

# Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M Connell (Chairman)

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr R Dover

Cllr F James

Cllr C Jones

Cllr R McCluskey

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Mr M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

## **1. Apologies for absence**

None – all present

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

None

## **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

## **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

4.1. Dog fouling notices are now in place

4.2. Law Commission report

The Chairman confirmed that he had responded as agreed at the last meeting

4.3. Crime and poor performance in waste services

The Chairman confirmed that he had responded as agreed at the last meeting

## **5. Finance Report**

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

Council authorised, proposed by Cllr Cavill, seconded by Cllr Dover and agreed unanimously, the items for payment as set out in the papers for the meeting and further agreed a payment to Greenfingers of £333.00 to Greenfingers for work done on the football field, the invoice having been received after the papers for the meeting had been sent out.

## **6 Planning**

Application Ref: **P/2018/0171**

Grid Ref: 326254.34/321545.77 for House: Demolition of part of dwelling / outhouse and erection of an extension at Burnt House Llanymynech Powys

Council noted the advice given by the Clerk in the papers for the meeting and agreed to support the application

**ACTION: Clerk to respond**

The Chairman referred to the planning application Ref: **P/2018/0127** which had been sent out by the Clerk and where the closing date for comments was before the meeting. He noted that this was a retrospective application but felt that the building would be an improvement to the site.

## **7 Other matters**

### 7.1. Vacancy on Council

The Chairman said that the statutory Notice of Vacancy had been displayed with no result. Subsequently a Notice of Intention to Co-opt had been displayed for the requisite period, ending 25<sup>th</sup> February, again with no result. He urged all councillors to encourage eligible people to put themselves forward for membership of the Council. Cllr Jones said that she had spoken to a resident who was interested but had young children so did not think that she could commit to the role. The Clerk reminded Council that it can agreed a determination to subsidise child care to allow attendance at meetings.

It was suggested that an approach be made to Claire Backshall, and Cllr Jones said she would speak to Claire.

### **ACTION: All**

### 7.2. Data Protection

Council noted the report forwarded by the Clerk. He said that it was a long and complex paper. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that Powys County Council would be issuing advice but it was noted that this had been the position at the last meeting. He undertook to follow up and report back when such advice would be available.

The Chairman said that the deadline for compliance was May but that the Council needs to take action to be ready in good time.

### **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**

### 7.3..Best Kept Village in Montgomeryshire

Cllrs James and Jones had attended the launch on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and reported back on the event. Representatives of fifteen villages attended but there could be more taking part in the competition. Cllr James said that the CPRW is changing its approach this year and rather than looking for a picturesque village will be concentrating on community spirit. The award will, therefore, be called the Montgomeryshire Village Award rather than the Best Kept Village Award. The emphasis will be on a community for all ages and the questions that the judges will ask is “would I like to live in this village” Cllr James pointed out that this year is the ‘Year of European Heritage’ and the competition will have a cultural slant.

Other areas to be looked at will be:-

- The digital side e.g. effectiveness of web-sites
- Wild life friendly environment
- Cleanliness particularly in relation to plastics. In this respect litter picks will need to be organised.
- Involvement of schools
- Facilities for the elderly

The timetable is as follows:-

- Application form to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Submissions to be with CPRW by 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Judging will take place during June and July

The judges are expected to make several visits to the village and will talk to various organisations and individuals.

Cllr Jones has not yet had a conversation with the Youth Club regarding their being involved in a tidying up operation in return for a donation to their funds. She will take this up with the new Youth Club leaders.

Cllr James reported that Jill Kibble of CPRW is keen to undertake a joint venture in the community and suggested that a fund-raising activity involving Iolo Williams could be arranged with proceeds being shared between the Council and CPRW.

It was agreed that Cllr James would chair the sub-committee drawing up the application and she would call a meeting of members.

**ACTION: Cllr James to Chair sub-committee and coordinate the Council's application  
Cllr Jones to liaise with Youth Club**

#### 7.4.. Planning Workshop Report

The Clerk pointed out that the Council had asked for this item to be kept on the agenda. There was no further comment at this stage.

#### 7.5. MontytraX

Cllr Jones reported on progress to date. Two further events are being organised to raise funds; they are a Twmpath and Promises Auction on 17<sup>th</sup> March and a repeat of the Mountain Bike Challenge on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 7.6. Vyrnwy Valley Marketing Association

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman felt that this may not have an impact on Carreghofa as we are on the very edge of the area delineated by the association and there was not much commercial accommodation in the village. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that we are over 20 miles from Lake Vyrnwy and that anyone wishing to holiday around the Lake would be unlikely to stay in Llanymynech. Cllr Jones felt that it depended on the type of accommodation being sought. She recalled a group visiting the area which had 'camped' in the Village Hall which has kitchen and shower facilities.

Cllr James suggested that a representative of the group be invited to attend a Council meeting to explain the Association's remit and what advantages there may be in the Council becoming a member.

**ACTION: Clerk to invite a representative to attend a meeting.**

### **8. Amenities**

#### 8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

Council noted that the work on the edge of the football field has been done. However, the Clerk pointed out that the Council has not yet received a quote for the repair of the fencing. Apparently the Greenfingers Manager is waiting for an opinion from their landscaping expert.

The Chairman reported that the map at Walls Bridge has now disappeared and he wondered if the Canal and Rivers Trust had removed it for repair and re-instatement.

The Chairman also reported that the plaque in memory of Cllr Backshall has been replaced and Cllr Backshall's daughter, Claire Backshall had seen it and was pleased that it had been re-instated.

**ACTION: Clerk to communicate with the Canal and Rivers Trust re the map at Walls Bridge**

## 8.2. The Canal

Cllr Jones reported that the canal at Carreghofa Bridge has been cleared of rubbish. Cllr Cavill thought that angling rights have been granted to an unnamed organisation along the canal. She thought that this might have a positive effect in keeping the canal side clean and tidy. She undertook to investigate further to find out who holds the rights.

**ACTION: Cllr Cavill**

Cllr McCluskey felt that it would be useful if the Council could meet with a representative of the Canal and Rivers Trust to discuss issues concerning the canal and surrounding environment.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 8.3. Social Media Group

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr McCluskey has sent details of the group and he will follow the matter up.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 8.4. Car Park behind the Dolphin Inn

County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he has spoken to Dean Evans at Powys County Council who will check the County's records to confirm which body has responsibility for this area.

**ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones**

## **9. Highways and Byways**

### 9.1. Pedestrian Crossing

County Councillor Arwel Jones said that he had e-mailed Andrew Jones of the Highways Agency but had not yet received a reply. The Landlord of the Bradford Arms who has been petitioning for a crossing has been assured that the work will be completed by the end of March.

### 9.2. Potholes etc.

County Councillor Arwel Jones said that he has been assured by Dean Evans that the potholes will be dealt with within the next two weeks.

### 9.3. Pen-y-Foel

Cllr James said that the street light on Pen-y-Foel was still not working. County Cllr Arwel Jones noted the number of the lamp (PYF02) and agreed to follow this matter up. Cllr James also pointed out that the verges still need cutting back.

**ACTION: County Councillor Arwel Jones**

### 9.4. Illegal parking at Pen-y-Foel car park

Cllr Cavill reported that a car with flat tyres and no road tax or MOT had been dumped on the Pen-y-Foel car park. She had followed this up and reported it to the police who will contact the owner and insist on its removal. However, no action has taken place to date and Council asked the Clerk to contact the police officially on behalf of the Council.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**

### 10.1. Burial Board

Council noted the report of the Burial Board meeting in the papers for the meeting

### 10.2. Montgomery Council Forum

There has been no meeting since the last meeting of the Council

### 10.3. Village Hall

There has been no meeting since the last meeting of the Council

<p><b>11. Correspondence</b> <u>11.1 Correspondence for Decision</u> A letter had been received from Kidney Wales inviting organisations to take part in a walk to raise funds. Cllr Jones took the literature for this and said that she would pass it to the local walking group. <b>ACTION: Cllr Jones</b></p> <p><u>11.2. 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>12 Date of Next meeting</b> Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall Joint Meeting with Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.45pm at the Village Hall <b>ACTION: All to note.</b></p>

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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

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

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

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