

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghafa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 31 May 2016
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr F James (Chair)
Cllr C Backshall
Cllr D Borthwick
Cllr M Connell
Cllr C Jones
Cllr R McCluskey
Cllr B Richardson

In attendance:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Thornycroft – 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 26th April 2016.

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. Defibrillator Maintenance

Cllr Backshall said that he will shortly be meeting with Cllr Borthwick and the matter should be dealt with in the near future

ACTION: Cllr Backshall

4.3. HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Cllr Backshall reported that it was with regret that he was not able, due to health problems, to complete the work on the beacon or install it on Llanymynech Hill. It was thought that as the main celebrations will be centred on the Village Hall the lack of the beacon would not be a problem and it was agreed that the Council will not go ahead with the beacon.

4.4. RoSPA Inspection

The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken with a representative of RoSPA and made them aware that the Council felt that an additional fee of £48 + VAT for a councillor to be present was not warranted. The organisation's response had been that if a Council representative is present they will have to make a special appointment and the visit will take more time. It was agreed that once a date for the inspection is known the clerk will circulate it to councillors who may attend if they wish.

ACTION: Clerk

5. Finance Report

5.1. Financial Position

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

5.2. Insurance

Council considered the different rates offered by Zurich Insurance for a one, three or five year agreement. Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council accept the five year option. This was seconded by Cllr Backshall and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk

5.3. Clerk's Salary

Council noted the rise in salary and arrears of pay as set out in the papers to the meeting.

5.4. Approval of Payments

Council noted the payments listed in the papers for the meeting. The Clerk also asked for approval for the purchase of a printer / scanner / copier as agreed in the budget. The cost at £59.99 was well within the budgeted figure.

Cllr Backshall proposed that the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Borthwick and agreed unanimously.

5.5. Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk reported that MCO Ltd had gone into liquidation and it has been taken over by Greenfingers; a national company on a franchise basis. The clerk with Cllr Backshall had met with Mr Graham Evans, Contract Manager on 24th May and walked around the village with him. He had agreed to continue to provide the contract on the terms accepted by MCO. Cllr Richardson said that the company should be asked to provide copies of its insurance documents. The Clerk will write to the company confirming the contract and asking for insurance details.

ACTION: Clerk

6. Reports from Committees and Working Groups

6.1. Amenity

6.1.1. Damage to sign at Walls Bridge

Cllr Backshall reported that the sign is too wide to fit on the gate and he proposed modifying the remaining post and remounting the sign there. This was agreed.

ACTION: Cllr Backshall

6.2. Highways and Byways

6.2.1. Meeting with the Under Secretary for Transport

Cllrs Backshall and Jones met with Andrew Jones MP, Owen Paterson MP and Russell George AM on 27th May to discuss the proposed Llanymynech & Pant by-pass. Cllr Backshall said that it had been a useful meeting with the prospect of a cross border approach to achieving our aims for a by-pass. Russell George had stressed the need to organise a forum for this and other cross border issues. Cllr Arwel Jones asked what had happened to the previous cross border committee. Cllr Jones said that it was still in existence. Cllr Backshall said that the work would be likely to start in 2020 but preliminary work would be got underway in the meantime.

6.2.2.

Cllr Arwel Jones said that he had reported the flooding on the track at the top of Pen-y-Foel to Ken Llewellyn at Powys County Council. He had visited the site at Carreghofa Farm and did not think that there was a problem although the trench that has been dug needs a cover. He had reported the potholes on the road by the Maes. Cllr Jones said that the potholes at the Dolphin car park were in need of attention.

ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones

6.2.3.

The e-mail correspondence from County Cllr Arwel Jones in the papers re Newbridge was noted. Cllr Arwel Jones asked if there were any questions. There were none. He said that he would continue to push for the work to be put on the list of projects but it was not likely that any action would be taken in the short or medium term.

6.3. Border Area

The comment from Cllr Thornycroft in the papers was noted.

7. Other matters

7.1 Tir Gwynt Wind Farm

The information in the papers was noted. Cllr Connell said that he had missed the last meeting but Cllr Frances Buckingham from Four Crosses had circulated the notes. Cllr Connell will attend the next meeting in Welshpool. The trial run on 30th June should pass through Llanymynech between 12 noon and 1.00pm and as many councillors as possible should be available to monitor the convoy through the village. Particular points to note are the cross roads and bridge.

ACTION: All

No one was aware of any events over the summer months which might be affected by the convoys. The Clerk was asked to inform SFW Communications.

ACTION: Clerk

7.2. Community Development Fund

Cllr Arwel Jones said that he thought that this fund was only available for new projects whereas the project at Walls Bridge is an up-grade. However, Cllr Connell said that he would see if any funding was available. The Clerk will pass on contact details.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Connell.

7.3. Training in Planning

Council noted the paper on the above. Cllr Backshall felt that councillors were already experienced in handling planning matters and that we should not have to pay £30 per head for training. Cllr James suggested that a planning officer is invited to a council meeting to answer questions. All agreed with this and Cllr Arwel Jones will look into the matter.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

7.4. Walls Bridge Play Area development

Cllr Connell reported that an application for funding has gone to Tesco's. It is possible that Council could receive a grant of £8,000, £12,000 or £16,000. If it is the latter then we can undertake all the improvements needed.

Cllr McCluskey asked what had happened regarding Ray Parry. Cllr Connell said that equipment had been repaired free of charge. There were still a few minor jobs needed. The play area is very well used.

ACTION: Cllr Connell

7.5. Local Development Plan Exploratory Meeting.

The paper from Cllr Thornycroft was noted. The Clerk reported that he had received notice that the Inspector has now written to the County Council following the Exploratory Meeting outlining her decision to suspend the Examination of the LDP for a period of six months to allow the Council time to undertake the additional work (and any relevant public consultation) as discussed at the Exploratory Meeting.

It is anticipated that the Examination will resume in late November 2016 with a Pre-hearing Meeting in January 2017 and Hearing Sessions to commence in March 2017.

8. To receive reports on meeting from outside bodies.

8.1. Burial Board

The paper on the above was noted. Cllr Backshall said that the Board intends to explore developing a burial ground to the south of the Jubilee Field. He considered that the Council should seek guidance from Powys County Council on the processes to be undertaken in respect of planning, geology, water tables etc.

ACTION: Clerk

8.2. One Voice Wales

Cllr Backshall said that the Montgomeryshire Area Committee AGM would be held on 8th June at Llanbrynmair. He would be stepping down as Chair after 3 years.

No other reports had been received as meetings had not taken place since the last Council meeting.

9. Correspondence.

9.1. Correspondence for decision

The letter from the Marie Curie Foundation was received. Council did not feel that it could organise an event in the timescale.

9.2. Correspondence to note.

9.2.1. The news release from Powys County Council on a medical telephone scam was noted. Cllr Connell suggested that this should be forwarded to Neighbourhood Watch and Cllr James .

ACTION: Cllr Backshall

9.2.2. 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 28th June at 7.00pm** at Llanymynech Village Hall.

Action: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____