

**Llangollen Rural Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held at the Garth and Trevor Community Centre**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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**Present**

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster  
Cllr. Steve Jones  
Cllr. Mrs Moira Griffiths

Cllr. Darrell Wright  
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams  
Cllr. Dave Metcalfe (from item 17)

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. K Sinclair, Cllr. P Jones, Cllr. A Roberts, and Cllr. E Morris.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None

**4. Public Participation**

None

**5. Member's Urgent Reports**

Cllr. Jones reported that the stile at the back of Garth Draw on Trevor Hall Road had been taken away, and on Trevor Hall Drive stones had been taken away from the wall which was part of the Offa's Dyke path. It was decided that the Clerk would inform the Rights of Way Department of WCBC.

**6. Police Report**

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

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

A report had not been received from the Community Agent.

**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 but would check on the work after it had rained.

*JC Edwards Wall* – The consultation had been carried out and a planning application was due to be submitted. M. Bathers, G. Roberts and L. Jenner had met with Members prior to the Council meeting to discuss the content of the interpretation boards for the site.

*Installation of a bilingual sign on the lockable gate at the George Avenue playground* – The sign was ready to be delivered subject to confirmation of where the fixing holes should be placed.

*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**

For information - Granted:

**P/2022/0991** – Erection of dwelling with detached cottage – **Land at the Cottage, Garth Road, Garth, Wrexham**

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

**10. Correspondence update from the Clerk**

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

Emails received regarding invitations to the Wrexham event to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day – Members were not able to attend.

Email from a resident of the Oaks regarding the recent installation of a notice board on the Green – It was decided that the Clerk would contact the resident to inform them that the Chair of the Management Committee has been consulted about the installation and approved it.

**11. An update from the County Councillor**

The County Councillor had circulated an email to Members updating them on his position in relation to planning application P/2022/0878.

**12. Discussion and consideration of the Council's previous response to planning application P/2022/0878 following the recent meeting with representatives of CRT**

Following a discussion it was decided that the Council was satisfied with the response previously sent to WCBC on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**13. Consideration of a request for the installation of gates at the play area at the Oaks in Garth**

Following a discussion it was decided that the Clerk would ask the Management Committee of the Oaks for its views regarding the request.

**14. 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.

With regard to the Trevor Green planters, the work to replace them had been completed.

**15. The future of the Boer War Memorial project and to approve a payment to the consultant.**

It was decided to defer consideration of the future of the project until the next Council meeting. The consultant's bill for £1300 was approved for payment.

**16. To decide whether to meet with CRT to discuss the World Heritage Site Art Project.**

It was decided that the Clerk would request more information regarding the project.

**17. To consider holding the Garden Competition**

It was decided to hold the competition and that judging would take place during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> July subject to the availability of the judges.

**18. To discuss submitting a bid to the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) managed by the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB.**

Deferred to the next meeting

**19. To discuss the Mental Health event arranged by Wrexham Police to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Following a discussion it was decided that, at the next meeting of the Garth & Trevor Community Centre Management Committee, a request would be made that the Community Centre support certain community initiatives by waiving the hiring fee.

**20. To decide on how to proceed with the Sustainable Development Fund grant of £200 in order to purchase plants for the Trevor planters.**

It was decided to purchase plants once advice had been obtained on what should be used in the planters, in order to achieve the Council's objectives in terms of biodiversity. Cllr. Mrs S Kempster, Cllr. Mrs M Griffiths and Cllr. Mrs S Williams volunteered to plant up the planters once the plants were received.

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

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

**Payments to be authorised for March 2024:****34/23**

M Griffiths	102676	£156.00
S Jones	102677	£156.00
S Kempster	102678	£208.00
R Southwell	102679	£1,500.00
One Voice Wales	102680	£38.00
Rainbow Centre	102681	£2,068.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>£4,126.50</b>

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

P Ankers	102682	£450.00
P Green	102683	£556.00
B Wilson	102684	£2,057.66
HMRC	102685	£1,099.06
One Voice Wales	102686	£350.00
J Evans	102687	NJC
J Evans	102688	£39.63
<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,661.57</b>

**22. Items for the next agenda**

Boer War Memorial

Garden Competition judging date

Submission of a bid to the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)

To be sent to the Clerk by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**Date and Venue of the Next Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre**