

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2018
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M Connell (Chairman)

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr R Dover

Cllr F James

Cllr R McCluskey

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

Mr M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Jones

County Cllr Arwel Jones

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

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2018

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. Vyrnwy Valley Marketing association

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Blacker has been invited to address the Council and he will attend at the next meeting.

4.2. Kidney Wales Walk for Life

The Clerk reported that Cllr Jones had brought the above event to the attention of the walking club but that there was no enthusiasm for taking up the project.

5. Finance Report

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

5.2. Payments to members of community and town councils

Council considered the determinations set out by the Independent Review Panel for Wales and made the following decisions:-

- Determination 44 - decline
- Determination 45 - accept in respect of the Data Protection regulations
- Determination 46 - accept
- Determination 47 - decline
- Determination 48 - accept
- Determination 49 - accept

- Determination 50 - accept
- Determination 51 - accept

5.3. The Clerk read out a letter from Llanymynech Good Companions asking the Council for financial support. He pointed out that in 2017 the Council had made a donation of £300. Council decided to ask for a copy of the Good Companions accounts for the past year and would then come to a decision at the next meeting.

5.4. Council authorised, proposed by Cllr Dover, seconded by Cllr McCluskey and agreed unanimously, the items for payment as set out in the papers for the meeting.

6 Planning

No new applications had been received. The Chairman referred to the Joint Meeting of Carreghofa Community Council and Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council on Thursday 22nd March and the decision arrived at to set up a joint planning group to look at major planning applications given that each County level authority had quotas for development which did not appear to take into account the fact that the village straddles the English / Welsh border. The Clerk was asked to apprise Powys County Council of this and to ask Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council to take similar action in respect of Shropshire County Council.

ACTION: Clerk

7 Other matters

7.1. Vacancy on Council

No prospective councillors have been identified. This item is to be kept on the agenda

ACTION: All

7.2. Data Protection

The Chairman noted with disappointment the decision by Powys County Council to issue no guidance to community and town councils. The Clerk said that although the new regulations were complex they would probably not have a huge effect on very small community councils where only a minimum of personal data was held. Nonetheless the Council does need to take some actions and these were listed in the papers for the meeting.

Cllr Cavill was suggested as the Data Protection Officer in the light of her expertise with web-sites and electronic communications. Cllr Cavill agreed that she would give thought to the possibility of taking on the role. The Clerk reminded Council that a decision must be made at the next meeting.

7.3..Montgomeryshire Village Award

Council noted the minutes of the sub group in the papers for the meeting. Cllr James confirmed that letters to organisations in the village had been done and were in the process of being delivered. Cllr Morris asked about a flyer to be inserted into the Parish Magazine. Cllr James said that this has not yet been done. She informed the meeting that a patron of the Llanymynech Amateur Drama Group (LADS) who is a voice coach at the R.S.C. has agreed to assist with the LADS participation in the project by writing a piece for the application.

Councillors were asked if any organisations had been missed off the list and the following were added:-

- Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust
- Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- The Village Shop

The next meeting of the group will be on 9th April.

ACTION: Sub group

7.4. Audit Office Survey

The Chairman reported that he had met with the Clerk and that they had completed the survey as far as it related to Carreghofa. The point of the survey was to look at the interaction between the County Council and community and town councils. In actuality it concentrated principally on the transfer of assets and the work of public service boards. The Chairman said that Carreghofa has not been involved in the transfer of assets due to lack of information from Powys County Councils and inadequate resources. The Public Service Board has had no impact on our community.

7.5. Report on Network Event : Pre-application Community Consultation

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting from Cllr Morris on the above event which she had attended.

8. Amenities

8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

Cllr Morris reported that the sign at walls Bridge has now completely rotted away The Chairman said that he would try to repair the sign as far as was possible. He drew attention to the fact that the gate has remained open and that he will now close it to avoid unwanted parking on the site.

ACTION: Cllr Connell

The clerk said that despite being assured from Mr Gilroy of Greenfingers that he would have a quote from him for the football field fencing in good time for the meeting, nothing had been forthcoming. Council asked the Clerk to write to Greenfingers to express their dissatisfaction. Cllr McCluskey undertook to advise the Football Club of the situation so that they understand that the Council is dealing with the issue.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr McCluskey

8.2. The Canal

Council noted the response from Duncan Davenport of the Canal and Rivers Trust as set out in the papers for the meeting. Cllr James said that while the community might work with the Canal and Rivers Trust on a one off project to tidy up the area we should not enter into a long term commitment. The Chairman agreed but thinks that this is what the Canal and Rivers Trust would like. In response to the point that when the holes in the hedges are stopped up children open them again he felt that the gaps should be closed with more robust materials. Cllr McCluskey pointed out that if a child gains access to the canal and is injured then the Trust would be liable.

Cllr James felt that the Trust might give a workshop to the Youth Club and suggested that the Council could pay for this.

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

ACTION: Clerk to draft a letter and circulate to Council prior to sending.

8.3. Social Media Group

The Clerk reported that he has joined the group in his own village but, having done so, can only access that village's web-page. He pointed out that the sites are specifically for individuals and if the Council wished to have a presence then a councillor should be nominated as the Council's

representative. Cllr McCluskey agreed that this web-site is for individuals and was of the opinion that the Council could not be a corporate presence on it. Individuals who have joined could advertise specific events if they wished.

Council agreed not to proceed further in this matter.

8.4. Car Park behind the Dolphin Inn

In the absence of County Cllr Arwel Jones this matter was held over until the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

8.5. Notice Board at the Post Office

Council noted the comments from the Clerk in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman undertook to ascertain the dimensions of the current notice board and inform the Clerk. Cllr Dover recommended a limit of £500 for a new notice board and this was agreed unanimously.

Tenders will be requested and it is hoped local firms / individuals will submit plans.

ACTION: Clerk to research companies and produce quotes

9. Highways and Byways

9.1. Pedestrian Crossing

The Chairman said that work was underway and should be completed by the end of the month with switch on the following week. He had examined the lights which appear to have cameras attached but is not sure whether these are to deter speeding motorists or to collect traffic data. He thought it is useful to find out the scope of the lights. The Clerk will contact the Highways Agency re this and will continue to follow up the possibility of erecting a radar speed sign.

ACTION: Clerk

9.2. Potholes etc.

In the absence of County Cllr Arwel Jones this matter was held over until the next meeting.

9.3. Pen-y-Foel

In the absence of County Cllr Arwel Jones this matter was held over until the next meeting.

ACTION: County Councillor Arwel Jones

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1. Burial Board

There has been no further progress with the light in the Burial ground.

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

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

There was no correspondence for decision

11.2. Correspondence to note.

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 24th April 2018 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall

ACTION: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____