

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre
On Tuesday 9th July 2019

10/19

Present

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster
Cllr. Darrell Wright
Cllr. Steve Edwards
Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn
Cllr. Steve Jones

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. A Roberts (work), Cllr. R Playford (holiday), and Cllr. E Morris (previous engagement).

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. S Jones declared an interest in agenda item 4 as he is employed by the company who own the land where the pillars were located.

3. Police Matters

PCSO Abigail Land and PCSO Gareth Jones were in attendance and reported the following between 1st June and 8th July:

Six reports of ASB - 2 reports of cars driving in an anti-social manner at the new car park at the heritage site, 2 complaints of youths smoking cannabis and officers attended and dealt with, 1 complaint about youths at the George Avenue park playing loud music at 2am and smoking cannabis and 1 complaint regarding youths being noisy at 4.10am but youths left prior to call being made.

Two reports of criminal damage – 1 in Trevor where youth had snapped the heads off flowers and thrown them over the bridge and 1 in Froncysyllte where the offender had damaged property at home address.

One theft – Trevor - items stolen from a secured venue during a private function.

One unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle – Trevor - vehicle recovered and investigation on-going.

Other: on two separate occasions positive drugs searches have been conducted to find cannabis, the drugs seized and positive action taken

The PCSO's informed Councillors that colleagues had been patrolling the area when possible, the youths had been identified with regard to ASB in Trevor and appropriate actions taken.

4. J C Edwards' Pillars

Two of J C Edwards' pillars had been removed from Trevor and placed outside Cefn Mawr Museum. The Community Council were not aware that this was going to happen, and a number of complaints had been received from residents about the removal. The Chairman read out a statement from Cllr. E Morris expressing his disgust at how this had been done, without proper consultation with Llangollen Rural Community Council through the Clerk. The statement detailed the history of the J C Edwards site and its historical significance to Trevor, together with a request that the remaining wall and pillars were renovated and maintained in Trevor.

Following a lengthy discussion, where Councillors expressed their disappointment and dismay at how the removal had been made without proper consultation, it was decided that the priority was to protect what remains. The Clerk would write to Eastman's to ask for permission to renovate and maintain the remaining wall and pillars and also to Cefn Community Council stating that Llangollen Rural Community Council was not happy about what had happened and should have been formally approached and properly consulted.

5. Community Agent

The Community Agent was developing a walking group for Garth and Trevor and had arranged a social

gathering for over 50's at the Chapel Tearooms. The Aqueduct Community Association had donated £300 to the Over 50's Social Group for its start-up and to help fund activities. The Agent had visited some groups at Fron Community Centre and was arranging to visit groups at Garth and Trevor Community Centre. He had met with other Community Agents and visited Llangollen Health Centre. Two referrals had been received and the clients were visited but did not require further support following the initial visit.

It was decided to change the Agent's e-mail address to: llanrural.communityagent@gmail.com

6. Work log –Action Plan

The work log was updated.

The Clerk would ask the speed sign company for advice on positioning the sign on a hill.

Regarding the parking issues at the Fron Basin and the Trevor Basin, Cllr. Roberts was in discussion with WCBC and CRT about the issues surrounding the WHS and will report back to Council after his next meeting.

The trees at the front of the Garth & Trevor Community Centre have still not been trimmed. The Clerk would contact WCBC.

7. Members' Urgent Reports

Complaints had been received from residents of Garth about fires at 'Bryer' on Trevor Road. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the owners of 'Bryer' requesting that they dispose of rubbish in a more appropriate manner, or at the very least keep bonfires to a minimum to avoid any nuisance to residents.

The hedge belonging to Trevor shop was overgrown and encroaching onto the path which leads to Telford Avenue. The Clerk would ask Cllr Roberts who to speak to in order to rectify this.

8. 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.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Regarding the complaints received about the bonfires at Trevor Hall, the Clerk had spoken to Environmental Health at WCBC who were going to send a letter and two information leaflets to the owners of the property.

A site meeting had been requested with WCBC to discuss parking on the A539 Llangollen Road.

Cllr. Sinclair reported that he had attended his first meeting of the Dee Valley Federation Governing Body as Additional Community Governor representing the Community Council.

The Clerk informed Councillors that litter-picking equipment had been purchased.

10. Planning

Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence

One Voice Wales

Renewing our Democracy - Update

Actions from ICO session

Our Future Wales: Come to an event in your area

Caring in Welsh

Basic on-line learning modules

Training in Gresford – Code of Conduct

Training in Mold – Advanced Local Government Finance, Charing Skills

Wrexham County Borough Council

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Mayor's Civic Visit to St Giles Parish Church - Sunday 7th July 2019

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – 20th June

Wrexham Council Tenant Event

A483 Wrexham Bypass Junction 3 to 6 – Public Information Events

Wrexham Council News: Safety advice for unmodified Whirlpool tumble-dryers

Ken Skates

E-newsletter 12/06/19

E-newsletter 28/06/19

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Commissioner's Newsletter Spring 2019

Wales Audit Office

Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils

AVOW

AGM Invite 2019

Froncysyllte CP School

Thank you letter and card for donation

Play Wales

E-bulletin June 2019

E-bulletin July 2019

Our Picturesque Landscape/New Dance

Invitation to participate in a Flash Mob at Pontcysyllte & Canal WHS

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

12. Footpaths & Roadways

Councillors expressed concern at the lack of information received from Hafren Dyfrydwy about the work which was to start on 15th July on George Avenue and Charles Avenue and its possible impact on residents. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Hafren Dyfrydwy to ask for information and clarification on any possible disruption to residents.

Cllr. Sinclair asked if the footpath at side of the Pizza shop near to the zebra crossing on the A5 in Froncysyllte was the responsibility of WCBC. The Clerk would make enquiries.

13. Speeding

Councillors discussed possible positions for the speed sign and as the suggested locations where on hills it was decided that the Clerk would ask for advice on how to position the sign to ensure the unit performs efficiently.

It was suggested that the Community may benefit from participating in the Community Speed-watch Scheme and it was decided that the Clerk would obtain information on the Scheme.

14. Projects 2019/2020

With regarding to Froncysyllte playing field and possible community use, the Clerk would ask for an update from Cllr. A Roberts following the latest meeting.

15. Meetings / Training

Cllr. Playford attended the OVW Area Committee meeting in Gwersyllt on 11th June and his report had been circulated to Councillors.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the Wrexham Rural Neighbourhood Policing Forum on 4th July and information is to be forwarded from Wrexham Police.

Cllr. Sinclair had attended a meeting of Llangollen Urban, Rural and Glyn Traian Welfare Charities and informed Councillors that at the next meeting on 12th September spending priorities would be discussed. Any thoughts that Councillors had on appropriate spending would be welcomed and discussed.

The Clerk had obtained a bursary of £350 to study for the CiLCA qualification and it was agreed that the Council would pay for the Clerk to attend a SLCC CiLCA training session.

16. Noddfa Cemetery

The Clerk informed Councillors that the risk assessment had been completed.

17. Playground

The Clerk reported that a new goal post had been installed at Fron playground and she was trying to get HAGs to complete work on the zip-wire under the initial warranty.

There had been a number of ASB and littering complaints regarding youths congregating in George Ave. playground. Police had attended the playground on a couple of occasions and were patrolling more frequently in an effort to deal with the problem. It was decided to monitor the situation during August to see if there was an improvement with the increased police presence and this would be discussed at the September meeting to establish if further action is needed.

A site meeting was held at the playgrounds on 27th June to consider the annual inspection reports and identify any work that was needed. Notes of the meeting had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk had asked Peter Green if he is able to carry out some of the work and for a price. Also WCBC has been contacted regarding some of the issues identified.

18. Best Garden Competition

The Clerk reported that the Garden Competition judging would take place on Thursday 11th July and that 20 entries had been received. The Presentation Evening will take place before 20th August 2019.

19. Finance

Financial statements were presented as at the end June 2019 including: receipts for 2019/20; bank reconciliation; and budget monitoring against precept and receipts.

The following payments were authorised:

P Ankers	102198	£305.00
P Green	102199	£560.00
WCBC	102200	£804.90
WTE Printers	102201	£532.00
AVOW	102202	£60.60
J Evans	102203	NJC
D Jarvis	102204	NJC
D Jarvis	102205	£10.00
R Playford	102206	£5.40
J Evans	102207	£338.56
NEST	DD	£26.62
Total		£4,056.69

20. 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 3rd September 2019.