

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghafa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2015
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Thornycroft (Chair)
Cllr. F. James, (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. C Backshall,
Cllr D. Borthwick
Cllr. M Clare
Cllr. C Jones
Cllr B Richardson
Cllr A Jones – County Councillor
Mr M. Connell – additional co-opted member

In attendance: Mr. M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1 Cllr. R McCluskey - on holiday	Apologies for Absence:
2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None. The Clerk was asked to prepare a register of interests to be held by the Council ACTION: Clerk	
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2015: The minutes were accepted as a correct record, Proposed Cllr Backshall, seconded Cllr Richardson and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.	
4. Matters arising from the minutes that are not on the agenda: 4.1. <u>Purchase of Defibrillator</u> Cllr Backshall has heard nothing further from the West Midlands Ambulance Service. He has been away and will now follow up on the commissioning of the defibrillator. ACTION: Cllr Backshall 4.2. <u>Ambulance Services</u> The clerk reported that he has received no response from the CEO of the Welsh Ambulance Service 4.3. <u>Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales</u> The clerk reported that no one had sent any comments to be offered to the consultation on designated landscapes.	
5. To receive reports from Committees and Working Groups: 5.1. <u>Amenity</u> 5.1.1 Litter on the football field Cllr Backshall said that he had not had time to assess the repairs needed to fencing etc. at the football field as he had been on holiday. He undertook to do so and will report to the next meeting of Council. No list of fixtures had been received from Cllr McCluskey. ACTION: Cllr Backshall to provide list of repairs needed Cllr McCluskey to obtain list of fixtures and circulate to councillors	

5.2. Border Area Working Group.

The written report was noted. Cllr Arwel Jones advised that the Council should allow a three month period for the minister's officials to contact us re the implementation of Phase 3 of the project.

5.3. Highways and Byways

No action has been taken by Powys C C re highway signs, the finger post or the broken grit bin on Pen-y-Foel.

Action: Cllr Arwel Jones to follow up these matters.

Cllr Backshall asked whether Powys C C were going to attend to the grass verges. Cllr Arwel Jones said that the work was in progress. A work team was currently in Four Crosses and would then move to Carreghofa.

5.4 Web-site

Cllr Clare said that he had missed the publication date for the Llanymynech June Parish Magazine but that an article on the web-site would appear in the July edition. He hoped that this would stimulate local organisations to submit material for the web-site.

6. Finance Report

The Finance Report was received.

The Clerk said that a full statement for the first quarter of the year would be available at the next meeting.

Council agreed to pay £636.26, the renewal premium for insurance to Zurich Insurance.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Application (No. P/2015/0380 - The erection of a two storey side extension to the existing dwelling at 10, Orchard Green, Llanymynech.

The Clerk's letter to the Planning Authority was noted. The Clerk said that he had received no response from the Planners.

7.2. Land at Wern

Cllr Clare said that he had been contacted by a resident about land opposite Thorncliffe Terrace, The Wern. This had been designated as gardens in Powys Local Development Plan Sites Register. The resident complained that a large shed has been erected and the site is in an unsightly condition. Cllr Clare was unsure whether planning permission had been applied for in relation to this building. He had brought the matter to the attention of the Clerk who confirmed that he had referred it to the Planning department and they have said that they will investigate further.

8. Other Matters

8.1. Local Delivery of Services

Cllr Backshall reported that he and Cllr Jones had attended a meeting of the proposed Llanfyllin cluster on 11th May. Llanfyllin Town Council now require councils to commit to the cluster by the end of this month. The view of councillors was that we cannot commit at this juncture but would wish to keep open the option to join with the cluster at some stage. There is still the option of a rural cluster but progress on this is at an early stage and some councillors felt that Carreghofa should consider proceeding independently

A letter had been received from Frances Buckingham, representing the rural cluster. She attached a service audit and asked that this be returned by 19th June after which another meeting would be

arranged. It was agreed that it would be useful to complete the audit and Cllrs Backshall, Jones, Borthwick together with Mr Connell were delegated to form a Devolution Sub-Group to undertake the task and send the finished audit to the Clerk who would first circulate it to the rest of the Council for comments and then sent it to Mrs Buckingham.

ACTION: Cllrs Backshall, Jones, Borthwick and Mr M Connell to complete the audit and forward to the Clerk

ACTION: Clerk to circulate to the rest of the Council and following receipt of comments send on to Frances Buckingham.

It was felt that there was still no financial information and Cllr Backshall said that a representative from Powys C C should be asked to attend the next rural cluster meeting. Information is needed on what service the County Council currently provides to Carreghofa.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Strategic Director (Resources) and ask for a response by 10th June

9. To receive reports from meetings from outside bodies.

No meetings of the Burial Board, Montgomery Council Forum, One Voice Wales or the Village Hall Committee had been held.

9.3 National Grid

Cllr Clare informed Council that the appeal on the planning decision re windfarms had been upheld by the inspector and, planning permission for a wind farm and access works at Garreg Lwyd, near Newtown had been granted.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence for Decision

10.1.1 Consultation on Public Transport in Powys.

Councillors had received notice from the Clerk of a consultation exercise being undertaken by Powys C C on bus services. Two options being put forward to reduce the cost of public transport by £500,000. Both options will mean a reduction in the number of bus services on offer in the county but aim to sustain key routes and ensure residents get the most equitable service from the budget available. The current budget of £2.3m has been reduced to £1.8m as part of the council's savings programme. Currently there are 29 bus routes operating in Powys and 27 of them are subsidised by the county council. Only two are run by commercial bus companies.

The County Council also supports 19 community transport schemes.

The Council was concerned at any reduction in public transport but felt that rural communities must be protected. The Council therefore agreed that it should recommend Option 2.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council.

10.2. Correspondence to note.

10.2.1 Council noted the correspondence listed in the papers for the meeting.

10.2.2 Cllr Jones said that she has received a letter from Llanymynech Youth Club, thanking the Council for its generous donation.

11. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 30th June 2015 at Llanymynech Village Hall, 7.00pm.
(Papers and reports for the meeting to the Clerk by 23rd June please)
ACTION: All to note

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____