

# Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Thornycroft (Chair)

Cllr M Connell

Cllr C Jones

In attendance:

Mr M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

County Cllr Arwel Jones

One member of the general public

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr F James (Vice Chair)

Cllr D Borthwick

Cllr R McCluskey

Cllr B Richardson

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

None

## 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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

## 4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. (ref: Min 4.1) Cllr Connell said that the memorial plaque for Cllr Chris Backshall has now been permanently fixed by the tree planted in his memory at Walls Bridge.

4.2. (ref Min: 4.2) The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from the Canal & Rivers Trust.

4.3. (ref: Min 4.3) The Clerk reported that he had received no response from Fischer German re his letter about the Severn Trent works at Walls Bridge.

4.4. (ref: Min 7.2) The clerk reported that no further approach had been made by Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council re a joint meeting.

## 5. Finance Report

### 5.1. Financial Position

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

### 5.2. End of Year Financial Statement

The End of Year Statement submitted with the papers was adopted. Proposer: Cllr Connell, seconder: Cllr Jones. Passed unanimously

### 5.4 Approval of Payments

Council approved the following payments:-

**Council is asked to approve the following payment:-**

- Greenfingers Ltd - £129.30 - grounds maintenance March 2017
- Clerk - £23.40 travel to Welshpool 29<sup>th</sup> March – to deliver election papers / 19<sup>th</sup> April meeting with Powys C. C. payroll team
- SLCC - £78 Membership for 2017 / 2018

**6 Other matters**

**6.1. Local Election Update**

The Chairman said that there were three matters to be borne in mind:-

1. This was the last meeting of the old council and he would be writing to those councillors who have not sought re-election to thank them for their service to the community. He stressed that he wished to thank all councillors for the time and commitment that they have given over the time that the current council has been in existence. He felt that the community should be grateful for the huge effort that councillors make on their behalf and, as Chairman, he is very grateful for the support that he has received from his fellow councillors.
2. Secondly he wished to address the short term situation. The current council would cease to exist on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and the new council would come into being. He reported that seven people had been properly nominated and, there being 8 seats on the Council, the election had been uncontested. The new Council has the power to co-opt an 8<sup>th</sup> member.
3. In the longer term 3 of the current councillors will be stepping down and, again, the Chairman encouraged all members to do what they could to encourage others to offer themselves for service as councillors. He pointed out that if seats remained vacant there was a danger that meetings could be inquorate and the effectiveness of the Council put at risk.

**ACTION: All councillors to try and find others willing to stand in the future**

**6.2. Waste Collections.**

The Chairman said that the County Council has announced its intention to reduce waste collections to 4 days per week. Black bags will still be collected every 3 weeks and recycling every week but, he noted, that bins must be placed outside no later than 6.30am in the morning. He felt that the change was a fait accompli but wondered whether the Council wished to make a response to Powys County Council.

Cllr Connell said that people would have to put their bins out the night before collection and this would lead to an increase in vermin particularly in those places where rubbish is in not in a wheelie bin. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that it is, in fact, illegal to place bins out on the night before collection and Cllr Connell felt that this would place an unfair burden on older people

It was agreed that there was no point in the Council opposing the new collection arrangements but that we should make representations about the early start and the potential problem of increased levels of vermin.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**6.3. Channel 4 TV programme – Village of the Year**

The Chairman reported that an approach had been made by Channel 4 TV re villages in Powys taking part in the competition. Emphasis would be placed on the history and culture

and the number of community events as well as the look of the village. He pointed out that we had done very well in the CPRW Best Kept Village competition and felt that we had a good story to tell. However, the deadline for this year is very tight and he felt that if we did participate it should be done in tandem with Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council. Cllr Jones thought it would be good to enter; Cllr Connell agreed but felt that, given the short timescale, we should work up an entry for 2018 and put the item on the agenda of the next joint meeting with Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council. This was agreed.

## **7 To receive reports from Committees and Working groups**

### 7.1. Amenity

Cllr Connell said that he had approached Powys County Council about signs re dog fouling. They have no objection to the Council putting up signs but do not now have signs. He had sourced a supply of signs and would get some. The Clerk said that if there is an expense it should be approved by Council but Cllr Connell indicated that there would be no charge to the Council.

**ACTION; Cllr Connell**

### 7.2. Highways and Byways

#### 7.2.1. Pedestrian Crossing

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Russell George AM and to Go Safe Wales asking for their assistance in the Council's endeavours to get a Pelican Crossing installed. Subsequent to the meeting a reply was received from Go Safe Wales; they have passed the matter on to the Safety Camera Enforcement Unit Coordinator for North Wales Police,

7.2.2. Concern was raised that many of the verges were exceedingly overgrown. These are the responsibility of Powys County Council. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he had asked a question about hedge trimming in respect of Four Crosses and had been told that the County has not yet begun the work and there was no definitive date for starting. The Clerk asked whether Carreghofa Community Council could offer to take this work from Powys County Council. He thought that there should be some transfer of funds from P.C.C. to Carreghofa and it is likely that Greenfingers could absorb the work at little additional cost.

Cllr Connell said that both Walls Bridge and the Football field were in need of cutting.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Greenfingers re urgent attention to Walls Bridge and the Football field and that he should write to Paul Griffith at P.C.C. to explore the possibility of Carreghofa Community Council taking on the cutting of the verges within its area. The Clerk was asked to produce a copy of the existing contract with Greenfingers for the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

7.2.3. The Clerk reported that Cllr James had pointed out that the curb stone at the car park at the end of Pen-y-Foel has been damaged again. She felt that it may be better to re-design the entrance rather than keep on effecting repairs. The Chairman and Mrs Cavill (member of the public present and councillor elect in the new council) agreed that they would assess the problem and report back to the next meeting.

**ACTION: Chairman and Cllr Elect Cavill**

## **8 To receive reports of meetings from outside bodies**

### 8.1. Burial Board

There has been no meeting of the Burial Board

### 8.2. Montgomery Council Forum

<p>The last meeting was cancelled and no new date has been set.</p> <p><u>8.3. Village Hall</u> Councillor Jones said that a questionnaire was available at the village hall for users to say what improvements they would like. Once this had been analysed a bid for funding will be made to the Community Benefit Fund.</p>
<p><b>9 Correspondence.</b></p> <p><u>9.1. Correspondence for decision</u> There was no correspondence for decision</p> <p><u>9.2. Correspondence to note.</u> Council noted the correspondence sent out by the Clerk since the last meeting and itemised in the papers for the meeting.</p>
<p><b>10. Next Meeting</b> The next meeting of the Council will take place on <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm</b> at Llanymynech Village Hall. This will be the AGM and will be immediately followed by the May Council meeting. <b>Action: All to note. (Note: There will be no meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May)</b></p>

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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

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

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

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