

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2017
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr R McCluskey (in the Chair)

Cllr D Borthwick

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr F James

Cllr C Jones

Cllr D Thornycroft

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Mr M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr M Connell

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

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. (ref Min: 4.2.) The Clerk reported that since the notices banning dogs had been put up two complaints from residents had been received. The first from a resident who said that she always cleared up after her dog and the order penalised all dog owners; the second from a resident asking if a Public Spaces Protection Order had been gained prior to the Council's decision. The Clerk confirmed that Powys County Council had approved the signs being erected. Council was sympathetic to the views of responsible dog owners but felt that the notices must stay in force as the protection of children using the playground was paramount.

The Clerk further reported that the notices erected at the football ground had been removed by some person(s). Council decided to purchase more signs to replace those taken away. County Cllr Arwel Jones suggested that the new signs be firmly affixed to a strong post to discourage vandalism. Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would liaise with Cllr Connell on his return from holiday to ensure that signs were replaced.

ACTION: Clerk to purchase new signs

Cllr Arwel Jones to liaise with Cllr Connell

4.2. (ref: Min 6.3.) The Clerk confirmed that he has informed the organisers that this matter will be discussed with Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council

4.3. (ref: Min 7.3.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Canal and Rivers Trust re this matter. Cllr Arwel Jones said that children from Carreghofa Primary School had also written on the same matter.

4.4. (ref: Min 9.5) The Clerk reported that Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council has agreed to a joint meeting which will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th July, immediately prior to the

Council's July meeting. The following items were suggested for the agenda:-

- Pedestrian Crossing
- Beacon of Light
- Channel 4 TV Best village
- CPRW events
- Sharing information and joint working

The Clerk will confirm the meeting with Vivien Byrne, Clerk to Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council and ask for agenda items from them.

ACTION: Clerk

5. Finance Report

5.1. Financial Position

The financial position set out in the papers for the meeting was noted.

5.2. Approval of Payments

Council approved the following payments:-

- Llanymynech Village Hall - £48 – rent for meeting room

Council also noted the following payment via Standing order

- Greenfingers Ltd - £129.30 - grounds maintenance May 2017. Cllr McCluskey said that having looked at the grounds at Walls Bridge that Greenfingers was doing a good job.

6. Planning

Application Ref: P/2017/0674

Grid Ref: 326104.29/321341.81 for Full: Erection of replacement agricultural building at White I Llanymynech Powys

The Clerk reported that he had scrutinised the planning application and associated documents and could see no reason why the application should not be approved. Council decided to note the application but take no further action.

7 Other matters

7.1. Joint CPRW / CCC event

The Clerk reported that Jill Kibble of CPRW was unwell and unable to attend to discuss this matter. It was decided to leave it on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Jill Kibble to attend the next meeting.

7.2. Pedestrian Crossing

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. Cllr Arwel Jones reported that the Landlord of the Bradford Arms has raised a petition in respect of the crossing. Cllr Arwel Jones had written to Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure and had received the following reply:-

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.

The petition will be logged and considered as part of this summers review.

Yours sincerely



Ken Skates AC/AM

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

Council noted the response with pleasure. Cllr James felt that there should be a more frequent police presence in the village, particularly at times when there was high use at the crossing .

7.3. Montgomeryshire Broadband Summit

Council noted the invitation from Russell George AM to take part in the summit at Newtown on 17th July. Cllr Borthwick agreed to represent the Council at the summit.

ACTION: Cllr Borthwick to attend and report back.

7.4. MontytraX

Council noted the report from Shan Mayor in the papers for the meeting. Council felt that it was satisfied with the representation on MontytraX of Cllrs James and Jones and was not certain what benefit a further meeting would bring. Cllr Thornycroft felt that the organisers of MontytraX were asking for input and that Council should invite Ms Mayor to speak but that this should be left to the September meeting. Council agreed to this proposal.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Shan Mayor to the September Council meeting.

8. Amenities

8.1. Playground Inspection

The Clerk reported that the inspection was due to have taken place on 26th June. Unfortunately neither of the two councillors who had agreed to be present could attend. No other councillors were available to take their place so the inspection had, presumably gone ahead without Council input. The inspector had assured the Clerk that, in the absence of Council representation, the additional fee would not be charged.

8.2. Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance.

Council noted the views of the Chairman in the papers for the meeting. Cllr Thornycroft felt that a meeting with officers from Powys County Council was a little premature as the County Council does not yet have a worked out plan and there is no likelihood of learning anything more than was the case with last year's cluster meetings. He felt that the County Council will continue to press for the devolution of services and this will become a big issue for the Community Council over the next 12 – 18 months. Cllr Arwel Jones agreed; he said this will be back on the agenda once the County Council sets its budget for the next financial year.

Cllr Jones suggested that if the Community Council took on grounds maintenance the canal bridges should be included in the contract.

Cllr McCluskey supporting the views of Cllrs Thornycroft and Arwel Jones said that now is not the right time to set up a meeting but that we should “keep our fingers on the pulse”

9. Highways & Byways

Cllr James said that no action has yet been taken regarding water on the green road from Pen-y-Foel. Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to raise this again with Powys County Council.

ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones

10. To receive reports of meetings from outside bodies

10.1. Burial Board

No meeting has taken place

10.2. Montgomery Council Forum

The last meeting had clashed with the Council's own meeting and, therefore, there was no representation from Carreghofa Community Council

10.3. Village Hall

There was no report but Cllr Jones reported that a successful fund-raising event had raised a total of £847 for the Hall.

10.4. Heritage Partnership Group

Cllr Thornycroft reported that he had attended meeting of this group. Some 12 interested groups were represented and there were plans for a number of events promoting the heritage of the area over the next year. The Friends of the Canal and Waterways had a substantial amount of money and had plans to restore the Montgomery Canal. At present they are working on the School House Bridge at Pant. The Wildlife Trust is involved in clearing invasive shrubs and setting up colonies for rare butterflies. Cllr Thornycroft felt that it is right for the Community Council to be a member of the group.

The next meeting will not be until April 2018.

Cllr Thornycroft felt that the Council should link its web-site to the other groups involved in the Partnership to disseminate information. In this respect Cllr Cavill had agreed to take over the maintenance of the web-site.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Cavill

11 Correspondence.

11.1. Correspondence for decision

11.1.1. An e-mail had been received from Professor Harpwood of Powys Teaching Health Board and County Cllr Harris inviting councillors to join the launch of the joint health and care strategy at Llandrindod Wells on 5th July. Because of the short notice no one was available to attend.

11.1.2. A letter from CPRW was received soliciting donations for its campaign against the proliferation of wind farms. The request did not meet the Council's criteria for donations and was refused.

11.2. Correspondence to note.

11.2.1. The Clerk said that, in response to names submitted by councillors, he had written to 5 people inviting them to attend a meeting with a view to becoming a community councillor. He had 2 replies, both positive, but one could not attend this meeting and would attend in July and the other had not attended. In response to a name submitted by Cllr James, the Clerk said the person in question was not on the electoral register and, therefore, did not qualify.

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

11. Next Meeting

A Joint meeting of Carreghofa Community Council and Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 7.00pm** at Llanymynech Village Hall. The Council's own meeting will immediately follow the joint meeting.

Action: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____