

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Please note that this meeting replaced the scheduled meeting of 25 June due to the availability of councillors

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C Backshall

Cllr R Dover

Cllr. F. James,

Cllr C Jones

Cllr R. McCluskey

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Councillor Arwel Jones

Michael Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr D Cavill

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

None from the Council but County Cllr Arwel Jones declared an interest in item 8.1.2

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 May 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 28 May 2019 were agreed, proposed Cllr James, seconded Cllr Dover and signed by the Cllr McCluskey.

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 Approval of Payments

Council approved the payments as set out in the papers for the meeting and those set out in a separate schedule, presented by the clerk, of payments which had arrived after the papers were sent out.

6. Planning

6.1 Application Reference: 19/0942/HH

Council, having reviewed the application decided that no opinion was necessary.

6.2 Changes to information available re planning applications

Cllr Arwel Jones said that Powys County Council would not change the current system at this time but may do so when a future upgrade is due.

7. Other matters

7.1 Vandalism

There was nothing further to report regarding this item and it was agreed that it should be removed from the agenda. However it was noted that there had been a spate of burglaries in the village but that some arrests had been made and goods restored to their owners.

7.2 Keep Fit Equipment

The Clerk apprised the Council that a company, Sovereign Play, had approached us regarding a free, no commitment quote for outdoor gym equipment. Cllr Morris, the lead on this matter, agreed to contact Sovereign Play and arrange to meet a representative on site.

ACTION: Cllr Morris

7.3 Tree for the MVA Award

The Chairman explained that the voucher for a tree given as a result of our winning the MVA Award expires in September. He had, therefore, approached Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council with a view to organising the planting. A response from the Clerk suggested the 29th August and that the event be combined with a joint meeting of both councils. However, the Chairman was subsequently advised that a tree of the size envisaged should not be planted until October / November. He had contacted the suppliers who have agreed to extend the deadline for the voucher and would now go back to Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council to reorganise a more suitable date.

ACTION: Chairman

8. Amenities

8.1 Walls Bridge Playground RoSPA Safety Report

The Report of the safety inspection carried out on 7 June was sent out with the papers for the meeting. The Chairman noted that there were no actions required. Council received the report with satisfaction.

It was agreed that the hedge along the B4389 should be lowered by 1 foot 6 inches and the Clerk was asked to instruct Mr Heaton in this matter.

ACTION: Clerk

8.2 Football Field

A quote for the new fencing for the football field was received from Arwel Jones, Building Contractor and Agricultural Sales Agent for £1970. This was the lowest quote received and Council decided to accept the quote and ask the company to go ahead with the work.

ACTION: Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

There has been no action since the last meeting. County Councillor Arwel Jones will follow up.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

9.2 LDP land on B4398

Concern was expressed generally about the state of the land. Cllr Jones noted that the growth now extends over the boundary onto the footpath and that parents with pushchairs are forced to move into the road. She has some volunteers who would be willing to clear the area. However, it was noted that the land is in private ownership. County Cllr Arwel Jones felt that a direct approach to the owners, Lewis Bros, might work and agreed to contact Mr Lewis to discuss the situation. Meanwhile it was agreed that the volunteers should be asked to clear the public areas that is being encroached upon.

ACTION: Cllr C Jones and Cllr Arwel Jones

9.3 Cae Haidd

There is increasing concern from resident about the state of this land. The maintenance is the responsibility of the County Council and County Cllr Arwel Jones said that it is unlikely that the County Council would get round to doing anything until mid-August. The Clerk had asked the Council's grounds maintenance contractor for a quote to do a one-off clearance of the site and this has been priced at £72 + VAT. He would also include the land in the Council's contract for the rest of the current term at a cost of £140 + VAT. Council agreed to this expenditure and asked the Clerk to instruct Mr Heaton accordingly.

It was suggested that a small increase in the Precept would allow the Council to include Cae Haidd in its maintenance programme.

ACTION: Clerk

9.4 Chapel Lane

A complaint has been received about the growth of trees and bushes at the property on the corner of Chapel Lane and the A483 which is impeding sight lines for traffic exiting onto the A483. The Clerk said that this was an ongoing problem every year and that approaches to the owner had not been responded to. Last year the Council had asked the Highways Agency to intervene. County Councillor Arwel Jones said that he would refer the matter to David Jones at the Highways Agency.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

9.5 Sight lines at the junction of Chapel Lane and the B4289

There has been no further progress on this matter. This is a matter of road safety and County Councillor Arwel Jones agreed to take this back to Powys County Council.

ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones

9.6 Lime trees on the A483

Cllr McCluskey said that there was considerable growth around the base of the lime tree. The Clerk said that the pruning of the trees as required is part of the Council's maintenance contract and he was asked to request Mr Heaton to deal with the problem.

ACTION: Clerk

9.7 Scottish Power works on the bridge on the A483.

The Chairman apprised the meeting that road works had been started without any notice and a traffic management system was in operation. He had contacted the Truck Road Agent who had informed him that Scottish Power could undertake road works without consultation within a two day window. The Chairman noted that this window would expire this evening and that he had noticed, on his way to the meeting, that work was underway. If the two day window is exceeded then Scottish power could be fined so he was hopeful that the road would be reopened fully by tomorrow (10 July)

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1 Burial Board

There has been no meeting since the last Council meeting.

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

There has been no meeting since the last Council meeting.

10.3 Village Hall

Cllr Jones reported that the works to extend the care park have been completed paid for by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from the housing development at Barley Meadow.

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

No one was able to attend the meeting on 4th July. The next meeting is in August.

10.5 North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum

There has been no meeting since the last Council meeting. The next meeting is in October

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

Cllr Jones asked if there was any news on the Tyr Gwynt funding. The Chairman reported that a meeting had taken place and the details are awaited.

13. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 30 July at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

The Clerk gave notice that he is to re-marry and, as a result, will not be available to service the September meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 September.

Council agreed to reschedule this meeting for Tuesday 17 September

ACTION: All to note

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____