

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Tuesday 1st February 2022

28/21

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Mrs DJ Evans
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Phil Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. D Wright, Cllr. S Jones and Cllr. Mrs S Williams.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December 2021 and the Finance Meeting held on 3rd December had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

One member of the public attended the meeting.

5. Report on police matters

The police report had been circulated to Councillors and this was discussed.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

A monthly report had not been received from the Community Agent, and confirmation had not been received from WCBC regarding grant provision for 2022/23.

The Council agreed to provide the payroll costs to Penley Rainbow Centre (PRC) for the Llangollen Rural Community Agent for April 2022, after the end of the contract with LRCC, to cover the Community Agent's contract of employment with PRC.

The Council would decide on the provision of a Community Agent for 2022/23 once the requested information on estimated costs for 2022/23, staffing, travel and phone costs for 2021/22, and monthly monitoring information/outcomes for 2021/22 had been received from PRC.

Regarding provision of a Lunch Club in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre, PRC were considering applying for a Community Inclusion grant for the initial start-up costs.

The Clerk would ask Cllr. D Wright if he could attend the Stakeholders Meetings at the PRC.

7. Update from the Clerk on the work log

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

Parking Fron Basin/Trevor Basin – Discussions between the County Councillor, CRT and WCBC were on-going. The Clerk had drafted a letter to the residents of Gate Road/Ffordd Llidiart and the Froncysyllte Community Centre Management Committee, asking for their opinions/views on the possibility of using the Community Centre car park for pick-ups and drop offs. It was decided that the letter would be sent.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Installation of the parking restriction signs were on WCBC's work schedule.

New notice boards for Garth – Awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the noticeboard near Hafryn flats.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk had again contacted WCBC regarding the clearance available for grass-cutting machinery if a gate was installed. WCBC had requested the information from the contractor but had not received a reply. It was decided to ask WCBC for other suitable contractors and request quotations to enable this to move forward.

Possible use of the Froncysyllte school field - Discussions were on-going, but on hold due to Covid 19.

Noddfa Cemetery risk assessment – To be scheduled, along with the seats and planters risk assessments.

Memorial Garth – Cllr. Morris would find a new contractor willing to carry out the work.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – LRCC's solicitor was working on this. The Clerk was awaiting a reply from Eastman's. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Eastman's again and ask for a reply, as this needed to be sorted out as soon as possible.

Safety issues on Gate Road due to parked cars – The situation was on-going.

Flooding on the A539 – One gully was scheduled to be repaired by WCBC.

Part of wall at Noddfa Cemetery had collapsed – The work had been completed.

Pavements on the Trevor Estate – The paths from the shop, up to Heol Penderyst, including Telford Avenue, would be resurfaced and were on WCBC's plan. Others would be checked at the same time.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2022/0020 – Erection of stables (in retrospect) – **Trevor Hall Farm, Garth Road, Trevor, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the application.

For information - Granted:

P/2021/0837 - Work to trees within conservation area – **Sycamore Cottage, Pontcysyllte, Trevor, Wrexham**

P/2021/1059 – Parking and operation of 1 private hire vehicle (renewal of application P/2020/0726) – **Vron Hyfryd, Yr Ochr, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/1070 – Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of P/2018/0939 to extend time period for submission of reserved matters and commencement of development – **Gwel Y Dyffryn, Trevor Road, Garth Wrexham**

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

10. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group

The application to the War Memorial Trust (WMT), for a profession advice grant of up to £1500, to fund preparation of the project for a bid for the work, had been submitted.

11. To appoint a representative to One Voice Wales

It was decided that the Clerk would send a letter to One Voice Wales informing them that their meeting dates clashed with Community Council meetings, so that Councillors were unable to attend.

12. Update on publication of the Community Newsletter

The next newsletter would be published at the end of February/beginning of March contingent on the receipt of articles and printing dates. Cllr. Roberts agreed to continue sourcing and collecting advertising revenue but he asked for assistance if necessary, depending on the level of his current commitments.

13. A report from Cllr E Morris regarding Noddfa Cemetery

Cllr Morris had received a request from a Garth resident, who had attended Noddfa Chapel until its closure, to pre-purchase a grave plot to ensure that his wish to be buried in Noddfa Cemetery was

carried out following his passing. It was decided that Mr Roberts could pre-purchase grave plot number 80, it being the next available grave plot.

14. An update from Cllr A Roberts regarding the static caravan in a field near Gypsy Lane

Cllr. Roberts reported that the case was being dealt with by Denbighshire County Council.

15. Complaints regarding the tree line below Garth CP School and falling branches

A complaint had been received that dead branches and bits of trees were falling onto the road and pavement just below the School in Garth. There were 4 or 5 dead medium sized trees overhanging from a private property. This had been brought to the attention of the landowner who had indicated that they would contact the complainant. A further complaint had been received and the situation had not been resolved. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the land owner to ask if this could be dealt with due to the potential risk to pedestrians and vehicles from falling branches.

16. To consider the action to be taken to ensure compliance with Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, regarding multi-location attendance at meetings.

Section 47 requires that a community council must make arrangements for convening meetings, which allows participants to be in multiple locations. The minimum requirement is that members are able to hear and be heard by others. This was discussed and it was noted that Garth & Trevor Community Centre had available Wi-Fi connectivity and Froncysyllte Community Centre was in the process of obtaining an internet connection.

It was decided that the Clerk would investigate how this could be achieved in the Garth & Trevor Community Centre for the next council meeting and, following consultation with the chair, could purchase the necessary equipment up to cost of £500.

17. A report from the Clerk regarding the Council's banking arrangements.

The Clerk presented a report on the costs associated with the current banking arrangements and the costs of alternative providers. It was decided that the Clerk would arrange for the Community Council to switch its bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank.

18. Grant applications

Two grant applications had been received:

Froncysyllte Darby & Joan Club; and

Friends of Froncysyllte CP School.

Following a discussion it was decided to award £100 to each applicant.

19. To decide on the SLA for playground inspections for 2022/23.

The Clerk outlined the details of the SLA for inspections for 2022/23, and it was decided to accept the agreement for a further 12 months.

20. To receive a financial update from the Clerk and authorise payments to be made.

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end January 2022: receipts for 2020/21; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

Payments authorised retrospectively for January 2022:

P Green	102463	£80.00
S Morris	102464	£640.00
E Morris	102465	£170.00
S Williams	102466	£112.00
HMRC	102467	£866.44
J Evans	102468	NJC
J Evans	102469	£37.39
WCBC	102470	£831.00

NEST	DD	£45.76	31/21
Total		£3,728.78	

Payments authorised for February:

P Ankers	102471	£200.00
P Green	102472	£80.00
The Rainbow Centre	102473	£2,500.00
J Evans	102474	£373.13
J Evans	102475	NJC
Total		£4,085.84

21. Items for the next agenda.

Queens Jubilee
Environmental engagement/schools

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 1st March 2022 at 7.00pm - venue to be confirmed