

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2018
at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M. Connell
Cllr C. Backshall
Cllr R Dover
Cllr. F. James,
Cllr C Jones
Cllr R McCluskey
Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

Mr. M Donkin - Clerk to the Council

<p>1. Apologies for absence Cllr D Cavill County Cllr Arwel Jones</p>
<p>2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda None</p>
<p>3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2018</p> <p>In Item 7.1. para 8 Cllr Cavill was amended to read Cllr Backshall. With this amendment the minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair</p>
<p>4. Matters arising from the minutes 4.1. Data Protection Regulations All councillors have agreed to their data being held on computer by the Clerk.</p>
<p>5. Finance Report 5.1. Council noted the financial position as set out in the papers for the meeting.</p> <p><u>5.2. Financial Statement - April to June 2018</u> Council received the Financial Statement for the First Quarter. The Clerk pointed out that the variation in salaries between this and last year was due to the fact that at this point in 2017 PAYE had not been paid at the request of Powys County Council which was setting up the new payroll system.</p> <p>He also pointed out that the new notice board had been set against Capital Projects and had exceeded the budget but that there was ample in reserves to cover the work.</p> <p><u>5.3. Internal Auditor's Report</u> Council received the Internal Auditor's report. The Clerk drew attention to the recommendation to reclaim VAT and said that this was in progress.</p>

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The Auditors had commented on the amount of reserves held by the Council and recommended that these should be taken into account when setting the Precept. It was agreed that this would be re-visited at Budget setting time.

The Auditors recommended that Council minutes should be numbered sequentially throughout the year and each page initialled by the Chairman. Council felt that it was sufficient to record the Date of the meeting on each page and number each separate meeting from page 1. Future minutes will be initialled on each page.

The Auditors recommended that details of Councillors should be on the Council web-site but councillors decided that their names will be listed but that all contacts should be through the Clerk.

The Council's annual accounts will be placed on the web-site.

The auditors drew attention to the fact that Powys County Council had paid more in Precept than the amount requested by the Council and recommended that Council find out why this was so.

ACTION: Clerk

Council accepted the Internal Auditor's Report and the Chairman signed the Annual Return for transmission to the External Auditors.

5.4. Approval of Payments

Council authorised the items for payment as set out in the papers for the meeting and further authorised an invoice, presented at the meeting, of £20 to Llanymynech Village Hall for hire of the meeting room and an invoice presented by the Clerk for £15.98 in respect of the purchase of ink for the printer.

6 Planning

6.1. P/2018/0370 Erection of an extension, alterations and all associated works at Carreghofa Primary School.

Council noted that the above application, which the Council had supported, had been granted Full Planning permission.

6.2. Council noted the letter in the papers for the meeting from Mr Ellis Anderson of North View setting out his intention to apply a slate coloured waterproof paint before the winter. The Clerk said that this did not need permission and it was agreed that he would acknowledge Mr Ellis Anderson's letter.

ACTION: Clerk

7 Other matters

7.1. LDP consultation

Cllr McCluskey reported on the meeting held on Monday 9th July. Leaflets on the LDP and Future Fit consultation had been delivered to every residence in Carreghofa and consultation forms had been left at the Village Shop. Cllr Backshall reported that a goodly number of forms had been used by members of the public.

7.2. Contract with Greenfingers Limited

A meeting of the Chairman and Clerk with the new manager is yet to take place. The Clerk will arrange this. In the meantime it was agreed that Council would seek other quotes for the grounds

maintenance contract.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Morris asked about the land at Cae Haidd and the Clerk drew attention to the letter that he had sent to the owners, Avanti Gas, in 2014. It was agreed that the Clerk should make further contact with Avanti Gas asking them undertake regular maintenance of the land; the Council would be prepared to include the work in its contract for an agreed fee.

ACTION: Clerk

7.3. Montgomeryshire Village Award

Cllr James reported that Simon Baines, one of the judges had contacted her and arranged a visit to Carreghofa on 15th August at 4.30pm. He will be accompanied by another judge, Christine Hugh-Jones. The event will last up to two hours and members of local organisations can be present to contribute by outlining things that have happened since the portfolio was submitted and expanding on what was said in the portfolio.

Cllr James has contacted the Canal Wharf Centre and the staff (all volunteers) is willing to provide refreshments. The canal boat will be available to take the judges on a canal trip and it was agreed that there should be two trips with the judges alternating with the canal boat trip and meeting local representatives at the centre.

A donation of £100 to the Canal Wharf Centre was agreed as a mark of appreciation for their help.

Cllr James presented a list of organisation that will be invited to attend the event and agreed to contact them.

ACTION: Cllr James

7.4. Future Fit Consultation

The Chairman reported on a meeting that he had attended in Oswestry where three clinicians outlined the SATH's proposals. The Chairman said that once they had done so they left the meeting, not remaining to hear counter arguments put forward by representatives from 'Defend our NHS'. The meeting was chaired by James Bond from BBC Radio Shropshire. One question that he asked was why there had not been a mail drop to all people in the Trust's area and the Chairman confirmed that this had, at least been done in Carreghofa by the Council. He will contact Mr Bond with details of what has been done locally.

ACTION: Chairman

There will be another 'drop in' meeting at Cabin Lane, Oswestry on 15th August.

The consultation period has been extended by 1 week and a decision from SATH is expected in early 2019 with a review by the end of 2019 and any new building taking 3 to 5 years to complete.

Cllr Backshall said that new building constitutes a new proposal and Cllr McCluskey asked if this was now a third option.

Subsequent to the meeting I have reviewed SATH's proposals and my view is that they have considered a third hospital similar to a scheme in Northumbria but have discounted this as unsuitable for Shropshire and that original two option proposal stands with the Trust favouring A&E services at Shrewsbury.

7.5. IRPW event

Council received the report in the papers re this event and noted the report without further action.

8. Amenities

8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

RoSPA Inspection Report

Council received the report in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman said that the report was much as expected and Council took the following decisions:-

Page 4 - Encroaching Vegetation: The Chairman said that he had cleared the offending vegetation and suggested that Greenfingers should be asked to maintain the area. Cllr James said that if this was not already in the contract it should be included for the future.

Page 5 - Trip Points. The Clerk said that this work should have been done by Greenfingers as part of the work carried out for Fisher German acting on behalf of Severn Trent following the disruption caused by the work to a water main in 2017. He would ask Greenfingers to rectify the problem.

ACTION: Clerk

Page 5 - Dog ban signs. The Chairman confirmed that these were already in place at the time of the inspection. The Clerk will raise this with RoSPA.

ACTION: Clerk

Page 5 - Canal Boundary. The Chairman said that the gate had been put in place because users of the playground were creating access to the canal towpath by making holes in the hedge. He was of the opinion that, if the Council removed the gate, the public would just open up the hedge again. He felt that the gate should be retained but that it needed a spring loaded, self-closing mechanism to ensure that it was always in the shut position. Cllr McCluskey suggested a ramp be installed with fencing and a gate at the bottom to slow down the approach to the canal. Cllr Morris asked whether, since the land is owned by Powys County Council we should consult with them. Council felt that the installation of life saving aids is the responsibility of the Canal and Rivers Trust and the Clerk was asked to send them the relevant part of the report.

ACTION: Clerk

Page 8 - Seating. Council agreed that the decaying timber on the picnic tables and benches should be repaired. The Clerk asked whether the cost of repairs might be more than the purchase of new benches. It was agreed that Kevin Green, the handyman who had installed the new noticeboard, should be asked to quote for replacing the decaying slats, sanding down the whole and treating with wood preservative.

ACTION: Clerk

Page 10 - Loose swing seat eye bolts. The Chairman said that he had looked at these and the bolts and rusted in place. The bolts could not be tightened but were not a danger. It was agreed that no action be taken.

Page 11 - Toddler swing - loose damaged or missing straps. The Chairman said that he had contacted Sutcliffe Play, the company that had made and installed the swing and new straps could be bought and delivered for £85 + VAT. Council decided to purchase and fit new straps.

ACTION: Chairman

Page 12 - Multiplay - Barrier height. The report notes that the barrier height should be 700m but that no “reasonably practicable action is identified” Cllr McCluskey said that the 600m height was the official requirement at the time when the equipment was installed but standards had been revised. It was agreed that no further action be taken.

Cllr McCluskey said that it was a satisfactory report and pleasing that no item was listed as orange or red.

8.2. Notice Board at the Post Office

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting and expressed satisfaction with the installation of the new noticeboard.

8.3. Land at Cae Haidd

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting and asked the Clerk to contact Avanti Gas to ask them to provide regular maintenance of the land. Council can offer to undertake the work for Avanti Gas for a reasonable fee.

ACTION: Clerk

8.2. Adult Gym Equipment at walls Bridge Playground

Cllr Backshall suggested that the Council might install adult gym equipment at the Walls Bridge playground. This was thought to be a project worth pursuing.

9. Highways and Byways

9.1. Pedestrian Crossing

Councillors commented that the pedestrian phase at the crossing now gave enough time for people to cross safely.

9.2. Road Repairs.

The Chairman said that the leak outside the Bengal Restaurant has recurred less than four weeks after the repair. He had contacted Severn Trent who are supposedly in the process of undertaking remedial action. He will write again if no action is taken within the next week.

ACTION: Chairman

9.3. Potholes

The potholes on Cae Haidd, Orchard Green and Tan-y-Foel have been filled in. However, No action has yet been taken regarding those on Pen-y-Foel.

9.4. Carreghofa Way

Councillors will walk the Carreghofa Way on Tuesday 7th August meeting at Walls Bridge at 4.00pm

ACTION: All attending

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1. Burial Board

The Board has not met since the last meeting of the Council

10.2. Montgomery Council Forum

The Chairman said that he was unable to attend the meeting of the Forum is on 15th July at Machynlleth. He will go to the next meeting.

10.3. Village Hall

Cllr Jones reported that the Village Hall committee is still waiting to hear about funding to remove the hedge at the front of the building. Meanwhile the playgroup has generously funded work to extend the car park on to part of the Community Garden.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

The Clerk read an e-mail received on the day of the meeting from Jill Kibble of CPRW. It drew attention to funding from the Prince's Fund for substantial projects in rural areas under the title 'Creating sustainable communities to 2030 and beyond' The call for applicants will be in the autumn but, in the meantime councils could work up ideas. She offered help from CPRW for villages involved with the MVA competition.

Cllr James suggested the installation of CCTV across the village to increase security. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

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 25th September 2018 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

ACTION: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____

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