

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Tuesday 2nd March 2021

22/20

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Phil Jones

Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster (Illness).

The Chairman informed Councillors that Cllr. Playford had resigned, and it was decided that the Clerk would write to thank him for the work he had carried out on behalf of the Council.

2. Minutes of the last council meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 2nd February and 8th February 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

None in attendance.

5. Report on police matters

The Clerk informed Councillors that the last available information on the Police UK website was for December 2020, and this had been reported at the last meeting.

6. Update on the Community Agent's scheme 2021/22

The proposed arrangements for provision of a Community Agent for 2021/22 were discussed. The Clerk outlined the options and associated costs. Following a discussion it was decided that the Community Council would like the Community Agent to work 15 hours per week, and have the option to participate in a pension scheme if they so wished. It was estimated that travel costs would be approximately £500 per annum, and there would be an initial cost of recruitment. Confirmation of the grant amount had not yet been received from WCBC, but it was estimated to be £10,000. It was decided that in addition to the estimated grant received, the Community Council would pay the recruitment costs of £675.00, and an additional £1,100.00 to maintain the provision at 15 hours per week. The Clerk would discuss the decisions with the contract provider.

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 with CRT and WCBC were on-going.

Dog fouling on the old railway line – Councillor Roberts had emailed WCBC to ask for enforcement officers to visit the old railway line in Trevor, the Pump Field in Garth, Canal-side in Fron and the Froncysyllte School playing field.

Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near the old post office – Introduction of the parking restrictions had been delayed due to the weather, but would be implemented soon.

New notice boards for Garth – The playground notice board had been installed and the Community Council were awaiting the decision of WCBC, regarding the proposed site of the second one near Hafryn flats

Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground – The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Economic Development Department at WCBC, regarding the reinstatement of the bottom fence, and removal of the kissing gate. Before the new gate was installed, the Clerk had asked the contractor responsible for grass-cutting for measurements of the clearance required for him to gain access with his machinery.

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 on-going.

Steps on the footpath near the Pump field – No further information had been received from WCBC. It was decided that the Council would obtain a price for having the steps tarmacked or concreted, and then decide on the way forward. Cllr. Roberts also mentioned the flooding near 34 Heol Penderyst, due to water not draining away into the blocked gully on the railway path. He had asked Strategic Development at WCBC if they could double the size of the gully by the kissing gate, and extend the diameter of the waste pipe into the woods in order to alleviate the problem. They were not prepared to carry out the work, so it was decided to obtain a quote for the work and to decide on the way forward.

Japanese Knotweed on the Offa's Dyke footpath – It was decided that the Clerk would write to WCBC again as the land belonged to Economic Development.

Noddfa Cemetery risk assessment – To be carried out this week.

Memorial Garth – A contractor was being sourced.

Tree obstruction on entering the Bont Bridge – The Clerk had emailed WCBC twice but no replies had been received from the Highways Department.

New planters at the entrance to the Rhos-Y-Coed estate – Cllr. P Jones had obtained a quote for the planters using different materials and this was discussed. It was decided to accept the lower quote but with a thicker base used for the planters.

Cleaning the stone pillars at Noddfa Cemetery – Barnett Engineering had offered to carry out the work free of charge.

8. Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications:

P/2021/0010 – Conversion and external loft space in existing domestic garage to create annexe – **Bryntirion, PenY Graig, Quarry Road, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the application.

For information (Approved by WCBC):

P/2020/0860 – Two storey side extension – **3 Pleasant View, Froncysyllte, Wrexham**

Cllr. Roberts informed councillors that the application had been amended and would not include an extension.

9. Correspondence update from the Clerk

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

The Clerk highlighted the quote received from HAGs for work on the cableway at the George Avenue playground. Councillors expressed concern at the high labour costs on the quotation, and it was decided that the Clerk would contact WCBC to establish if there was an alternative contractor that could submit a quotation.

10. The Offa's Dyke path

It had been reported that water from the culvert at the side of the path, was flowing onto the path as the grating was blocked. Cllr. Roberts offered to investigate the problem.

11. Work to be carried out on the Clinker Path

It was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

12. To consider the J C Edwards Wall Feasibility Study and decide how to proceed

The Clerk had sent another email to Eastman's regarding the land required for the project, asking for the contact details of their solicitor but had not received a reply.

13. Update from the Boer War Memorial Working Group

Cllr Sinclair had contacted WCBC legal dept. to formalise LRCC's position as custodian for the war memorial, and was awaiting a reply.

14. Quotation for maintenance of Community Seats

It was decided to accept the quotation received for the annual maintenance of the community seats.

15. Christmas lights 2021

The provision of Christmas lights and the estimated costs were discussed. It was decided that the initial cost of providing lights on the lighting columns together with the annual costs were too high. It was proposed that the Council consider other ways of brightening up the community during the festive period, including placing a lit Christmas tree in each community, and having a collective switch on of Christmas lights. It was decided to set up a working group, comprising Cllr. E Morris, Cllr. D Wright and Cllr. Mrs S Williams, to discuss possible actions and report to the next meeting.

26. Finance

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

Authorised payments this month:

P Ankers	102381	£100.00
P Green	102382	£175.00
SLCC	102383	£90.00
Information Commissioner	102384	£40.00
Wynnstay Joinery	102385	£822.00
J Evans	102386	NJC
D Jarvis	102387	NJC
S Jones	102388	£150.00
R Playford	102389	£120.00
S Williams	102390	£120.00
J Evans	102391	£59.94
Total		2,925.89

It was decided that JHD Business Services would carry out the internal audit for 2020/21.

17. Items for the next agenda

Update on the Clinker path, review of Standing Orders, Boat Yard application and parking on Gate Road, Froncysyllte.

Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 6th April 2021 at 7.00pm via Teleconferencing

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held via Teleconferencing
On Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.00pm

25/20

Present

Cllr. Elfed Morris
Cllr. Keith Sinclair
Cllr. Mrs Sian Williams

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Phil Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Elfed Morris

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. A Roberts.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To exclude members of the press and public due to consideration of confidential information contained with the next item of business

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public due to consideration of confidential information contained with the next item of business.

PART 2

4. The contract between WCBC and LRCC for the provision of a Community Agent for 2021/2022.

Following the Clerk's discussions with WCBC's Commissioning Officer and the Penley Rainbow Centre, it was proposed that the Council entered into an agreement with the Rainbow Centre, for the provision of a Community Agent for 16 hours per week. Details of the agreement were discussed and it was decided to accept it for April 2020 to March 2021. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the work she had carried out with regard to the agreement.