

**Llangollen Rural Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre**  
**On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

18/19

**Present**

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster  
Cllr. Elfed Morris  
Cllr. Darrell Wright  
Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans  
Cllr. Steve Edwards  
Cllr. Steve Jones  
Cllr. Rod Playford

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

**1. Apologies**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Anthony Roberts (work).

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None.

**3. Police Matters**

PCSO Abigail Land was unable to attend so her report was read out by the Clerk. Between 4<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 the following were reported:

*Three reports of ASB* – 2 reports of boy racers in the area and 1 report of youths shouting and swearing in the street and in the park.

*One report of a burglary (dwelling)* – unknown offenders gained entry to a garage and stole items.

There was also an incident on note – rogue traders had entered an elderly gentleman's front garden and began to cut hedges/bushes without the owner's request/permission and then demanded money. It was requested that the community was vigilant and kept an eye over any vulnerable older neighbours if possible.

Regarding the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 between the Police, the Chairman and the County Councillor, the Clerk informed Councillors of the issues that were discussed and possible actions to alleviate the problems. The Police had asked if the CRT car parks could be locked at night to deter boy racers. Also the Community Council were considering locking the George Avenue playground at night. The Police would check with the Youth Offenders Section to explore possible outreach programs for youngsters in the area and would also maintain a presence locally.

Cllr. Roberts reported that he had spoken to CRT and requested that the car park gates are locked at night, and that this was being organised.

The Clerk reported that the person responsible for the Community Speed-watch scheme would meet with Councillors on 5<sup>th</sup> November prior to the Council meeting.

**4. Community Agent**

The Community Agent was continuing to support the Over 50's social group in Garth and Trevor and litter-pickers were out and about in the area. He was manning the Information desk at Llangollen Medical Centre once a week and was supporting the Picturesque Landscape Initiative at Ty Mawr.

**5. Work log –Action Plan**

The work log was updated.

Regarding parking issues at the Fron Basin and the Trevor Basin, discussions were ongoing between Cllr. Roberts, WCBC and CRT. A site meeting was being arranged with WCBC at the Fron Basin to discuss the situation.

Regarding parking on the A539 Llangollen Road the Clerk reported that four replies had been received from residents to the letter that had been distributed. It was decided to discuss this issue at the next Council meeting when the County Councillor would be present.

The positioning of two new notice boards in Garth was discussed and it was decided that one would be placed in the playground and the second one at Hafryn flats. The Clerk would contact Plas Madoc Estate Office to see if permission was required for the notice board to be placed at the flats.

Cllr. Sinclair had produced a piece for the 'Understanding Welsh Places' website and it was agreed that this should be forwarded for inclusion on the website.

## **6. Members' Urgent Reports**

Cllr. Morris reported that the Memorial in Garth had flaking paint in its dome and it was decided that the Clerk would organise for the paint to be removed, the area sealed and re-painted.

Cllr. Sinclair expressed his concern over speeding on the A5 in Froncysyllte and had arranged to meet with Assembly Member Ken Skates on 11<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the issue. The Chairman would attend the meeting with Cllr Sinclair together with those Councillors who were available.

Cllr. Sinclair informed Councillors that McDonalds had been litter-picking in Froncysyllte once again.

Cllr. Mrs J Evans had received requests from residents of Charles Avenue for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced on the road. The Clerk reported that the Welsh Government were reviewing 20mph speed limits on residential streets and WCBC were awaiting the results of the review before making any further decisions on 20mph speed limits.

Cllr Mrs J Evans asked for the road sweeper to visit the Trevor Estate and also for the weeds on numerous kerbs to be removed by WCBC. The Clerk would request that WCBC carry out this work.

## **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**

Cllr. Mrs J Evans and Cllr. Sinclair reported that they had attended the meeting of the Llangollen Urban, Rural and Glyn Traian Welfare Charities and money had been allocated to each of the three areas for distribution. A decision was needed on how the money would be held and distributed. For the time being it was agreed that Cllr. Sinclair would hold the funds until a distribution system was agreed.

It was reported that the speed sign had been moved to Froncysyllte.

Regarding the Froncysyllte School Field and possible community use, discussions were still taking place.

## **9. Planning**

Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order WCBC No 251 within Pontcysyllte Conversation Area: Elm (T1) – remove, Sycamore (T2) – remove, Ash (T3) – remove, Cypress (T4) –raise the crown to 1.5 metres, Cypress (T5) – remove.

### **Dock House, Canal Wharf, Trevor, Wrexham P/2019/0683 PENDING**

Councillors discussed the application and decided to abide by the recommendations of WCBC's Arboriculture Officer.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **One Voice Wales**

Making an Equal Wales a Reality

Introduction to Community Engagement Training – Gresford – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Older People's Commissioner for Wales has launched a Facebook page

OVW Wrexham & Flintshire Area Committee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Agenda and minutes

### **Wrexham County Borough Council**

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Help spread this message to people who don't use the internet: Green bin charges update

Advice to residents applying for a new style concessionary travel pass

**Ken Skates**

E-newsletter 20/09/19

**North Wales Police**

Remembrance Sunday

**Wrexham Area Civic Society**

Newsletter No. 22

**Play Wales**

E-bulletin September 2019

Play for Wales Summer 2019 – Issue 53

Playful Communities guide

**Cefn Community Council**

Fire Service Event 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

The correspondence was made available for perusal by Councillors, and copies had been e-mailed.

**11. Footpaths & Roadways**

Cllr. Jones had received requests regarding the footpath in Garth near to the playground. He asked if the stile after the kissing gate and path could be replaced with a kissing gate, as the stile was on a slope, the path was in a field and was muddy and slippery. The Clerk would ask WCBC if this was possible.

**12. Projects 2019/2020**

The Clerk was in the process of obtaining prices for the two new notice boards for Garth.

**13. Meetings / Training**

Cllr. Playford is attending the One Voice Wales' Conference and AGM on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**14. Playgrounds**

P Green is working through the list of work to be done at the playgrounds. Allan Forrest of WCBC is organising removing the gate and reinstating the fence from the tea-rooms carpark to the playground.

Following discussion of the issues at George Avenue playground, it was decided that the Clerk would ask WCBC if a lockable metal gate could be installed at the George Avenue playground.

**15. Environment (Wales) Act 2016 – Section 6 – The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

The Clerk provided information on Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 whereby a public authority must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in doing so, promote the resilience of ecosystems so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.

Section 6 of the Act requires Welsh local councils to produce a report prior to the end of 2019 on what they have done to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of their functions. Cllr. Playford agreed to produce a report for Council.

**16. Website Accessibility Training**

The clerk informed Councillors that the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 came into force on 23 September 2019. The regulations say that you must make your website more accessible by making the content and design clear and simple enough so that most people can use it without needing to adapt it, while supporting those who do need to adapt things.

The Clerk would source training for Cllr. Edwards and herself, and Cllr Edwards would check the website.

The Council decided it would work to ensure that the website meets the international WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standard, and it would publish an accessibility statement that explains how accessible the website is and this would be reviewed and updated regularly.

# **17. Finance**

Financial statements had been circulated as at the end September 2019: receipts for 2019/20; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

## **Payments were authorised:**

P Ankers	102224	£250.00
WTE Printers	102225	£532.00
SLCC	102226	£408.00
WCBC	102227	£62.30
Garth & Trevor Community Centre	102228	£3000.00
Froncysyllte Community Centre	102229	£3000.00
Garth CP School	102230	£500.00
Froncysyllte CP School	102231	£500.00
D Jarvis	102232	£10.00
J Evans	102233	£28.42
D Jarvis	102234	NJC
J Evans	102235	NJC
P Green	102236	£580.00
NEST	DD	£26.62
<b>Total</b>		<b>£10,166.15</b>

# **18. Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.