

**Llangollen Rural Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Garth & Trevor Community Centre**  
**On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

26/19

**Present**

Cllr. Mrs Sue Kempster  
Cllr. Anthony Roberts  
Cllr. Steve Edwards  
Cllr. Keith Sinclair

Cllr. Mrs D J Evans  
Cllr. Darrell Wright  
Cllr. Steve Jones  
Cllr. Rod Playford

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs S Kempster

Clerk: Andrea Evans

**1. Apologies**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Elfed Morris (previous engagement).

**2. Minutes of the last council 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.

**3. Declarations of interest**

None received.

**4. PCSO's report on police matters**

PCSO Abigail Land was unable to attend so her report was read out by the Clerk. Between 5<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 the following were reported:

*Two reports of ASB* – one report of boy racers causing a nuisance and one report of youths throwing stones at passing cars;

*Two reports of burglary (dwelling)* – unknown offenders gained entry into property via rear patio doors and stole items from within. One has been arrested for these offences and has been released under investigation.

**5. Community Agent's report**

The Community Agent is continuing to support one referral and he is supporting the Over 50's group. He has met with other Community Agents and is hoping to develop new projects in 2020. As only 8 photographs have been received for the proposed calendar it was decided that it was not viable to produce a calendar.

**6. Co-option of a candidate to fill an existing vacancy**

Two applications had been received for the office of Councillor and the Clerk read out both application letters. Following a discussion it was decided to co-opt Mr Philip G Jones from Froncysyllte to fill the vacancy of Councillor. The Clerk would thank the unsuccessful applicant for the interest they had shown in the vacancy.

**7. Update from the Clerk on the work log**

The Clerk provided an update on the work log and this was discussed.

*Parking issues at the Fron Basin and the Trevor Basin* - a public consultation would be carried out in December to obtain the views of residents on the introduction of parking restrictions.

*Dog fouling on the old railway line*- the County Councillor would email the relevant department in WCBC to ask for the enforcement officer to visit the area.

*Cars parked on the A539 Llangollen Road near to the old post office* - a public consultation would be carried out in December to obtain the views of residents on the introduction of parking restrictions.

*J C Edwards wall and pillars site* – an application has been submitted to Cadwyn Clwyd for funding for a feasibility study.

*New notice boards for Garth* – the supplier would like to meet to establish the siting of the boards before providing a quote. The Clerk would ask Cllr Morris to meet with the supplier.

*Work requested to replace a stile on the footpath near Garth playground* – WCBC will replace the stile with a pedestrian gate.

*Ask WCBC for the road sweeper to visit Trevor and also for weeds in the kerbstones to be removed* – the Clerk has emailed WCBC.

*Installation of a lockable gate at the George Avenue playground* – the Clerk is waiting for a reply from WCBC.

*Purchase of 2 speed signs and 2 extra lockable mounting posts* – the Clerk is obtaining costings.

*Public meeting to discuss the possible use of part of the school field* – meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11.00am in Froncysyllte Community Centre.

*Possible Cycle Track on the old railway line from Trevor to Llangollen* – an application has been submitted to Cadwyn Clwyd for funding for a feasibility study.

## **8. Planning applications**

**P/2019/0848** - Application for tree works to trees subject to tree preservation order WCBC No.127. 3 no. Yew tree (G1) – reduce lower third of crowns by 1.5 - 2 metres to produce an elliptical crown shape and reduce overhang onto footway.

**Trees within grass verge outside no's 4 – 8 Ffordd Llidiart, Froncysyllte.**

**P/2019/0862** – Application for temporary planning permission for the installation of a totem artwork structure

**Trevor Basin Visitor Centre car park, Off Tower Hill, Trevor, Wrexham**

There were no objections to the applications.

## **9. Correspondence update from the Clerk**

### **One Voice Wales**

Larger Councils Minutes

Bus Pass Renewal Programme

Reporting on Section 6 – The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

### **Wrexham County Borough Council**

Shaping the Future of Wrexham Library Service

Precept Tax base 2019/20

Help spread this message to people who don't use the internet: Monthly garden waste collections in winter  
Community Agent Working Group

### **Welsh Government**

Gwlad: Future Wales Festival

Welsh Government consultation: A More Equal Wales – Commencing the Socio-economic Duty

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019

### **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Have your say

### **Menter Iaith Flint and Wrexham**

Annual General Meeting

### **Denbighshire County Council**

Volunteer Program

### **Wrexham Area Civic Society**

In focus magazine – Issue 49 – autumn 2019

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

Regarding the letter from WCBC, 'Shaping the Future of Wrexham Library Service', and its request for an expression of interest from the Community Council in funding the library service, the Clerk would ask for local usage figures for the mobile library service.

**10. A report from Cllr. R Playford regarding progress on the Biodiversity and Resilience report.**

Cllr. Playford presented his completed report on Biodiversity and Resilience, and its contents were discussed. It was decided that the report would be published on the council website, and the Chairman thanked Cllr. Playford for producing the report.

**11. Councillors' reports on meetings attended.**

Cllr Playford had attended the AONB Annual Workshop in Ruthin and reported on the initiatives that were discussed, including some potential funding sources.

Cllr Sinclair had attended the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019. He reported that it was agreed to donate £100 to the Aqueduct Community Association to support the Pensioners Christmas Party, and £100 each to Garth and Froncysyllte schools to support 'needy' pupils.

**12. Update on the playgrounds' work list.**

The Clerk reported that the gate at Woodland Grove was to be painted and some work was still outstanding on the rubber matting under some of the play equipment.

**13. Financial update from the Clerk and authorised payments as on the Clerk's report.**

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

**Authorised payments:**

P Ankers	102247	£200.00
One Voice Wales	102248	£40.00
R Playford	102249	£19.45
WTE Printers	102250	£532.00
S Davies	102251	£100.00
J Evans	102252	£229.67
Seion Chapel	102253	£200.00
St Davids Church	102254	£250.00
Capel Y Croes	102255	£250.00
D Jarvis	102256	NJC
J Evans	102257	NJC
HMRC	102258	£637.44
P Green	102259	£320.00
NEST	DD	£26.62

**Total** **£4,072.19**

The projects fund and the historical split of project money between Trevor, Garth and Froncysyllte was discussed. It was decided that the projects fund should be one fund for the benefit of all residents, with projects prioritised. In addition, the contribution of £1700 from WCBC's Under the Arches event would be added to the project fund.

Following examination of the accounts it was decided to transfer £5,000 from reserves to the Playground account.

**14. Approval of the proposed budget and the precept amount for 2020/21.**

The proposed precept budget for 2020/21 was distributed. This had been discussed at the Finance meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019, where it was decided to present it for approval to the full Council. The Finance

Committee also recommended that the Clerk's salary increased to point 26 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, in line with current guidelines. It was decided that the Clerk's salary should be increased to point 26 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

The proposed budget for 2020/2021 is £57,990 compared to £56,090 in 2019/2020. This would equate to a Community Council charge at Band D of £67.51 compared to £64.84 in 2019/2020. The Special Lighting charge is added to the Band D charge.

Following a discussion it was decided to adopt the proposed budget and communicate this to WCBC.

**15. Items for the next agenda.**

VE Day 75 - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Residents request for an AstroTurf pitch in George Avenue playground, Trevor.

Nominate a Llantysilio Community Councillor onto the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities.

Discuss bringing unoccupied properties back into use. (Defer to March agenda)

**Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7.00pm at Froncysyllte Community Centre**