

**Llangollen Rural Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

11/24

**Present**

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Cllr. Darrell Wright

Cllr. Steve Jones

Cllr. Elfed Morris

Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. A Roberts

Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Dave Metcalfe (7.30pm)

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs S Williams.

**2. Minutes of the last council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Item 16 - Cllr. Sinclair, Cllr. Morris, Cllr. Roberts and Cllr. P Jones

Items 20 & 21- Cllr. Sinclair

**4. Public Participation**

A resident of Woodlands Grove in Froncysyllte addressed Members and provided information on parking on Woodlands Grove and Bourne Terrace.

**5. Member's Urgent Reports**

Bottom of Garth hill, on the right, past the entrance to the Oaks - It was decided that the Clerk would ask the Oaks Management Committee to cut back the woods encroaching onto the footpath.

Soft play area at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre - The Clerk would arrange for the brambles to be cut.

Planters at the end of the garages on the Charles Ave. to Station Rd. footpath - The Clerk would arrange for the planters to be trimmed in from the path.

Broken glass on the Clinker path – The Clerk would ask the 'AONB' to take a look as the top covering was not put down when the path was installed.

**6. Police Report**

PCSO Gareth Jones attended, provided a report and explained the last 3 months' figures. To avoid any confusion the figures would be reported as previously.

**7. Update on the Community Agent's scheme**

A Community Agent had been appointed and would soon be undertaking training. It was decided that the Clerk would ask for clarification from Commissioning at WCBC on the job description for the Community Agent, to see if responsibilities had changed with regard to assistance with form filling for blue badges and welfare rights.

**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 proposed TRO on Gate Rd. was going out to consultation in the next 10 days.

*Memorial in Garth* - No update

*JC Edwards Wall* - It was decided that the Clerk would ask M Bather at WCBC for an update on the project.

*WCBC to place road signs (No footway) on Garth Road* - WCBC had installed the signs.

*Planting of the Trevor planters* – The planters had been filled with plants.

*Request for gates on the Oaks play area* - The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Management Committee of the Oaks for evidence that all or the majority of residents wanted gates to be installed.

## **9. Planning Applications**

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**P/2023/0153** – Change of Use of garage to annexe – **Fron Esgyn, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

**P/2024/1180** – Improvements to public footpath below Pontcysyllte aqueduct including realigned footpath, new steps and landings, new railings and handrails and landscaping – **Land below Pontcysyllte aqueduct, Pontcysyllte, Llangollen, Wrexham LL20 7TY**

**P/2024/1263** – Creation of two landscaped levels to garden (partly in retrospect) – **1 Brynhyfryd, Froncysyllte, Llangollen Froncysyllte, LL20 7RD**

There were no objections to the applications

## **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 ongoing issues.

## **12. 'The Bridge that Connects' Project**

Cllr. Kempster updated Members with regards to the project.

## **13. Wildlife Gardens/Areas**

The Chairman updated Members on the recent meeting with WCBC where potential wildlife areas had been visited and discussed. The officer from WCBC would report back in due course.

## **14. Update on the Fron Community Centre playground project and the Trevor Green planters' project**

The Clerk informed Members that the SPF Claim 03 forms had been submitted to WCBC for both projects. Some additional feedback information on the Trevor planter's project had been requested.

## **15. Boer War Memorial project**

Cllr. Sinclair informed Members that the revised submission had been placed on the SPF additional funding reserve list by WCBC.

## **16. December meeting date and dates for meetings of the Finance and Playground Committees**

Following a discussion it was decided that the December meeting would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December and the Finance Committee meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm in Froncysyllte Community Centre.

## **17. Risk Assessments**

The Clerk would carry out the risk assessment for street furniture. It was decided that Cllr. P Jones and Cllr. K Sinclair would carry out the risk assessment for community seats in Froncysyllte and Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths and Cllr. S Jones would conduct the risk assessment for seats in Trevor and Garth. A group of Members would carry out the risk assessment at Noddfa Cemetery.

## **18. Community Newsletter**

It was decided not to produce a newsletter at this time.

## **19. Complaint about parking on Woodlands Grove, Froncysyllte**

Following a discussion and taking into account that the land was not the responsibility of the Community Council, it was decided that the parking issues were a private matter between the complainant and the land owners.

## **20. Approval of payments to Garth & Trevor Community Centre and Froncysyllte Community Centre**

The following payments were approved: £3,000 each to Garth & Trevor Community Centre and to Froncysyllte Community Centre. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the Community Centres to request further access, free of charge, on up to 6 occasions a year at mutually agreed times for events supported by the Community Council.

## **21. Approval of payments to Garth CP School and Froncysyllte CP School**

The following payments were approved: £500 each to Garth CP School and to Froncysyllte CP School.

## **22. Clerk's mobile phone**

It was decided that the Clerk would purchase a new mobile phone.

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

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The financial statements as at the end of August had been circulated: receipts for 2024/25; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against the budget and receipts.

**Payments to be authorised for August 2024:**

P Ankers	102713	£367.50
P Green	102714	£840.00
WCBC	102715	£915.00
Barry Wilson Cons.	102716	£1,076.00
Rebel Dragon Designs	102717	£100.00
HAGS SMP Ltd	102718	£34,830.01
J Evans	102719	£168.24
J Evans	102720	NJC
NEST	DD	£66.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>£39,466.44</b>

**Payments to be authorised for September 2024:**

P Ankers	102721	£292.50
P Green	102722	£840.00
Audit Wales	102723	£245.00
J Evans	102724	£156.21
J Evans	102725	NJC
NEST	DD	£66.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,703.40</b>

**24. Items for the next agenda**

Playground equipment

Drainage on the old railway line

**Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 1st October 2024, 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre**