taken place and a planning application would be submitted. It was decided that Cllr. Roberts would invite M. Bathers and G. Roberts to meet with Councillors before the next Council meeting to discuss the content of the interpretation boards for the project.

Installation of a bilingual sign on the lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The art work had been approved and the sign was being made.

Request to WCBC for road signs (No footway) to be placed at five locations on Garth Road – WCBC had 3 more signs to install.

9. Planning Applications

P/2024/0068 – Partial demolition of store and erection of replacement office/store – **Bryn Tirion, Penygraig, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the application.

For information - Granted:

P/2022/0733 – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – **The Mount, Tower Hill, Acrefair, Wrexham**

10. Correspondence update from the Clerk

All correspondence was listed in the Clerk's report and had been forwarded to Councillors.

11. An update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor updated Members on the Newbridge Road repairs.

12. Quotation for the maintenance of community seats

The quotation for the annual maintenance of community seats was discussed. It was decided to accept the quotation for £350.00.

13. Quotations for grounds maintenance at Noddfa Cemetery, community footpaths, and grass cutting at the pump field and near Froncysyllte School

Quotations covering 2 years (April 2024 to March 2026) had been received and these were discussed.

It was decided to accept the following quotations:

- (a) Ground maintenance at Noddfa Cemetery - £1,160 per annum.
- (b) The tidying of community footpaths - £1,100 per annum.
- (c) Grass cutting at the pump field, Garth - £210 per annum, and grass cutting near Froncysyllte School - £210 per annum.

14. Quotations received for grounds maintenance at the playgrounds

The Clerk had requested three quotations for the work and had received one reply. It was decided to accept the quotation from P. Green for April 2024 to March 2026 for £6,500.

15. An update on the Froncysyllte Community Centre playground project and the Trevor Green planters' project, both funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the playground project. Work would begin before the end of March with delivery of the grass mats, and production of the play equipment. Installation would occur towards the end of April.

With regard to the Trevor Green planters, the work to replace them would be carried out on 18th March.

16. An update on the Boer War Memorial project and the grant awarded from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

On the 28th February at an Extraordinary Meeting, the Council had decided not to accept any of the four tenders for the required work as the Community Council did not have the required level of funding available. The SPF grant of £7,000 would therefore not be available to the Council as a condition of the grant was that the work had to begin before the end of March 2024. It was decided to defer consideration of the way forward for the project until the next Council Meeting.

17. The planting of the community planters

It was decided that the Clerk would ask Derwen College to plant up the community planters at the end of May.

18. Financial update from the Clerk and authorisation of payments to be made

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end of February: receipts for 2023/24; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against the budget and receipts.

Payments to be authorised for March 2024:

P Ankers	102667	£200.00
P Green	102668	£86.00
WCBC	102669	£148.70
David Lewis	102670	£140.00
Audit Wales	102671	£277.00
Friends of Fron CP School	102672	£100.00
Information Commissioner	102673	£40.00
J Evans	102674	NJC
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Total		£2,156.54

19. Items for the next agenda

Boer War Memorial

Previous planning response P/2022/0878

To be sent to the Clerk by Wednesday 3rd April 2024.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 9th April 2024, 7.00pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre