

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C. Backshall

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr. F. James,

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Mr. M Donkin - Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr R Dover

Cllr C Jones

Cllr R McCluskey

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

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with in the agenda.

5. Finance Report

5.1 Financial Position

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

5.2 Purchase of a Wreath

Council authorised the Chairman to purchase a wreath to be presented on the Council's behalf at the Remembrance Day ceremony. County Cllr Arwel Jones apprised the meeting of an evening entertainment to mark the centenary of the ending of World War 1 at Four Crosses on 2 November.

5.3 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.

6. Planning

6.1 Application Reference: 18/0417/FUL

6.2 Application Reference: 18/0418/LBC

Council agreed that it would support the application and the listed building consent attached to it

ACTION: Clerk

7. Other matters

7.1 Canal

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting.

The Chairman reminded councillors that the RoSPA report had recommended the installation of life saving equipment at the canal side.. The Clerk had contacted Michael Limbrey of the Montgomeryshire Canal Restoration Trust and his response was in the papers. The Trust did not feel that equipment was necessary as the canal is quite shallow but had no objection to the Council providing equipment. Concern was voiced that, with the current spate of vandalism, the equipment might fall foul of the vandals. The point was raised as to the Council's liability if it installs equipment in case this amounts to an admission that the canal side is dangerous. County Cllr Arwel Jones said he would seek clarification from Powys C. C.

Cllr Morris referred to the Trust's statement that the waterside vegetation is an important ecological feature all along the canal but said that the vegetation was not just waterside but covered the whole surface of the canal. Cllr Backshall wondered how the area being a SSSI affected the clearance of the vegetation.

Cllr Cavill pointed out that bicycle riders and people in wheelchairs were also at risk.

The following actions were agreed:-

1. Get prices for signage warning of the dangers of the canal at the exit to the Walls Bridge playground. **ACTION: Clerk**
2. Check with Powys County Council as to the Community Council's liability if it erects signs and lifesaving equipment **ACTION: County Cllr Jones**
3. Research cost of lifesaving equipment **ACTION: Clerk**
4. Fit a spring to the gate from the playground to the canal side to make it self-closing. **ACTION Clerk to contact handyman**

7.2 Vandalism at Walls Bridge

Council received the report in the papers for the meeting. Council noted that PC Hathaway of Dyfed Powys Police had said that he could not attend the meeting and would try to get a colleague to attend. The Clerk reported, to the Council's disappointment, that no further contact had been received from Dyfed Powys Police. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that there was a community police presence in the area and he would find out details of the officer and invite him/her to attend the next meeting.

ACTION: County Cllr Jones

The Chairman said that he had removed some fencing from the canal which had been torn up from the bridge over the canal.

Cllr Cavill said that the vandalism went beyond Walls Bridge and that the Cold War bunker at the top of Pen-y-Foel had been broken into.

The Chairman asked whether Council should replace the picnic bench and Council felt that as there was another picnic bench at the site and alternative seating no action should be taken at this time.

In dealing with the subject of litter the Chairman felt the bin on the roadside should be moved onto the playground but it was uncertain that Powys C. C. would agree to this. The Clerk said that bins were inexpensive and the Council could provide an additional one in the playground; the point in deciding this is whether Powys C. C. would agree to empty it. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would sound out the County Council's refuse collection department.

ACTION: County Cllr Jones

The Chairman said that the swing had been re-fitted and he felt that the play area is now as good as the Council could make it.

7.3 Montgomeryshire Village Award

Cllr James reported that she with Cllrs Connell and Jones had attended the awards ceremony and were delighted that Llanymynech had won the award. She read out the citations given:-

Llanymynech

a village that demonstrates outstanding community involvement with a wide range of well established activities. A great campaigning spirit and can do attitude. The village acts as a vibrant hub for the surrounding area working closely with neighbouring communities. There is something for everyone and a very wide community involvement ensures new ideas are encouraged and high standards reached. Always ready to take the initiative and adapt to changing times with a community entrepreneurial spirit and championing of the local heritage which has maximised on opportunities for tourism.

European Year of Cultural Heritage

*A number of our entrant villages are really celebrating their cultural heritage and we should make special mention of our overall MVA 2018 winner , **Llanymynech**, who have really made the most of the canal and of the lime production industry that was so essential to agricultural mid Wales. They are also showing how heritage can stimulate tourism as an important part of the local economy*

The Chairman thanked Cllr James for leading the sub-committee that had organised the submission for the competition. Cllr James said that CPRW would like to undertake some joint events with Carreghofa and this was welcomed.

The Clerk asked if any publicity was in hand. It was expected that this would be the case but the clerk was asked to submit details to the local press if nothing was forthcoming.

This was unnecessary as both the County Times and Oswestry Advertizer carried articles on the competition and Llanymynech's success.

Cllr James said that the award was in three forms:-

1. A slate plaque
2. An oak tree available from Montgomery Nurseries from November
3. The citations.

It was thought that the plaque would be best sited at the Village Shop and Cllr James and the Clerk agreed to look for a suitable location where it would be viewable by the public but as safe as possible from vandalism. The Chairman said that he would talk to the shop manager to ascertain their willingness to display the plaque.

The siting of the oak tree was deferred to the next meeting

The Clerk agreed to get the citations framed and then they would be put up in the Village Hall.

Cllr James suggested that a banner announcing that Llanymynech is the Montgomeryshire Village of the Year should be hung across the A483. County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to contact the Highways Agency to see if any permissions are needed for this. The Clerk said that he would talk to David Preston, Clerk of Oswestry Town Council re the practicalities of this undertaking. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that it may be possible to have a metal sign attached to the name signs on the approaches to the village

Council decided that a celebratory event should be held and that all organisations that took part should be invited to put on a display of their work. CPRW, MMP, the judges and the press would be invited to attend. Wine, soft drinks and light refreshments would be available. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he could get wine and glasses on a sale or return basis from Llandrinio

Cllr James agreed to send details of contacts in all organisations taking part to the Clerk who would then invite them to attend the event.

ACTIONS:

Cllr James to send list of contacts to the Clerk

Chairman to check with shop re placing of the plaque

Clerk to book the Village Hall for celebratory event

Subsequent to the meeting Llanymynech Village Hall has been booked for this event on Friday 26th October from 3.00pm to allow participating organisations time to set up displays.

County Cllr Arwel Jones to organise wine and glasses for the event

County Cllr Arwel Jones to liaise with the Highways agency re signs and banner

Clerk to liaise with David Preston re banners

7.4 Future Fit Consultation

This item is being kept on the agenda for the moment but there was nothing further to add at the meeting.

7.5 Governor vacancy at Carreghofa Primary School

The Chairman reported that there are now two vacancies on the governing body of Carreghofa Primary School and said that the school had asked if any councillors would be prepared to serve. He asked any councillors who were interested to contact him.

ACTION: All

8. Amenities

8.1 Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

Some matters re Walls Bridge were dealt with in para 7.2.above.

The Chairman inquired about the fencing at the football ground. The Clerk will follow this up.

8.2 Bench at Carreghofa Lane

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman reported that Cllr Jones thought that this was a memorial bench but there was no plaque on it. Council agreed that Kevin Green, the handyman who had installed the new noticeboard, should be asked to effect repairs.

ACTION: Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1 Road Repairs

County Cllr Arwel Jones said that there was nothing to report. He was aware that a County Council team was carrying out work in Four Crosses and so assumed that they are in the area and would move on to Carreghofa in due course.

Councillors reported that work is still required in Pen-y-Foe, Offa's Way and Chapel Lane and Cllr Jones said that he would report back to the County Council.

ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones

9.2 Parking on the Green at Cae Haidd

Council received the report in the papers for the meeting. The Clerk reported that he had followed up with the residents who had expressed concern and they had said that the nuisance has now been

resolved. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that this was good news as a prohibition order could cost in the region of £1000.00.

On a similar matter Cllr Cavill noted that cars for sale were once again being stationed on the car park at the junction of the A483 and Pen-y-Foel. The Clerk will forward some notices to Cllr Cavill.

ACTION: Clerk then Cllr Cavill

9.3 LDP land on B4398

The Chairman reported that this land, between the football field and Galliers and set aside for possible development under the LDP is very overgrown. There was some uncertainty as to the current owners.

County Cllr Arwel Jones undertook to find out who the owner is and the Clerk will then write to them to request that the land be tidied up.

ACTION: County Cllr Jones then Clerk

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1 Burial Board

The Chairman reported that at the last meeting it was estimated that as a result of work on the site there is space for burials for the next 6 years. The burial ground is also looking much neater.

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

The next meeting is on 17 October.

Subsequent to the meeting this date is now confirmed as 27 November

10.3 Village Hall

The Clerk reported that Cllr Jones has now re-instated the youth club – the couple who had run it having now left.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

Two notices one from Royal mail alerting the public to Scams and one from Powys Teaching Health Board re the 111 telephone service have been received and the Council has been asked to aid in distribution. It was agreed that these be displayed on the Council's notice board.

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 30 October 2018 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

ACTION: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____