

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)
Cllr C Backshall
Cllr D Cavill
Cllr R Dover
Cllr. F. James,
Cllr R McCluskey
Cllr S Morris

In attendance: Michael Limbrey - Chair, Montgomery Waterway Restoration Fund
County Councillor Arwel Jones
Michael Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Jones

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

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 February 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 26 February 2019 were agreed, proposed Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Dover and signed by the Cllr Connell.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

4.1 Website

Cllr Cavill confirmed that the website is once again up and running. Gloversure had taken steps to secure a new domain name. The Clerk said that he had received instructions via Martin Clare from 123REG on how to restore the old domain name but it was agreed that now we controlled our own domain name no further action was necessary.

5. Finance Report

5.1 Financial Position

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

5.2 Payments to members of community and town councils

Council considered the determinations set out by the Independent Review Panel for Wales and made the following decisions:-

- Determination 40 - This is now mandatory and the Clerk explained that if any councillor did not wish to receive the payment they must state this in writing to him. No councillor wished to receive the payment and it was agreed that letters would be provided by the next meeting.

ACTION: ALL

- Determination 42 - decline
- Determination 43 - accept
- Determination 44 - accept
- Determination 45 - accept

- Determination 46 - accept
- Determination 47 - accept. It was agreed that the amount available to the Chairman should be £50
- Determination 48 - decline

These decisions were proposed by Cllr McCluskey, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously

5.3 Approval of Payments

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

In addition the following payments were agreed:-

County Cllr Arwel Jones - £95.94 in respect of purchase of provisions for the MVA event

Cllr Morris - £14.34 in respect of purchase of provisions for the MVA event

Gloversure: £102.00 - web-site hosting

Gloversure: £24.00 – Purchase of domain name

Duncan Borthwick - £48.20 – equipment for litter-pick

Llanymynech Village Hall - £130.00 – rent for meetings and MVA event.

6. Planning

6.1 Information from Mr Ellis-Anderson

Council noted the information supplied in the papers for the meeting and was grateful to Mr Ellis Anderson for keeping the Council informed.

6.2 Changes to information available re planning applications

Cllr Arwel Jones said that he had heard nothing recently but believed that the County Council will provide additional information re the number of objections received against planning applications. He agreed to check that this is so and report back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

7. Other matters

7.1 Canal Plans – Presentation by Mr Michael Limbrey

Mr Limbrey gave an interesting history of the work of the Fund in promoting the restoration of the Montgomery Canal from Llangollen to Newtown. He mentioned the Fund's annual Canal Triathlon to take place on Saturday 18 May and the Canal Forum to be held at the Memorial Hall, Oswestry on Tuesday 21 May.

With respect to Carreghofa the Fund wishes to build two bridges, one at Williams Bridge which would take the form of a swing or lifting bridge across the existing road. The second bridge to allow the restoration of the canal at Walls Bridge would entail building a road across the current playground to cross the canal providing a new access to Carreghofa Lane. There would be a loss of land in the playground but this would be, in part, compensated by the acquisition of land where the current access of Carreghofa lane on to the B4398.

The Chairman said that the loss of playground space was of concern as the Council has plans to increase the facilities and it would not wish to do this if major change is in the offing. The Clerk asked who would be responsible for restoring land which is currently under tarmac if it is to be used to compensate for loss of the playground. He asked if the Fund had considered a lifting bridge at Carreghofa Lane. Mr Limbrey said this was dependent on traffic density and who would be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge. He passed round a drawing on his mobile phone but said that this was not the latest plan and agreed to forward the latest drawings to the Clerk for distribution to councillors.

Cllr McCluskey queried the timescale for the enactment of the plans. He was loath to halt development of the Council's plans for the playground if the Canal Fund's plans are only likely to be realised in the distant future. He then asked whether the construction of bridges would take precedence over the work on the canal channels.

Mr Limbrey said that the first priorities would be the bridge at Ardleen. He realised that the restoration would cause disruption at walls Bridge but felt that overall the canal would be a real asset to Llanymynech in bringing tourism to the area. He said that the Fund was keen to maintain dialogue with local councils.

The Chairman thanked Mr Limbrey for his very full presentation.

7.2 CCTV – follow up to Presentation by Martin Pritchard (MP) (Technical Director – Revader)

The Chairman said that he had some concerns on the following issues:-

- i The cost
- ii The need to liaise with Shropshire County Council re electricity supply
- iii whether the CCTV was wanted as a deterrent or as a means of apprehending criminals
- iv How residents would feel about photographing the play area
- v The fact that the cameras gave a 360° sweep which would take in the houses opposite.

Cllr McCluskey felt that the costs outweighed the benefits, there was some damage but the cost of repair was minimal and the actions of the perpetrators was more of a nuisance. He also felt that there was no benefit in reducing the size of the hedge.

Cllr Morris suggested a dummy camera but it was felt that this would easily be recognised for what it was by the local youth.

A cheaper camera designed for home use was mentioned and it was agreed that this be investigated.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Dover left the meeting at 8.27pm

7.3 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Council noted the report from the Clerk contained in the papers for the meeting. County Cllr Arwel Jones suggested that in view of the urgency in maintaining the grounds that Mr Heaton be offered a one year contract and that the Council undertakes a tender process at the end of the year. This was agreed and Council agreed to suspend the standing financial orders in order to offer the contract.

Council then considered a separate one off bid to replace hedging in the gaps between the playground and the canal and it was agreed to proceed with this work.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr Clive Heaton.

7.4 Vandalism at Walls Bridge

Kept on the agenda

7.5 Keep Fit Equipment

It was suggested that a small group of councillors should look at other examples where similar equipment has been installed.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange

8. Amenities

8.1 Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

Cllr Connell confirmed the waste bin provided by Powys CC Highways Department at Welshpool has now been installed and the location has been added to the Powys collection rota. The Chairman thanked Cllr Arwel Jones for his help in this matter

The state of the fencing at the rear of the football field was raised. The Clerk said that the whole width would need replacing. The Chairman said that the second tranche of the Windfarm monies would soon be available and suggested that a bid could be made for part funding with the Council meeting the shortfall. It was agreed that the replacement of the fence is now an urgent matter and councillors were asked to forward ideas to the Clerk who would then put in train tenders for the work.

ACTION: All then Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

Cllr Arwel Jones said that he had put in a request for the sign at Pen-y-Foel to be repaired but that to date nothing has been done. Cllr Cavill said that the very deep pothole on Pen-y-Foel was still there. Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to follow this up further.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

9.2 LDP land on B4398

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. Following advice from One Voice Wales it was agreed that Council could pay the rental of the Football Field without an invoice from the owner. The Clerk will write to Lewis Brothers copying his correspondence to their solicitors.

ACTION: Clerk

9.3 Dolphin Car Park

The Clerk being absent at the last meeting sought clarification of who to approach in this respect. It was suggested that the Landlord of the Dolphin be contacted to ascertain the current owner.

ACTION 1 – Clerk to write to the owner of the Dolphin to request they repair the entrance of the car park.

ACTION 2 – Clerk to contact Powys CC for assistance in doing the repair.

9.4 Road from New Bridge to Llanymynech

It was reported that residents at Wren had complained about speeding motorists on the road since the bridge had reopened. It was thought that traffic was no worse than it was before the bridge closure but that residents had got used to the lack of traffic while the closure was in place. Cllr Arwel Jones thought it unlikely that Powys County Council would change the speed limits. However he agreed to see whether The County Council would agree to put down counters to ascertain whether or not there is a justifiable complaint on which the Council could make representations.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1 Burial Board

There has been no meeting since the last CC meeting.

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

There has been no meeting since the last CC meeting.

10.3 Village Hall

Nothing to report

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

There has been no meeting since the last CC meeting.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

Council noted the latter in the papers for the meeting from Jill Evans MEP but decided to take no further action.

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. AOB

No matters raised

13. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 28 April 2019 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

ACTION: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____