

Llangollen Rural Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Froncysyllte Community Centre
On Tuesday 5th November 2019

22/19

Present

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

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans
Cllr. Anthony Roberts
Cllr. Steve Jones
Cllr. Rod Playford

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Steve Edwards (illness).

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 1st October and 5th November 2019 the following were reported:

One report of ASB – youths throwing stones at a property.

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

Two reports of criminal damage – one report of damage caused to a door after items thrown at it, one report of damage caused to the back light of a vehicle.

One report of theft – theft of a trailer.

There was also an incident on note – ‘at this time of year we expect to see a rise in burglaries due to the dark nights and this year has been no exception so far. Please can you remind all residents to keep their properties secure as well as make sure car keys are out of easy reach.’

Cllr. Roberts reported that although CRT had agreed to lock the gates on their car parks at night, this had not yet been done.

4. Community Agent

The Community Agent presented his report. He informed Councillors that he was continuing to support a referral and the Over 50's social group in Garth and Trevor. He had successfully applied for a grant from WCBC for the Over 50's group. The litter-picking group were out and about in the area. Regarding the proposed Community Calendar only 8 photographs had been received and not all were of the local area. The Community Agent would discuss this further with the Clerk.

5. Work log –Action Plan

The work log was updated.

Speeding was discussed and after the positive response to the Speed Sign on the A539 and on Gate Road, it was decided to purchase two additional speed signs and four locking posts.

Parking issues at the Fron Basin and the Trevor Basin were discussed, and it was decided to request a public consultation with residents about possible parking restrictions on Gate Road in Froncysyllte.

Regarding the problem of dog fouling on the old railway line, the County Councillor informed members that 2 of 4 Enforcement Officers had now been employed by WCBC.

The Clerk had contacted WCBC and requested that the stile on the footpath near Garth playground was replaced with a kissing gate, and had been told that this would be inspected and the landowner consulted.

A request for the road sweeper to visit Trevor and remove weeds in between many kerbstones had been made to WCBC.

The Clerk was waiting for confirmation from WCBC that a lockable gate can be installed at the George Avenue playground.

6. Members' Urgent Reports

Nothing to report.

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. Playford reported that he was working on a report for the biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty required by Section 6 of Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

9. Planning

Demolition of existing dwelling and double garage with flat over and erection of replacement two-storey dwelling with detached double garage/store with self-contained flat above

Bryer, Trevor Hall Road, Garth, Wrexham P/2019/0779 PENDING

There were no objections to the application.

10. Correspondence

One Voice Wales

Training – Creating a Community Plan - 30th October in Gresford

Training – Community Engagement Part 11 – 12th November in Mold

Community Asset Transfer Research

Local Government Democracy: Workshop invitation

Planning Consultations

OVW & VE DAY 75

Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting – September 2019

Everyday Ageism Campaign – Older People's Commissioner for Wales

State of the Nation report on the International Day of Older Persons

Welsh Government Guidance re duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Wrexham County Borough Council

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Help spread this message to people who don't use the internet: Beware of this scam

Wrexham Town Public Protection Order (PSPO)

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Draft Annual Report 2020/21

Ken Skates AM

E-newsletter 11/10/19

E-newsletter 25/10/19

Welsh Government

Securing Biodiversity Enhancements

SLCC

News Bulletin – General Election Special

North Wales Police

Remembrance Sunday - Parade

Play Wales

Project Play – new autumn campaign launched

Play Wales e-bulletin November 2019

Responding to Planning Applications training

Ysgol Y Garth

Thank you letter for donation

Arts Council for Wales

Christmas shows from Night Out

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

11. Footpaths & Roadways

Nothing to report.

12. Parking on A539 Llangollen Road

Five residents had replied to the letter that the Council had sent out on 2nd October 2019 and Councillors had received copies of the letters. Three residents of the area in question were at the meeting and presented their views to Councillors.

The parking issues were discussed and it was proposed that parking restrictions were imposed between April and September from Monday to Friday during the hours of 8am to 6pm. It was decided to request that WCBC carried out a formal consultation with residents regarding the proposed restrictions, so that the views of residents could be established and considered. Councillors would revisit the issue once the consultation was completed and residents had been given the opportunity to reply.

13. Projects 2019/2020

Possible community use of part of the school field in Froncysyllte was discussed. Cllr Roberts informed Councillors that the school had decided which part of the field it would like to retain and was willing to pass responsibility for the remaining part to the Community. If the Community Council decided to take this on it would have to pay for a fence to separate the areas (estimated cost of £2,300 not including installation), and also provide new goals for the School area (estimated cost £500). In addition the Council would have to meet the cost of regular grass-cutting and public liability insurance. Cllr Roberts hoped to have final figures in time for the next meeting, and asked if leasing the field several times a year for events would be a more cost effective way to achieve community use.

Following a discussion it was decided to arrange a Public Meeting early in the New Year in Fron to outline the two options and the associated costs to residents, and ask for their views before a decision was made.

14. Meetings / Training

Cllr. Playford had provided a report following his attendance at the One Voice Wales' Conference and AGM on Saturday 5th October 2019.

Cllr. Sinclair reported on the site meeting which had taken place between a number of Councillors and Ken Skates AM in Fron on 11th October. He informed Councillors that the Assembly Member was looking into changing the timing on the crossing on the A5, and that there had been an objection to the introduction of a 40 mph buffer zone on the A5 in Fron. It was decided to ask local schools to write to the NWTRA voicing their support for the introduction of the 40mph zone.

15. Playgrounds

P Green had completed more work at the playgrounds and Allan Forrest of WCBC was working on the removal of the gate and reinstating the fence from the tea-rooms carpark to the playground.

The Clerk was waiting for confirmation from WCBC regarding the installation of a gate at the George Avenue playground.

16. Remembrance Day Wreaths

It was decided that the Chairman would lay a wreath at the memorial in Garth and Cllr. Keith Sinclair would lay a wreath at the memorial in Froncysyllte on behalf of the Community Council.

17. Finance**25/19**

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

Authorised payments:

P Ankers	102237	£300.00
P Green	102238	£880.00
WCBC	102239	£296.81
OVW	102240	£40.00
SLCC	102241	£156.00
R Playford	102242	£84.60
D Jarvis	102243	£22.50
J Evans	102244	£240.91
D Jarvis	102245	NJC
J Evans	102246	NJC
NEST	DD	£26.62
Total		£3,428.05

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 Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Tuesday 3rd December 2019.