

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2018
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr R McCluskey (in the Chair)

Cllr C. Backshall

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr. F. James,

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Mr. M Donkin - Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr M. Connell

Cllr R Dover

Cllr C Jones

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

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2018

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk will send out a note to councillors asking them to agree to their data being held on the Council's database. Those present gave verbal agreement

ACTION: Clerk

4.2. Future Fit consultation

In the absence of the Chairman this item was held over until the next meeting.

5. Finance Report

5.1. Council noted the financial position as set out in the papers for the meeting.

5.2. Council authorised the items for payment as set out in the papers for the meeting and further authorised an invoice, presented at the meeting, of £20 to Llanymynech Village Hall for hire of the meeting room.

6 Planning

There were no applications to consider

7 Other matters

7.1. LDP consultation

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting and the Clerk distributed a note supplied by Cllr Dover who could not be present.

Cllr McCluskey pointed out that the consultation will run from 11th July until 21st August. He felt that there were two ways forward; either a small group be set up to consider a response or councillors could respond individually.

He expressed concern as to how local people could make their voices heard. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that one could give people the opportunity to respond but it was difficult to raise awareness.

The Clerk said that beyond placing something in the Parish Magazine, submitting something to the local press and putting information on notice boards there was little that could be done.

Cllr Backshall asked how many households there were in the community (about 300) and suggested a leaflet drop. She expressed a willingness to deliver leaflets. The Clerk said that a postal campaign would cost in the region of £150 and that the Council has the resources to do this.

Cllr McCluskey asked if anyone was willing to put the leaflet together. Cllr Backshall said that she would do so but would require help.

Cllr McCluskey said that the focus of the response must be the impact of the LDP on the local community and urged all councillors to do what they could to raise awareness locally.

It was agreed that a small group would be set up and the following volunteered to take part:-

- Cllr McCluskey
- Cllr Cavill
- Cllr Morris

It was further agreed that any councillors absent at the meeting who would like to be part of the group would be welcome to join. The first meeting will be held at The Hollies, Llanymynech (opposite the Lion Hotel) on Monday 9th July at 7.00pm. The Clerk will apprise all councillors of this information.

ACTION: Clerk

7.2. Contract with Greenfingers Limited

Council noted the report by the Chairman in the papers for the meeting. There was general dissatisfaction with the current level of service and the Clerk pointed out that there have been at least three changes of manager over the period of the contract. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that other councils are also expressing dissatisfaction and there is clearly a need for stability in the company.

Cllr McCluskey said that the first step should be to arrange a meeting with the new manager and it was felt that the Chairman would wish to be present. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Greenfingers to arrange a meeting at a date convenient to the Chairman and would then advise councillors of the agreed date. Those who could attend would then be welcome to do so.

ACTION: Clerk

7.3. Montgomeryshire Village Award

Cllr James informed Council that the response to the Clerk's letter had been that Judges have already visited the communities taking part and will be visiting again in July when they will want to meet with local councils and other organisations. The judges would contact the Council to arrange a date. Councillors felt that this was an unsatisfactory response as they had hoped to have had longer notice of a meeting and have it arranged on a day when the judges could meet with the greatest number of local groups.

Cllr James further informed the meeting that the Awards Presentation would be on Friday 21st September at Welshpool Livestock Market at 6.00pm.

7.4. Future Fit Consultation

Concern was expressed in a similar vein to that regarding the LDP consultation i.e. how local people can make a valid contribution to the consultation. Cllr Morris suggested that information on the Future Fit consultation should be included in the leaflet to be sent out about the LDP. County Cllr Arwel Jones produced some flyers and posters and councillors felt that the flyer could easily be included with the LDP leaflet. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would ask Powys County Council if they can supply a quantity of leaflets and volunteered to pick them up from County Hall within a week if he got a positive response.

ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones

Cllr Morris asked if the Council's corporate response had been submitted. The Clerk drew attention to the matter arising in this respect and will check with the Chairman on his return from holiday.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Amenities

8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

This is a standard item on the agenda but there were no matters to consider at this meeting.

8.2. Notice Board at the Post Office

The Clerk reported that the new noticeboard has been delivered to his home. He said that it is too large to be transported in his car and alternative transport will have to be arranged when the noticeboard is installed. Cllr Cavill suggested that a local handyman be employed to transport and install the noticeboard.

It was agreed that this course be followed and the Clerk will arrange a suitable time with the owners of the Village Shop and then put the work in hand. Cllr James provided a copy of the Parish magazine which has advertisements for handymen in it.

ACTION: Clerk

8.3. Land at Cae Haidd

County Cllr Arwel Jones drew attention to an e-mail (in the papers for the meeting) that he had received from Glynn Davies M.P.'s secretary referring to land on Cae Haidd where there are gas tanks. This land has been maintained by a resident who is now too frail to continue. The Clerk said that this was not part of Greenfingers' current contract but the Council could take this land into the contract if it wished.

Note subsequent to the meeting: The responsibility for maintaining this land is that of the company that owns the gas tanks and I set out below a letter that I sent when the matter of the maintenance of this land was last discussed by Council in 2014

*The Manager
Propane Gas Storage Installations
Avanti Gas Ltd
PO Box 1100
Chesterfield
S44 5YQ*

19th December 2104

Dear Sir / Madam,

***Re: Below Ground Propane Gas Storage Installation.
Cae Haidd, Llanymynech, Powys. SY22 6FA***

At a recent meeting the Council was concerned to note the untidy state of this site following the work which was undertaken to deal with a landslip. At an inspection of the site it was found that the whole area is now covered with dying back long grass.

This Council, together with Powys County Council, maintains the grass cover on public open space and on the roadside verges within the Community. All other grass cover should be maintained by the property owners and, in this connection, I am asking you, on behalf of the Council, to take measures to tidy up the site and introduce routine grass maintenance on your Gas Storage Site.

The Council employs contractors to undertake the maintenance of the open spaces for which it is responsible and, if you would prefer, we could ask our contractors to undertake the task for you for an appropriate fee. If you are interested in this option please let me know and I will arrange for our contractors to give you a quote for the work.

Yours faithfully,

*Michael Donkin
Clerk*

No response to this letter was ever received although the site was cleared up at the time.
M. Donkin. Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1. Pedestrian Crossing

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. The Highways Agency has asked Siemans, who maintain the lights, to lengthen the extension time on the crossing. Councillors were asked to check that the improvements have been made.

ACTION: All

9.2. Road Repairs.

Council noted the letter Council in the papers for the meeting sent by the Chairman to Powys County Council. It was noted that the leak outside the Bengal Restaurant has now been repaired

9.3. Potholes

The potholes on Carreghofa Lane have been filled in. However, those on Pen-y-Foel still require attention.

9.4. Carreghofa Way

Cllr James reported that she had got a copy of the map of the Carreghofa Way from former Chairman, Martin Clare. She had not been able to agree a date when all of those interested in walking the path could get together. She distributed copies of the map to those present and will endeavour to arrange a suitable date for the walk.

ACTION: Cllr James

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1. Burial Board

The Board has not met since the last meeting of the Council

10.2. Montgomery Council Forum

The Clerk notified Council that the next meeting of the Forum is on 15th July at Machynlleth.

10.3. Village Hall

In the absence of Cllr Jones no report was available

10.4. Montytrax

Cllr James informed Council that the second Mountain Bike Challenge would be held on Saturday 14th July

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

There was no correspondence for decision

11.2. Correspondence to note.

11.2.1. The Clerk provided copies of an e-mail received from the Welsh Government promoting a workshop of 17th July 10.00am – 3.00pm on the delivery of local well-being plans. Council noted the correspondence.

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

12 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

ACTION: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____