

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28 May 2019 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C Backshall

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr R Dover

Cllr. F. James,

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Councillor Arwel Jones

Michael Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Jones

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 26 March 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 26 March 2019 were agreed, proposed Cllr Cavill, seconded Cllr Backshall and signed by the Cllr Connell.

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

None.

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

The Clerk said that all councillors had now declined the payments set out in Determination 40 of the IRPW rules.

5.3 Approval of Payments

The Clerk said that as the April meeting did not take place due to its being inquorate, he had used the powers given at the AGM and paid invoices from Zurich Insurance and Clive Heaton. Council agreed retrospective authorisation for these payments.

6. Planning

6.1 Changes to information available re planning applications

Cllr Arwel Jones said that there had been no change but he noted that the system is now showing details of objections to planning applications. He has not yet spoken to the portfolio holder but would do so and report back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

7. Other matters

7.1 Vandalism

Council noted the letter from Joan Zorn in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman said that the issues raised were disturbing. Cllr Cavill asked if this was the first time that these issues had come to light. It was not known. Cllr Dover pointed out that the vandalism had not happened in the Carreghofa jurisdiction and felt that Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council should be made aware. Nonetheless vandalism is endemic across the community and the Council agreed that it would offer its support in fighting vandalism wherever it occurred.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Llanymynech & Pant P.C. and to Joan Zorn

7.2 Keep Fit Equipment

A visit has yet to be arranged. The Clerk said that he would canvass his contacts in Powys SLCC to find out if there was a suitable site within reasonable distance.

ACTION: Clerk

7.3 Canal

The Chairman asked if anyone had attended the meeting with the Directors of the CRT Wales & South West and West Midlands regions. Cllr James thought that Cllr Jones had attended. The Chairman said that, although he was not able to attend, he had written a letter of support to Michael Limbrey, Chair of the Montgomeryshire Canal Restoration Committee.

8. Amenities

8.1 Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

The Chairman said that the grass on the football field had been cut but he was not certain if this was being done by Clive Heaton or someone connected to the football club. He queried whether Mr Heaton has a key. The Chairman said that he now has a key and will give this to Mr Heaton if necessary. The Clerk will contact Mr Heaton to ascertain the position and arrange for the delivery of a key if required.

ACTION: Clerk

8.2 Tender for the replacement of fencing on the football field.

The Clerk reported that only one company, A&M Fencing and Landscaping Services, had submitted a tender. The Chairman said an approach to the Community Benefit Fund could be made for match funding but it was generally felt that the tender was more expensive than expected and further tenders should be sought.

The Clerk was asked to contact A&M to thank them for their tender but inform them that it would be held over while others were sought.

ACTION: Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

Cllr Cavill reported that the pothole outside Coach House, Pen-y-Foel had been filled but that in Offa's way still required attention.

The Clerk referred to the letter received from Llanymynech Golf Club regarding the state of the access road. County Cllr Arwel Jones was not certain that this was the responsibility of Powys County Council and suggested that if it was Powys may have an arrangement with Shropshire County Council. He would look into this.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

Subsequent to the meeting responses to County Cllr Jones' queries have been received and circulated to councillors.

The potholes at the Dolphin car park have been dealt with.

9.2 LDP land on B4398

The recommendation made by the Clerk in the papers for the meeting was accepted.

ACTION: Clerk

It was noted that there have been an increasing number of complaints from residents regarding the state of the land and the fact that seeds from weeds on the property are being blown onto neighbouring gardens. The Chairman asked if Powys County Council had any powers to make the owner tidy up the site. He agreed to find out.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

9.3 Sight lines at Carreghofa Lane

Cllr Jones had sent a message in absentia pointing out that the hedging at the bridge on the junction of the B4398 and Carreghofa Lane is overhanging the road to the point where sight lines for traffic are being obscured. She asked whether the County Council would cut it back. County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to take this matter up.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1 Burial Board

There has been no change since the last meeting. The Board has taken on new maintenance workers and is still looking for a new burial site. The current site is estimated to be good for another 6 years.

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

No one was able to attend the last meeting which was held in Llandrindod Wells.

10.3 Village Hall

The work on the car park and removal of hedging is continuing funded by a Community Infrastructure Levy on the developer at Barley meadows.

The Chairman said that Cllr Jones had organised a very useful and successful meeting in conjunction with the local police regarding County Lines. A crime stoppers poster would be put on the Council notice board.

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

There has been no meeting since the last CC meeting. The next meeting is on 4 July.

10.5 North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman said that the meeting was very Welshpool centric.

10.6 Planning Course

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting submitted by Cllr Morris.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

There was no correspondence requiring a 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. AOB

12.1 Works at 11 Orchard Green

Cllr Backshall asked whether the owner would be attending a Council meeting to talk about the work that he is carrying out. Nothing has been arranged. Cllr Dover said that the work is now coming to an end and that problems are being resolved. He felt is best to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.

12.2 Request from WI to plant a tree at Walls Bridge

The Chairman said that he had received a request from the WI to plant a tree in celebration of 100 years of the WI in Wales. The WI has not specified a location within Walls Bridge but the Chairman felt that there was plenty of space to accommodate the request.

It was agreed on condition that the WI accepts that Carreghofa Community Council cannot be held responsible in the event of damage to the tree by vandalism or any other means.

ACTION: Not sure who is following up on this

13. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

ACTION: All to note.

Please note that 4 (50% of Council) councillors have given apologies for this date. It is imperative, especially in the light of the cancellation of the April meeting due to its being inquorate, that we are quorate this time.

PLEASE WILL ALL COUNCILLORS RESPOND WITH THEIR AVAILABILITY FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FOR THE TUESDAYS 2 AND 9 JULY

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____