Cyngor Cymuned **Carreghofa** Community Council

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL RATIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 26th MARCH**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024

at Llanymynech Village Hall

(February meeting moved from 27th February 2024)

Present:

Cllr R Dover (Chairman)

Cllr C Savage

Cllr. I Done

Cllr J Fynes

Cllr C Hall

Cllr. F James

Cllr C Jones

Cllr I Parry

In attendance:

Mr M. Donkin: Clerk to the Council

County Cllr Arwel Jones

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| **1.Apologies for absence**    None |
| **2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**  None |
| **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024**  The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Cllr Fynes, seconded by Cllr James and approved unanimously. |
| **4. Matters arising from the minutes**  The Clerk reported that he had received expressions of thanks for donations made to Llanymynech Community Café and the Welsh Air Ambulance Charity. |
| **5 Finance**  5.1. Current position  The Clerk reported that the Council’s accounts as at Thursday 29th February 2024 were as follows: -  Deposit account: £ 14474.63  Current account: £ 751.66  Pension account £ 74.23  5.2. Appointment of Internal Auditor  The Clerk said that the Council has for many years used JDH Business Services as its internal  auditor. We have always received a satisfactory service and he recommended that JDH be invited to act of internal auditor for 2024 / 25. This was agreed.  5.3. Approval of Payments  No payments were recorded in the papers for the meeting. However, the Clerk tabled three invoices received that evening for a total of £72 being rent for the room for the Council’s meeting at Llanymynech Village Hall for 26th November 2023 and 30th January and 5th March 2024.  These were agreed. |
| **6. Planning**  There were no planning applications for consideration. |
| **7 Other matters**  7.1 Montgomery Canal Development Project  7.1.1. Update  The Chairman drew attention to the BBC’s Countryfile programme broadcast on Sunday 3rd March which featured the Montgomery Canal Restoration project.  He further said that the works on Carreghofa Bridge were scheduled to begin in August but, as yet, no application for Planning permission has been made. County Cllr Arwel Jones confirmed that no planning applications for any of the major works associated with the project had yet been submitted.  The Chairman said that a planning site visit for county councillors and members of the Canal and Rivers Trust would be made on Thursday 14th March and that he had given permission for a coach to use the Walls Bridge car park.  7.1.2. Community Space.  The Chairman said that he had received confirmation from Katie Woodroffe of the Canal and Rivers Trust that the memorial trees would shortly be transplanted into the community space. She had included photographs showing the proposed siting of the trees. He has contacted Mrs Claire Backshall to see if she is happy with the proposed location of the tree planted in memory of her father, the late Cllr Chris Backshall. When he had received her answer, he would circulate the information to all councillors.  7.2. Carreghofa Primary School project.  The Chairman reported that at the last meeting of the Governors of Carreghofa Primary School it had been confirmed that ‘Keep Wales Tidy’ had reconsidered its position and concluded that the school project did meet its criteria. It had, therefore, approved funding.  7. 3. Social Media Activity  Cllr Parry said that most of the activity on the Council’s Facebook page had been around the 30mph speed limit on the B4398 beyond Carreghofa Primary School. He had tested the suggestion that a community speed camera group be set up but there was little interest and nobody willing to volunteer to be part of the scheme.  The question of when minutes can be displayed was raised as often matters had progressed by the time the minutes had been approved by Council. The Clerk said that minutes can be displayed as soon as he distributes them, but it must be made clear that these are in draft form until approved by Council at its next meeting.  Cllr Savage asked if items went on both the Council’s website and Facebook page. Cllr Parry said that this was usually the case but, through an oversight, it did not happen with the notice for the last meeting.  7.4. Cross Border Rugby  The Clerk reported that Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council had forwarded a communication form Tom Symons of Communications UK as follows: -   * *We are working with England Women's rugby, the Red Roses, and in the build-up to the women's Six Nations in March we have conceptualised an idea provisionally named 'one game, two countries'.* * *With the town of Llanymynech living on the Anglo-Welsh border, we are keen to explore the feasibility of setting up a small-sided rugby game played across the border featuring professional players from the English and Welsh squads.* * *The idea is to capture some great content for national and regional media coverage.*   Llanymynech and Pant PC do not have facilities but suggested that the Carreghofa Football Field might be a venue. The Clerk said that he understood that a site which actually straddles the border was what is required and that he had been told that the company is talking to the Golf Club.  It was felt that the Golf Club might not want a rugby match played on its greens.  Cllr Hall said that open space on the Tanat Holiday Park actually straddles the border. She would forward details to the Clerk.  Cllr Parry suggested that half the match could be played on the Carreghofa Football field and the other half on the field at the Village Hall. The match would then have been played in both countries.  The Clerk was asked to forward these suggestions to Mr Symons.  **ACTION: Clerk**  Following the meeting Cllr Hall sent the photograph below showing where the border crosses the Holiday park.    7.5. Green Gen Vyrnwy Frankton Connection Application  Council noted the response to the scoping exercise made by Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council. The Chairman explained that the scoping exercise was undertaken so that the company could get an initial response before going to official consultation. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the company wanted to judge the issues that would be raised from a consultation so that they would be prepared to answer objections. The Chairman pointed out that this was why Carreghofa had decided that, at this point, it would not make a submission but would wait for the formal consultation process. It was agreed that the submission made by Llanymynech and Pant PC was very useful and that it would be supported by Carreghofa Community Council at the appropriate time. The Clerk was asked to convey thanks to Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council for sharing their response with us.  **ACTION: Clerk**  County Cllr Arwel Jones further informed Council that that a motion is being put to Powys County Council that the entire line should be underground.  7.6. National Forest of Wales Grants  Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting on grants from the National Forest of Wales to develop small areas of forested land. The Community Council does not have any assets as regards property but it was noted that individuals can apply for grants. It was, therefore, decided that the information would be displayed on the Council’s social media sites.  **ACTION: Cllr Parry** |
| **8 Amenities**  8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field  Once again, the Chairman reported that there has still been no response from the Football Club. He also said that the football club had reduced its use at present to protect the playing surface. This item will now be taken off the agenda.  Cllr Done said that the replacement springs for the ‘Helicopter’ in Walls Bridge playground would be fitted in the next two weeks.  **ACTION: Cllr Done**  8.2. Olive Nial’s Memorial Bench  Council noted the email from Mrs C. Backshall with a photograph showing damage to the bench.  Cllr Done said that he would go and inspect the damage and, if possible, effect repairs.  **ACTION: Cllr Done** |
| **9. Highways and Byways**   * 1. Verges and potholes   County Cllr Arwel Jones reported that following his visit to Carreghofa with the new Highways manager, he had sent a number of ‘follow-up’ emails but, to date, nothing had been done.  Cllr Fynes said that a new pothole has appeared on Carreghofa Lane. This is a large pothole and, because of the increased heavy traffic from vehicles carrying silage the problem was worsening as time passed without any action being taken. He felt that this could become dangerous and result in substantial damage to vehicles. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would raise these matters again.  The Chairman said that the area of the Dolphin Car Park belonging to the public house had now been resurfaced. It was felt that this gave greater emphasis on the need for the County Council owned area to be similarly resurfaced.  The Clerk asked if any progress had been made re signage for the public part of the Dolphin Car Park. County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to follow up on all the above points.  **ACTION County Cllr Arwel Jones**  9.2. Flooding  Council noted the communication from two residents of Tan-y-Foel regarding flooding onto Chapel Lane. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would visit the site and assess the problem.  Cllr James said that a drain on the Offa’s Dyke path is now completely blocked with the result that the lane is now flooded.  Cllr Done reported that water from a manhole at the junction of Orchard Green and Maes y Brllan had run into neighbouring gardens. He felt that there is a blockage in a drain somewhere in the vicinity of the manhole. He asked if Powys County Council or Severn Trent Water is responsible.  **ACTION County Cllr Arwel Jones** |
| **10 To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**  10.1. Burial Board  Council noted the new charges to be levied by the Burial Board. It was generally felt that these were reasonable compared with other nearby cemeteries.  10.2. Powys C. C. and Town and Community Councils meeting  Cllr Hall reported on a meeting held in the last week. The main issue was a change on the Welsh Government recycling laws. She said that she would circulate the minutes as soon as they were received.  10.3. Village Hall  Cllr Jones reminded members that the AGM would be held in April and that the Village Hall Committee is looking for new members.  10.4 CHC meeting  Nothing to report. |
| **11. Correspondence**  11.1 Correspondence for Decision  There was no correspondence for decision  11.2. Correspondence to note.  Council noted the correspondence sent out by the Clerk since the last meeting and itemised in the papers for the meeting.   | **From** | **Date** | **Subject** | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | Craig Williams MP | 5th February | E newsletter | | Older People’s Commissioner for Wales via OVW | 5th February | Report - Access denied – Older people's experiences of digital exclusion in Wales | | Powys Citizens’ Advice | 6th February | Survey | | One Voice Wales | 6th February | Buglife Cymru | | Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service | 6th February | Calon Tan magazine | | Powys County Council & Powys Teaching Health Board | 6th February | Together we can shape the future – Welshpool and Montgomery workshop | | County Cllr Arwel Jones | 7th February | Actions from meeting on 30th January | | Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service | 9th February | Defibrillators installed at fire stations | | Russell George MS | 9th February | February newsletter | | Hafren Dyfrdwy | 15th February | Dilys Roadshow | | Powys Teaching Health Board | 15th February | New EMRTS poster | | One Voice Wales | 15th February | Update from the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee on the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS Cymru) | | Play Wales | 15th February | February e bulletin | | One Voice Wales | 15th February | One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2024 | | Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council | 19th February | Agenda and papers for meeting of 24th February | | Canal & Rivers Trust | 22nd February | Montgomery canal on BBC Countryfile | | Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council |  | Green Gen Vyrnwy Frankton Connection Application Llanymynech & Pant PC Response | | One Voice Wales | 22nd February | Joint event with Planning Aid Wales | | Play Wales | 22nd February | **Response to Consultation on the professional registration of playworkers** | |
| **12 Any other business**  12.1. The Clerk informed Council that an email had been sent by St. John’s Ambulance Brigade to the email address of the late Chris Backshall warning that the defibrillator batteries may need renewing. The Clerk was asked to contact the sender and ask St. John’s Ambulance Brigade to visit and assess the state of the defibrillator.  **ACTION: Clerk**  12.2 Cllr Jones has received a complaint that a resident had been drenched with water when passing the car wash on the corner of the A483 and B4398. It was noted that the proprietors are usually very careful but asked the Clerk to send a letter apprising them of the matter.  **ACTION: Clerk**  12.3. Cllr James asked about progress with planters. Cllr Done said that he had identified two locations. He would bring a proposal to the next meeting.  12.4. Cllr James raised the issue of the Council flying a ‘Flag for Peace’ for the celebrations on the the anniversary of the D. Day. The Clerk pointed out that the Council does not have a flagpole and if the Council wishes to proceed, a pole would have to be purchased and a site found for it.  This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.  12.5. Cllr Savage expressed interest in attending the webinar being held by One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales. The Clerk pointed out that there are two places available to all town and community councils and if anyone else wished to attend they should let him know. |
| **13 Date of Next meeting**  Tuesday 26th March at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.  In view of this Council agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall  **ACTION: All to note.** |

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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