

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2016
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr F James (in the Chair)
Cllr C Backshall,
Cllr D Borthwick
Cllr M Connell
Cllr B Richardson

In attendance:

Mr M Donkin – Clerk to the Council
County Cllr. A Jones

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Thornycroft (Chair) – on holiday
Cllr C Jones – on holiday
Cllr R McCluskey - on holiday

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

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. Pedestrian Crossing at Llanymynech

Cllr Backshall reported that he had spoken to the Landlord of the Bradford Arms who said that he was still endeavouring to collect together all the signature sheets of the petition. Once this is complete he will inform Cllr Backshall who will, in turn, contact the Clerk.

Action: Cllr Backshall and Clerk

4.2. Cars for Sale at Border Gateway

Cllr James said that there was nothing new to report There were no cars at present being offered for sale at the car park. She asked Cllr Arwel Jones if the County Council could take action against but he said that the County has no power to move vehicles; this is a matter for the Trunk Road Agent.

4.3. Local Delivery of Services

The Clerk confirmed that a letter has been sent to Cllr Frances Buckingham and we await details of a meeting between the 6 North Eastern Montgomeryshire Community Councils and Powys County Council.

4.4. Powys Local Development Plan.

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent saying that Carreghofa Community Council had no further comments to make on the Plan. Cllr Arwel Jones informed the meeting that no further action is likely before Christmas and Cllr James said that this could now be

removed from the Agenda until there are further developments.

4.5. Planning Application Ref: P/2016/0154

The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Authority had been told that Carreghofa Community Council had no objections to the scheme.

4.6. Defibrillator Maintenance

Cllr Backshall said that he had yet to meet with Cllr Borthwick and, in the meantime, he was carrying out monitoring until the maintenance programme is put in place. He said that an article in 'The Advertizer' had given the wrong location for the Defibrillator and undertook to contact the editor with a view to having the correct information published.

ACTION: Cllr Backshall

4.7. HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Cllr Backshall reported that the Golf Club is happy for the beacon to be sited on Llanymynech Hill in the same position as the 2012 Jubilee Beacon. Once detailed arrangements are in place he will contact the Golf Club again.

The official lighting time is given as 7.30pm on Thursday 21st April. Cllr Backshall felt that this was a little early as it will still be daylight at that time. However the Pageantmaster has indicated that there is some flexibility so Cllr Backshall will try to arrange for a later lighting time. He undertook to make the necessary preparations (obtaining the beacon, preparing fuel and transport to within 100 metres of the beacon site. He asked for assistance to carry the materials from his vehicle to the site and help in the construction. Cllrs Connell and James offered to help with this.

ACTION: Cllr Backshall with assistance from Cllrs Connell and James and any others who can be available.

Cllr Backshall also reported that two local ladies Mrs C. Savage and B. Rhodes are hoping to organise a street party as part of the celebrations of the official birthday in June. If this goes ahead registration must be made to Powys County Council by 29th April. Cllr Backshall will get further information and pass these to the Clerk who will register the event with the County Council.

ACTION: Cllr Backshall and Clerk

5. Reports from Committees and Working Groups

5.1. Amenity

The clerk confirmed that a letter of support for the Montgomery Canal Project had been sent to Mr M. Limbrey.

5.2. Border Gateway

Cllr Backshall said that he would endeavour to control the weeds at the site until it is time to plant bulbs and turf the area. It was confirmed that this will no longer be a routine item on the agenda.

5.3. Highways and Byways

5.3.1. Cllr Richardson reported that the potholes in Chapel Lane had been filled in and the road made good.

5.3.2. Cllr Borthwick said that cars are still being parked within 20 metres of the junction of the A483 and B4298. The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of the Police to these infringements.

ACTION: Clerk

5.3.3. Cllr James asked whether the road surface within the 20 mph zone by the school opposite the entrance to Haycocks is still damaged. Cllr Connell confirmed that this was still the case. It was felt that the damaged surface could present a hazard to cyclists as well as larger traffic. Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to raise this matter with Powys County Council.

5.3.4. Cllr James reported that heavy vehicles using Pen-y-Foel had driven onto the verges causing mud to be deposited in the middle of the road. Cllr Arwel Jones will also raise this matter with Powys County Council.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

5.3.5. Cllr Richardson referred to damage caused by heavy traffic to the drains and manhole covers on the A483 at Pant. He noted that some of these had now been marked with yellow paint and hoped that this was a preliminary to repair work being carried out.

5.3.6. Cllr Connell said that a meeting of the Ty Gwynt Wind Farm group would be held tomorrow (30th March) and that he would attend on behalf of the Council. The Clerk reported that a recent meeting of SLCC had raised concerns about the volume of heavy traffic and its effect on the environment. Cllr Arwel Jones said that the projected volume is 32 loads per day over 6 days per week; there will be no traffic on Sundays. Concern about heavy vehicles damaging bridges was expressed and Cllr Arwell Jones said that it is the developers' responsibility to check that the weight of their vehicles was safe for crossing bridges on the routes that they followed. Cllr Connell will bring up these issues at the meeting and report back to Council.

ACTION: Cllr Connell

6. Finance Report

6.1. Financial Position

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

6.2. Third Quarter Statement

Approval was asked for payment for the items listed in the papers. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Backshall, seconded by Cllr Borthwick and passed unanimously.

6.3. Maintenance Contracts

The Clerk reported that, of the four companies invited to tender for the work, only two had submitted quotes They were:-

- M.C.O. Ltd. at
£1551.60 + VAT
- David Morris at
£1800 (no indication as to whether this is inclusive or exclusive of VAT)

Because of the rapid growth of the grass, the Clerk had, following an e-mail correspondence with the Councillors, awarded the contract to M.C.O. Ltd.

Council formally approved the awarding of the tender to M.C.O. Ltd, Proposed by Cllr Borthwick, seconded by Cllr Connell and passed unanimously.

6.4. Appointment of Internal Auditors

Council agreed to appoint JDH Business services as its Internal Auditor for the next year. This was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Connell and passed unanimously. Council further agreed to accept the Audit Plan submitted by JDH. Proposed by Cllr Backshall, seconded by Cllr Borthwick and passed unanimously.

The clerk will communicate with JDH Business services

ACTION: Clerk

7. **Other matters**

7.1 Best Kept Village Competition

A letter (previously circulated) had been received stating that the judges will be touring the villages during May and June and asking for supporting information to be sent to BKV Montgomeryshire by Friday 29th April. The Clerk has asked for all submissions to be with him by Wednesday 20th April so that they can be collated into a pack and got to BKV Montgomeryshire by the deadline.

It was agreed that the map produced for the North Powys Cycle Track project should be used as a basis for annotating events and activities in the area. Cllr Backshall said that he would obtain a copy of the map when Cllr Jones returns from her holiday. A working party comprising Cllrs James, Borthwick and Backshall was set up. Its remit is to gather material for the pack and get it to the Clerk by 20th April. Cllr Richardson offered any help that was necessary. Other councillors who were absent from the meeting may join the group if they wish and should notify Cllr James of their interest.

ACTION: Working Party.

7.2. North Powys Cycle Track

Cllr James reported that the map for Carreghofa had been completed and submitted to the group. She said that Cllr Jones had attended the last meeting of the group. The proposal to apply for a feasibility study has now been written up and will be sent off by the end of March. It was decided, on cost grounds, not to utilise the old railway network but to concentrate on back lanes and footpaths.

7.3. Walls Bridge Play Area development

Cllr Connell reported that he had met with the School Council and the children had picked out the items that they would like to see at Walls Bridge. Sadly they were prohibitively expensive. Cllr Connell told the meeting that the maximum that could be sought from the Big Lottery Fund would be £5000 but that this is unlikely to be granted as the work is seen by them as an extension to an existing project rather than a new project.

He is now looking at other sources of funding. He said that the Clerk had sent him information from other companies where the play items were cheaper but the prices applied to delivery only and did not include assembly on site. He further informed the meeting that Ray Parry has replaced the missing elements identified in the RoSPA Report, free of charge.

Cllr Backshall said that, if attempts to get funding failed the Council could consider taking out a loan. This approach had been successfully tried in the past.

8. To receive reports on meeting from outside bodies.

No meetings of any of the outside bodies which report to the Council (Burial Board; Montgomeryshire Council Forum; National Grid; One Voice Wales; Llanymynech Village Hall) have been held since the last meeting of the Council.

Cllr Backshall said that the next meeting of the Burial Board, on Monday 11th April at 6.30pm. would be a joint meeting of both Councils. The main item would be to consider possible sites for a new burial ground. **All councillors are invited to attend this meeting.**

ACTION: All

9. Correspondence.

9.1. Correspondence for decision

9.1.1. An appeal for funding had been received from Macmillan Cancer Support in North Wales. Council concluded that although sympathetic to the request it did not meet the criteria set out in the Council's Financial Regulations and no award could be made.

The Clerk also tabled a request from 'Walk for Life' seeking funding and asking the Council to arrange a local event. Funding was refused on the grounds applicable to the Macmillan request. The Council regretted that it could not arrange a local event due to the short notice given. The events across Wales are due to be held on 24th April.

9.2. Correspondence to note.

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

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will take place on **Tuesday 26th April at 7.00pm** at Llanymynech Village Hall.

Action: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____