

# Cyngor Cymuned **Carreghofa** Community Council

Joint Meeting of Carreghofa Community Council and Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
at 7.00pm  
at Llanymynech Village Hall

## **MINUTES**

Present: Cllr M Connell - Chair, Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr D Gaskill - Chair, Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Cllr D Cavill - Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr F James - Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr C Jones - Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr P McConville - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Cllr P Roberts - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Cllr J Smith - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Cllr D Thornycroft - Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr M Vickers - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council

In attendance: Mrs V Byrne - Clerk: Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Mr M Donkin - Clerk: Carreghofa Community Council

### **Introductions and Apologies**

Councillors introduced themselves.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr D Borthick - Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr R McCluskey - Carreghofa Community Council  
Cllr Adam Brown, - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Cllr Ian Pollitt - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Cllr Barry Robinson - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council

### **3 Pedestrian Crossing**

Cllr Gaskill referred to a recent accident on the crossing and said that Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council is still committed to replacing the crossing with a safer alternative. Mr Donkin then read a letter (reproduced below) from Ken Skates, Cabinet secretary for Economy and Infrastructure at the Welsh Government to County Councillor Arwel Jones in response to Carreghofa's representations.

Dear Arwel

Thank you for your email of 25 May regarding the A483 at Llanymynech.

I am sorry to hear of the recent incident in the village. I have passed this information to my officials to be taken into account when considering the need for further safety measures at this location, as part of our next Speed Limit Review this summer.

A pedestrian crossing assessment was undertaken at this location recently. It established the need to upgrade the existing crossing from a Zebra crossing to a full Puffin control crossing in its current location as the existing position appears to best serve pedestrians. Work to upgrade the crossing is programmed for this financial year 2017/18.

The upgrade to the crossing is intended to improve driver compliance of stopping for pedestrians. However, as you are aware, driver behaviour is ultimately a matter for the police. Therefore, as with previous concerns, we will also inform Dyfed-Powys Police about this recent incident for their consideration.

I am unable to collect the petition in person. However, I would be grateful if it could be sent to Transport Official, Richard Morgan, Head of Planning, Network Management Division, Transport, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ or via email to [Richard.Morgan2@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK](mailto:Richard.Morgan2@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK).

The petition will be logged and considered as part of this summer's review.

Yours sincerely



**Ken Skates AC/AM**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi a'r Seilwaith  
Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure

The fact that a light controlled Puffin Crossing is to be installed was welcomed and it was agreed that if work had not started by the end of the year further representations would be made to ensure that the promise of completion within the current financial year is met. Cllr Gaskill felt that, in addition to the new crossing, warning signs should be erected to warn drivers of the change well in advance if their approach to the crossing. She also felt that a traffic assessment of the cross roads junction should be undertaken. This was agreed.

**ACTION: Clerk of CCC to write to Ken Skates asking for a traffic assessment**

**4. Works on the A483**

Cllr Gaskill said that there was much concern about the amount of traffic diverted through the villages as a result of the roadworks and the disruption caused by the road closures. She urged people to write to their MPs. She also reported that she was aware that there will be more wind farm traffic between 18<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> December although Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council had received no notice of this. Cllr Connell said that at least the work was being done overnight although this did cause disruption when work overran and the road was not opened early in the

morning. It was felt that a letter to Kiers should be sent outlining the concerns of the two councils. Cllr Gaskill said that she would send Mr Donkin details of contacts for Kiers

**Cllr Gaskill already emailed details.**

**Clerk CCC to write to Kiers**

### **5 Lion Hotel**

Mrs Byrne reported that a proposal has been made to convert the Lion Hotel, a Grade 2 listed building into two flats. The frontage would be retained but some add on buildings at the rear would be demolished. Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council will consider the planning application at its next meeting but the idea found general favour as the present building is in a dilapidated condition and does nothing to enhance the ambience of the village.

### **6. Scottish Power pole in the burial ground.**

Cllr Gaskill reported on the issue of moving the Scottish Power pole in the burial ground to another site to increase the space available for graves. Unfortunately one local resident has consistently refused to sign the wayleaves document. She had required that trees be pruned before signing but these are not the responsibility of the Burial Board. A deadline for signing of 13<sup>th</sup> July had passed, the resident now claiming that she is waiting for an operation for cataracts and, until this is done, cannot see to read Scottish power is now in the process of refunding £7000 to the Parish Council.

### **7. Channel Four – Best kept Village of the Year**

Cllr James said that she had been approached by Channel Four Television with a view to Llanymynech taking part in the competition. The deadline was too close for entry this year and it was felt that if we enter it should be a joint project for 2018. Cllr Gaskill said that if the criteria were right this would be suitable as a joint project for both councils.

### **8. Beacon of Light – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The Clerk for CCC reported that he had had an invitation from Bruno Peake, Pageantmaster informing us that beacons will be lit across the country on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to celebrate the end of the First World War and inviting councils to take part. He further said that in the past Cllr Backshall had been the main mover in this respect. He recommended that it should now become a joint venture between the two councils but said that there would be some expense in purchasing a new beacon since the old one constructed by Cllr Backshall was no longer available.. Cllr Gaskill agreed that it could be a joint venture but said that the project needs selling to the public.

**ACTION: Clerk to make an expression of interest to the Pageantmaster.**

### **9. Tirgwynt Wing Farm – Community Benefit Fund**

Cllr Connell, who is Hon Treasurer of the fund reported that it had received £61500 to be spent over a period of 5 years. The trustees have decided to allocate amounts on an annual basis rather than spend the whole amount in the first year.

A total of £10700 had been allocated to applicants for the year 2017 / 2018. In Carreghofa £700 had been given to the school towards the cost of a mobile hoist to be used for disabled pupils on school outings.

### **10. Exchange of information**

It was agreed that the two councils would actively exchange relevant information and send each other copies of agendas and minutes. The tradition of meeting twice per year would be re-established and Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council would host the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerks**

### **Date of next meeting**

A meeting will be arranged for February 2018.

LPCC will issue an invitation to the next one in due course.