

# Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016  
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Thornycroft (Chair)

Cllr C Backshall,

Cllr M Connell

Cllr F James

Cllr C Jones

Cllr B Richardson

In attendance:

Mr M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

Shan Mayor for Item 10.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Borthwick - work

Cllr R McCluskey - work

## 2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:

None

## 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. Matters arising from the minutes

### 4.1. Pedestrian Crossing at Llanymynech

The Clerk reported that the landlord of the Bradford Arms had not yet sent the petition and therefore no supporting letter from the Council had been sent. Cllr Backshall felt that the petition would now have been sent and he undertook to check with the landlord to ascertain whether or not it had been sent. He will then contact the clerk who will write on behalf of the Council.

**Action: Cllr Backshall and Clerk**

### 4.2. Planting at Pen-y-Foel car park

Cllr Backshall said that no planting had been done because of the bad weather conditions. He recommended that weeds are kept down and bulbs put in during August, after which the soil can be turfed or seeded. This was agreed.

### 4.3. Cars for Sale at Pen-y-Foel car park

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had produced copies of a letter which would be put on offending vehicles. He has a stock of these letters and will deal with situations as they arise. Cllr Jones believes that a local car sales company is placing the vehicles on the site and at on the roadside near the junction of the A483 and B4939. She felt that the double yellow lines should be extended by another 4 - 5 metres toward the Dolphin Inn. The Clerk

said that, given the response from the Council regarding the double yellow lines at the school, this was unlikely.

**Action: Chairman**

#### 4.4. Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk confirmed that an application had been submitted and acknowledged. We await further information from the organising body.

### 5. **Local delivery of services**

The Chairman confirmed that a hard copy of the letter to Powys County Council stating the Council's decision to choose Option 1 had now been sent. The County Council is still writing to Cllr Buckingham as contact for the NE Montgomeryshire Group expecting that she will speak for all the community councils in the group despite the fact that each one has chosen Option 1.

He felt that there was much to be gained by maintaining contact with the other councils in the group as an information exchange and in agreeing minimum standards of service with the County Council. Additionally the Boundary Commission is likely to recommend that existing community councils combine and the NE Montgomeryshire group may well be merged in the future.

The Chairman said that councillors will have seen the draft charter and specification that Cllr Buckingham had sent and asked for the Council's view on the approach to be taken.

Cllr Connell said that it is vital to liaise with other community councils. The whole group can then hold Powys County Council to account for any lapse in quality of service or failure to maintain services.

Cllr Backshall said that any reorganisation would be six years away but we should liaise with other councils in fact finding and sharing information.

Cllr Richardson agreed and felt that it is good for public relations to keep in touch.

The Chairman said that he would write to Cllr Buckingham expressing the Council's wish to maintain links and organise a joint meeting with the County Council.

**Action: Chairman**

### 6. **Powys Local Development Plan**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the original Development Plan had been rejected by the Welsh Government and consequently a new draft had been produced. Carreghofa Community Council had made three main comments which were:-

- The amount of planned affordable housing was inadequate. The proposal was for an increase of 10% but figures had been rounded down rather than up.
- Developers should be advised where sites for planned development were not on mains drainage.
- More car parks were needed.

Of these three, the first two had been accepted and incorporated into the new draft plan. Any further comments can only be made on the 'focussed changes'; new items will not be considered.

The Council was in agreement that no further comment would be made but asked the Clerk to contact the County Council to inform them that the LDP had been considered and that we would not be commenting further.

**Action: Clerk**

## **7. Finance Report**

### 7.1. Financial Position

The financial position set out in the papers for the meeting was noted.

### 7.2. Third Quarter Statement

Approval was asked for payment for the items listed in the papers. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Backshall and passed unanimously.

### 7.3. Maintenance Contracts

The Clerk reported that, following a meeting with Cllr Backshall, tenders had been sent out to four companies. No quotes had been received to date.

**Action: Clerk**

## **8. Reports from Committees and Working Groups**

### 8.1. Amenity

An e-mail had been received from Michael Limbrey regarding an initiative to promote the restoration of the Montgomery Canal in Wales, linked to plans to finish the restoration to Llanymynech. The intention is to seek funds from the Welsh Government. Cllr Backshall said that opening the canal in Llanymynech would bring benefits to the area and Council agreed to send a letter of support to Mr. Limbrey before the deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Action: Clerk**

### 8.2. Border Working Group

The Chairman pointed out that the work in Phase 2 has now been completed. Phase 3 had to be cancelled because we could not get permission to erect the dragon statue.

As far as Phase 1 is concerned, Powys County Council had agreed to carry out the work and one telegraph pole had now been removed and a new sign erected, although this had not been repositioned in the site where the dragon statue would have been had Phase 3 gone ahead. Neither had the 30 mph sign been moved.

Nonetheless, he felt that it was now time to wind up the group. Cllr Backshall agreed; he felt that we could cope with the planting issues that remain on the site.

Council agreed to wind up the working group and the Chairman thanked all those who had been involved in the project.

### 8.3. Highways and Byways

The Chairman drew attention to the list of issues in the minutes which had been forwarded to County Councillor Arwel Jones and his reply giving progress to date, which had been

circulated. In the absence of Cllr Arwel Jones no further action was possible. Cllr Jones drew attention to damage to the road surface within the 20 mph zone by the school opposite the entrance to Haycocks. There is a 3 inch wide groove.

Cllr Connell said there were now 6 street lamps out between the Dolphin Inn and the Galliers' site.

The Clerk will raise these concerns with County Councillor Arwel Jones

**Action: Clerk**

#### 8.4. Web site

No change

### **9. Planning**

Application Ref: **P/2016/0154**

Grid Ref: 325355.66/320281.27 for Erection of a free range egg production unit including silos, access road, provision of 2 passing bays and all associated works at Land at Clawdd Coch Carreghofa Llanymynech Powys

Council considered the application and noted that the development is defined as Free range under EU rules and qualifies under the RSPCA 'Freedom Food' scheme. Cllr Thornycroft said that the development will keep a family on land that would otherwise be unviable. Cllr Jones asked about access to the site. Cllr Thornycroft said that he understood that the track would be widened and two laybys created. However, this is a matter for the Highways Authority.

Council decided to raise no objection to the planning application and the Clerk will inform the Planning Authority.

**Action: Clerk**

### **10. Other matters**

#### 10.1. North Powys Cycle Track

Shan Mayor, Project Lead attended for this item. She explained that the proposal is to develop a cycle network in North Montgomeryshire using old railway lines, back roads, footpaths and forestry routes. It is envisaged that the scheme will also benefit walkers and riders.

The aim of the project are:-

- To provide safe cycling opportunities for local people enabling them to cycle to work, school etc. and to access local amenities in other communities.
- To further the development of tourism and provide the potential to regenerate the area.
- To improve the quality of life for local people.

A steering group has been formed and Cllrs Jones and James represent Carreghofa Community Council on it.

Mrs Mayor said that the Welsh Government has passed the 'Active Travel Act' and is committed to developing walking and cycling to local amenities.

As part of the bid to obtain funding for the project under the ARWAIN initiative, each community would be asked to complete a large scale map marking key amenities such as schools, shops, libraries and places of interest together with routes that could form part of the network. Cllr Jones has the map for Carreghofa and she and Cllr James agreed to meet to complete the map.

The group must make a full application for funding by the end of March and completed maps and letters of support from community councils are needed before this deadline.

Cllr Backshall said that many of the old railway tracks in Llansanffraid and to the east have disappeared but there is a canal system with towpaths which could be incorporated into the scheme.

It was agreed that:-

- Carreghofa should be completed by 10<sup>th</sup> March  
**Action: Cllr Jones, Cllr James**
- The Council should send a letter of support to Shan Mayor  
**Action: Clerk**
- Cllrs Jones and James would continue to represent the Council.  
**Action: Cllr Jones, Cllr James**

#### 10.2. Walls Bridge Play Area development

In the absence of Cllr McCluskey, Cllr Connell reported that they had had discussion with Ray Parry who had been given a hard copy of the RoSPA Report. His company has already begun making repairs and has suggested a number of items that could be purchased to improve the facilities at the playground. A flyer showing the items was passed round. Cllr Connell said that all items would cost in the region of £4,000 - £5,000 each. He and Cllr McCluskey were recommending three new items viz:-

- A seesaw
- An oyster roundabout
- A climbing stack

Lottery funding would be sought and Council asked Cllrs McCluskey and Connell to start working on the process.

**Action: Cllrs McCluskey & Connell**

#### 10.3. PAVO Play Pledge

Cllr Jones has looked at the PAVO web-site and felt that there may be funding available through ARWAIN.

#### 10.4 HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

The Clerk confirmed that the Council has been registered with the scheme. Cllr Backshall said that he needed to contact the secretary of the Golf Club.

## **Cllrs Backshall**

### 10.5. Defibrillator

Cllr Backshall distributed certificates to those councillors who had completed the Defibrillator training. He said that the bucket collection at the training session had raised £47.35 and a letter of thanks and receipt had been received from the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

Cllr Backshall further said that the certificates had come to him on a memory stick and his daughter had kindly printed them off on good quality card. He asked that a letter of thanks be sent to her and this was agreed.

#### **Action: Clerk**

He said that he had not as yet agreed with Cllr Borthwick about the maintenance programme for the defibrillator but would do so as soon as possible

#### **Action: Cllr Backshall**

### **11. To receive reports on meeting from outside bodies.**

No meetings of any of the outside bodies reporting from which the Council receives reports (Burial Board; Montgomeryshire Council Forum; National Grid; One Voice Wales; Llanymynech Village Hall) have been held since the last meeting of the Council.

### **12. Correspondence.**

The Clerk said that there was no correspondence for decision.

Council noted the correspondence sent out by the Clerk since the last meeting and itemised in the papers for the meeting.

### **13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will take place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** at Llanymynech Village Hall. The Clerk pointed out that this was immediately following the Easter Bank Holiday and asked councillors to let him know as early as possible if they were likely to be absent, in order that a quorate meeting can be held.

#### **Action: All to note.**

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_