

# Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C. Backshall

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr R Dover

Cllr. F. James,

Cllr C Jones

Cllr R McCluskey

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Councillor Arwel Jones

Mr. M Donkin - Clerk to the Council

### 1. Apologies for absence

None

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

None

### 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 27 November 2018 were agreed, proposed Cllr Dover, seconded Cllr Jones and signed by the Chairman

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

#### 4.1 Liaison with Community Police Officer

The Chairman reported that he had met with the local community officer before Christmas and had walked around the Walls Bridge area with her. She suggested that the hedge around the playground might be lowered by 1 foot which would provide a line of sight into the play area for the houses opposite. Occupants could then report any suspicious activity anonymously.

It was suggested that better lighting on the road would help. Also the police would be present at the MVA event and will talk to the youth club leaders. The Clerk reported that he had received a call from Revader, a company that manufactures mobile CCTV units. He had discussed the matter with the Chairman who asked that the matter be brought to council. Cllr McCluskey asked about the possibility of having a unit for one month's trial and, if successful Council could proceed to purchase. Cllrs James and Cavill offered to get details from other companies and the Clerk confirmed that, in the event of Council deciding to purchase a unit tenders would be necessary.

Following discussion it was agreed that Mr Stuart Caldecourt, the company's MD should be invited to attend a council meeting and give a presentation.

**ACTION: Cllrs James and Cavill: to get alternative details**

**Clerk: to invite Stuart Caldecourt to attend a meeting.**

**Subsequent to the meeting Mr Caldecourt has agreed to attend and give a presentation at the meeting of 26 February.**

## **5. Finance Report**

### 5.1 Financial Position

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

### 5.2 Draft Budget

The Clerk Pointed out a calculation error in the budget and presented a revised version. Adoption of the revised budget was proposed by Cllr, Dover, seconded by Cllr McCluskey and agreed unanimously.

### 5.3 Third Quarter Financial Statement

Council received the financial statement for the 9 months up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 as set out in the papers for the meeting. The Clerk offered to take questions but there being none the Statement was approved.

### 5.4 Approval of Payments

Council authorised the items for payment as set out in the papers for the meeting.

## **6. Planning**

### 6.1 Changes to information available re planning applications

County Cllr Arwel Jones said that previously the planning portal on the Powys County Council web-site allowed people to view objections but his will no longer be the case. Cllr Arwel Jones had asked that at least a box could be available giving the number of objections received. Individuals could then request sight of the objections. To date no response to this suggestion had been forthcoming. Cllr Arwel Jones advised that the Council wait to see what results and he will give an update at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones**

### 6.2 Development in Llanymynech and Pant PC area.

A large development on the English side of the village has been put forward by Shropshire County Council as part of their plan for the period 2016 – 2036. The proposed sites are outside the current planning boundaries. The Chairman attended the meeting of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council where serious concerns were expressed about sewerage, water pressure and the effect upon Carreghofa Primary School. Once again the statutory authorities are not taking cognisance of the fact that the village is half in England and half in wales and that the combined effect of each statutory authority's plans is producing overdevelopment in the village as a whole. Llanymynech and Pant PC is to make representations to Shropshire County Council and it was agreed that Carreghofa Community Council should also write to Shropshire County Council to emphasize the point. This would be copied to Powys County Council. The Chairman offered to write the letter.

**ACTION: Chairman**

### 6.3 Works at 11 Orchard Green

The Chairman explained that Cllr Jones had been approached by two residents concerned about the scale of works being carried out by the owner of 11, Orchard Green. The excavations have exposed the foundations of a neighbouring garage and there is concern that the diversion of the watercourse may have a deleterious effect upon the SSSI. The Chairman approached County Cllr Arwel Jones who took the matter up with the planning officers. A full reply was sent and is set out in the papers for the meeting. It would appear that no planning regulations have been breached and no planning permission is required.

### 6.4 Canal Trust Plans

A summary of the plans that the Montgomery Canal restoration trust has for the Carreghofa section of the Montgomery Canal was sent by Michael Limbrey, Chair of the Trust. These involve works to both Walls Bridge and Williams Bridge. The plans for walls Bridge included diverting the canal

and the construction of a new road from the B4893 across the Walls Bridge playground to connect with Carreghofa Lane. Subsequent to these plans new housing has been built at the east end of the playground which would necessitate the road being some 30 metres further west.. Concern was expressed about the loss of amenities, the volume of traffic and the effect on neighbouring properties. County Cllr Arwel Jones pointed out that the plans require very large sums to be raised and the eventual works are a long way into the future. Nonetheless Council decided to invite Mr Limbrey to attend a meeting and outline the Trust's plans and timescales.

**ACTION: Clerk to invite Mr Limbrey to a meeting.**

## **7. Other matters**

### 7.1 MVA event

Council discussed the format of the event to take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February and allocated tasks and responsibilities for the night.

### 7.2 LDP Consultation

The Chairman summarised the document. It was felt that there was little that affected Carreghofa and Council decided to take no further action in this matter.

### 7.3 Vandalism at Walls Bridge

The Chairman reported that there had been a few minor problems the worst being that the newly renovated bench had been rooted up and thrown across the road. The Chairman had retrieved and replaced the bench. It was agreed that if there was further damage to the bench it would be moved into the park.

Cllr McCluskey reported that he had removed aerosol cans from the playground.

Other matters relating to this were dealt with under item 4.1.

### 7.4 Future Fit Consultation

The Chairman pointed out that a meeting to make known the results of the consultation was being held this evening.

**Subsequent to the meeting the option favoured by Carreghofa Community Council was adopted.**

### 7.5 Website

Cllr Cavill reported that the Council website was currently down. This has happened due to problems with the domain name and both Cllr Cavill and the Clerk are liaising with Gloversure to rectify the matter.

**ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Cavill**

## **8. Amenities**

### 8.1 Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

Issues dealt with elsewhere. Item to be kept on the Agenda.

## **9. Highways and Byways**

### 9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

- Cllr Cavill said that there was a need for another salt bin by Offa's Way on Pen-y-Foel.
- The potholes on Pen-y-Foel are still in need of repair.
- The signpost at the foot of Pen-y-Foel is offset and needs re-aligning
- The new bridge over the River Vyrnwy still has a weight restriction. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that this will be removed but that the bridge will be closed for further works in the summer.

- Cllr James said that large vehicles had damaged the edges of the road on Pen-y-Foel and this requires attention

County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to take these matters up with the Highways department.

**ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones**

9.3 LDP land on B4398

No further response, the Clerk will follow up again.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**

10.1 Burial Board

The Board met yesterday but there is, as yet, no progress in finding another burial site. The Board has terminated its contract with Greenfingers.

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

There has been no meeting since November when the meeting clashed with the Council's own meeting. The Chairman has the dates of the meetings for 2019 and will attend them if he can..

10.3 Village Hall

Cllr Jones reported that the Hall Committee has permission to replace the hedge with a fence and has been given a donation of 100tons of hard-core free of charge for the car park project/

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

Council received the report from the Chairman in the papers for the meeting.

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

There was no correspondence for decision.

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 26 February 2019 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

**ACTION: All to note.**

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_