

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Tuesday 7th September 2021

14/21

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs D J Evans and Cllr. Phil Jones.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

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

3. Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest by Cllr. Keith Sinclair regarding agenda item 8, planning application P/2021/0606, as he was a neighbour and overlooked the property in the application.

4. Public Participation

None in attendance.

5. Report on police matters

The Clerk had not received a report from the PCSO.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme

The Clerk had circulated the Community Agent's monthly report and this was discussed. Referrals had been received and assistance provided to individuals. The drop-in sessions at the Community Centres, and the leaflet provision, had been successful in reaching individuals and promoting the service.

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 and meetings had been arranged.

Dog fouling on the old railway line – No update had been received.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Installation of the parking restrictions had commenced but the signs had not yet been installed.

New notice boards for Garth – Awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the notice board near Hafryn flats. It was decided to explore the use of an alternative site to avoid any further delay. It was decided that Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths would hold the key for the Garth Playground notice board.

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk was waiting for confirmation from WCBC regarding the clearance available for grass-cutting machinery if a gate was installed. A reply had not been received from the resident next to the path. The Clerk would speak to WCBC about progressing with installation of the gate.

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

Footpath between Alma Road and School Lane – Collection of the necessary information to apply for the Modification Order was not progressing. It was decided to remove this from the work-log until the necessary information was available.

Noddfa Cemetery risk assessment – To be scheduled.

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

Water running into the Trevor playground – The situation was being monitored.

Easement required for the JC Edwards wall land – The solicitor acting for the Community Council was working on this. It was confirmed that the Community Council had chosen the larger proposal in the study. The Clerk would ensure that the solicitor was aware of the correct area to be subject to the easement.

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 – Agenda item 14

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2021/0633 – Variation of condition 02 planning permission P/2008/0162 to allow use of annexe as holiday accommodation – **Llanerch Farm, Yr Ochr, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0606 – Installation of replacement windows to front elevation (in retrospect) – **Argoed Lodge, Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0701 – Outline application for erection of dwelling (all matters reserved) – **Garreg Llwyd, Froncysyllte Wrexham, LL20 7RY**

P/2021/0743 – Construction of raised decking to rear garden (in retrospect) - **30 George Avenue, Trevor, Wrexham**

P/2021/0763 – First floor extension and alterations to dwelling – **Beverley, 4 Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0791 – Front, side and rear extension - **Sugyn-y-Pwll, Tower Hill, Trevor, Wrexham, LL20 7YH**

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

There were no objections to the applications.

For information (Approved by WCBC):

P/2021/0269 - Two storey rear extension – **Woodbank Cottage, Pontcysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0272 – Listed building consent for two storey rear extension - **Woodbank Cottage, Pontcysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0491 – Two storey side extension, loft conversion and alterations to front of property – **Arfosa, Llangollen Road, Trevor LL20 7TF**

P/2021/0743 – Construction of raised decking to rear garden (in retrospect) - **30 George Avenue, Trevor, Wrexham**

For information (Refused by WCBC):

P/2021/0633 – Variation of condition 02 planning permission P/2008/0162 to allow use of annexe as holiday accommodation – **Llanerch Farm, Yr Ochr, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

P/2021/0344 - Outline application (all matters reserved) for 1 dwelling – **Land Opposite Llwybr Y Garth, Yr Ochr, Froncysyllte**

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

Regarding the notification for the next OVW Wrexham/Flint Area Committee Meeting on 14th September, Cllr. K Sinclair informed Councillors' that he was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. The Chairman asked that if another Councillor could attend, they should contact the Clerk for details.

10. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group

The Working Group report had been circulated to Councillors. The pre-application had been accepted by the War Memorial Trust (WMT) and the project was eligible to apply for a grant from the WMT.

It was decided to submit an application for a Profession Advice grant of up to £1500, to fund preparation of the project for a bid for the work. The War Memorial Trust will fund up to 75% of the application, so it was decided that the Council would provide match funding of up to £375.

11. Appointment of a representative to the Garth & Trevor Community Centre Committee

It was decided to appoint Cllr. D Wright to the Committee.

12. To consider resuming publication of the Community Newsletter

It was decided that when publication resumed the newsletter would contain advertisements. Prior to the next meeting, it was decided that Cllr. Roberts would ask the printers which software would be suitable to produce the newsletter prior to publication. He would ask for quotations for production of the newsletter from a proof, and also for full production of the newsletter.

It was noted that Cllr. Roberts had produced a County Councillor newsletter to update residents on what was happening in the community. It was decided that the Clerk would find out if the Community Council was able to contribute to the cost of this publication, as a Community Newsletter was not currently being produced. Cllr. Roberts thanked everyone who had helped distribute the newsletter.

13. Adoption of policies: Equality & Diversity, Training & Development and Welsh Language.

It was decided to adopt the Equality & Diversity Policy and the Training & Development Policy. Regarding the proposed Welsh Language Policy, it was decided to make some revisions to the section 'Public Image' and consider adoption at the next meeting.

14. Damaged wall at Noddfa Cemetery

It was decided to accept the quote for £640 to repair the wall.

15. To consider the Council's future banking arrangements

On August 19th 2021 the Council had been informed by HSBC that the bank accounts held by the Community Council would be changing with effect from 1st November 2021. The bank was introducing charges on these accounts from this date. There would be a monthly fee, and cash and cheque transactions would be chargeable. It was decided that, to enable the Council to make an informed decision on future banking arrangements, the Clerk would obtain information on other bank providers and available accounts. This would be presented to the Finance Committee for consideration on whether to remain with the current bank or transfer to another.

16. Finance

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end August 2021: receipts for 2020/21; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

August payments - authorised retrospectively:**17/21**

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| P Ankers | 102422 | £250.00 |
| P Green | 102423 | £588.00 |
| S Morris | 102424 | £1,930.00 |
| RJ Tree Services | 102425 | £96.00 |
| Derwen College | 102426 | £768.00 |
| WCBC | 102427 | £139.87 |
| J Evans | 102428 | £40.62 |
| J Evans | 102429 | NJC |
| NEST | DD | £41.04 |
| Total | | £4,768.35 |

Authorised payments:

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| P Ankers | 102430 | £250.00 |
| P Green | 102431 | £588.00 |
| The Rainbow Centre | 102432 | £1,805.00 |
| Morelock Signs | 102433 | £74.40 |
| J Evans | 102434 | NJC |
| HMRC | 102435 | £822.22 |
| J Evans | 102436 | £97.52 |
| NEST | DD | £45.76 |
| Total | | £4623.72 |

17. Items for the next agenda

Cycle track

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 5th October 2021 at 7.00pm via Teleconferencing