Llangollen Rural Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre 24/17 on Tuesday 21st November 2017

Present

Cllr. Darrell WrightCllr. Steve JonesCllr. Mrs Alyson WinnCllr. Mark ValentineCllr. Steve EdwardsCllr. Jim DaviesCllr. Elfed MorrisCllr. Joyce Evans

Chairman: Cllr. Darrell Wright Secretary: Mr Stephen Edwards

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from C/Cllr. Mr Anthony Roberts holiday, and PCSO Dave Jenkins sick.

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 the following verbal report with the Chairman.

Garth: 6 sheds have been burgled recently, the local police will carry out late night and early morning visits in the area.

A full report will be issued at the end of the week.

4. Clerk to the Council availability/cover

Sue Jones (Clerk) has been taken ill and is currently not available.

Darrell Wright & Steve Edwards had visited Sue's house on several occasions and removed council items including the cheque book and paying in book, laptop and printer (currently in Steve Edwards' house monitoring the emails)

A temporary Clerk has offered her services and had been invited to this meeting for an informal chat to council members.

Andrea Evans introduced herself to the committee explaining the training and experience she had gained. She currently works 16hr/week for Coedpoeth Community Council and could work up to 13hrs/week for Llangollen Rural. Should she be successful with this roll she would need to agree what is expected of her compared to what Sue does in this roll.

Andrea was thanked for her time and left the room.

A brief discussion took place where Mark Valentine proposed we offer her a temporary roll for approx. 13hrs/week plus reasonable expenses, all agreed. Andrea was informed before leaving.

5. Outstanding Work Log

The work log will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Members Urgent Reports

None

7. 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.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

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There were no matters arising.

9. <u>Planning</u>

Certificates of Decision:

Planning approval had been passed around to Councillors for parking on the old Flexsys warehouse site prior to the meeting and no objections were raised, there was a recommendation to start work ASAP

10. Correspondence

Email: Report from Cefn Mawr of trees being cut down by the Duke of Wellington pub, this has been under review due to a previous complaint but no new trees have been cut down recently.

11. Footpaths & Roadways

Nothing to report.

12. Projects 2016/2017

Nothing to report.

13. Community Agent

Currently on hold until further notice.

14. <u>Meetings / Training</u>

Nothing to report

15. Noddfa Cemetery Report

Elfed currently holds the Cemetery file.

16. Playgrounds

ROSPA say the fence tops at the Fron playground is a low risk to the children. P Green working through some maintenance Items off a list supplied by Sue.

17. Newsletter

On hold until 2018

18. Finance

The finance committee had met recently and have agreed the precept for 2018/2019 The precept was distributed to council members and a brief explanation was given by the Finance chair, all agreed it was sufficient.

As Sue Jones is currently unavailable it was agreed that Joyce Evans, as Chair of the finance committee, should be the main signatory of the cheque book, proposed by Cllr Mark Valentine and seconded by Elfed Morris. Bank mandate is to be updated accordingly.

The Chairman had contacted the clerk's accountants regarding her wages; they had stated they could only speak to a person nominated by the committee with a written letter confirming this person. Steve Edwards was nominated at the recent finance meeting and approved by the full committee.

The Clerk is entitled to sick pay

19. <u>Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting</u>

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

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The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm at Trevor & Garth Community Centre on Tuesday 5^{th} December 2017.