

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2019 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C Backshall

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

Cllr R Dover

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 7.1.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 9 July 2019 were agreed, proposed Cllr Backshall, seconded by Cllr James and signed by the Chairman.

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 Financial Statement First Quarter

Council noted the financial statement in the papers for the meeting. Cllr Connell proposed the adoption of the Statement; seconded by Cllr Backshall and agreed by all.

5.3 Approval of Payments

Council approved the payments as set out in the papers for the meeting. Additionally Council agreed to the payment of £70 to Llanymynech Village Hall as rent for meetings and the MVA and County Lines events.

Council discussed the payment of rent for the football field to Messrs Lewis. The Clerk said that he had asked for bank details so that he could transfer the monies owing but these had been refused. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he had spoken to Mr Lewis and he would like a cheque. Council would require a signed receipt of payment and Cllr A. Jones said that he would take the cheque to Mr Lewis and get a receipt. Council agreed to adopt this procedure. And a cheque in the sum of £500.00 was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk & Cllr Arwel Jones

6. Planning

There were no planning matters to discuss.

7. Other matters

7.1 Keep Fit Equipment

Cllr Morris reported that she had met with a representative from Sovereign Play and had chosen 2 packages. For comparison she had asked Sunshine Play of Telford to quote for the same packages and they had provided considerably cheaper quotes. Cllr Backshall asked about the maintenance requirements and whether the equipment would have an effect on the Council's insurance. The Clerk said that he would contact the insurers to find out.

ACTION: Cllr Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that, as the sum to be spent is in excess of £1000.00 a third tender would be required. Cllr Morris undertook to get this.

ACTION: Cllr Morris

Following the meeting Cllr McCluskey suggested that the Council survey the electorate to find out what equipment they would wish to see and ascertain use. He suggested a list of items be presented and people would choose their top three.

7.2 Tree for the MVA Award

The Chairman confirmed that he had apprised Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council of the decisions taken at the 9th July meeting viz that it was unsuitable to plant a tree at this time and we are looking at a date in November for this. Llanymynech & Pant P. C. have been notified, but no response has been received.

8. Amenities

8.1 Walls Bridge Playground RoSPA Safety Report

Despite removing vandalism from the agenda the Chairman reported that there had been a fresh spate. The memorial bench at the corner of Carreghofa Lane had been taken up and thrown over the other side of the road. The Chairman said that he had replaced the bench. A neighbour had reported that a group of youths had been seen in the playground with lengths of tubing. He had challenged them and they had left without doing any damage. He has video evidence if needed. The Police had been notified but the culprits had left the park before they arrived. The Chairman had spoken to Dyfed-Powys Police and they had agreed to add this to their venues to be regularly checked.

Cllr Morris asked about a hole in the corner of the playground apparently dug by Severn Trent. The Clerk said that, usually, the company informs the Council of any works to be undertaken but that he had heard nothing about this. He will contact Severn Trent

ACTION: Cllr Clerk

The Chairman also reported that he and County Cllr Arwel Jones had met with Andrew Collins of Powys County Council. They had looked at the overgrown hedges but Mr Collins was of the opinion that nothing would be done before the beginning of September because of nesting birds.

The chairman had pointed out that the Council would like to reduce the height of the hedge to the level of the gate and Mr Collins had said that there would be no objection to this being done after 1st September. Clive Heaton is aware of this and confirmed he has a permit to remove waste from the site.

It was felt that the hedge should be removed and a fence be put in its place but Cllr Morris felt that only part of the hedge adjacent to the play equipment should be removed and the rest kept albeit lowered. Cllr Backshall agreed with this.

8.2 Football Field

County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the new fencing on the football field would be in place by the end of August.

9. Highways and Byways

9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

The potholes on Pen-y-Foel have now been filled in but Cllr James said that growth from the verges onto the road requires attention.

9.2 Verges

County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the County Council now has a 3 year action plan for verges. He thought that the next cut would be done in early August.

9.3 Cae Haidd

Clive Heaton has now done a cut on Cae Haidd. It is proposed that this is done, according to the agreement with Mr Heaton, every 2 weeks for the length of the current contract. During the Chairman's and Cllr Jones' walk round with Mr Collins a resident had spoken to them. He wanted the cuttings removed and also thought that one cut per month would be sufficient. Nonetheless Council decided to run with the current agreement and review at the end of the contract (March 2020)

9.4 Chapel Lane

Mr Collins asked for a copy of the correspondence with the owner of the property on the corner of Chapel Lane and the A483. He would then take action through the County Council.

ACTION: Cllr Clerk

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

The problem here had been pointed out to Mr Collins and he has agreed to take action but no date has been given as to when the work will be done.

9.6 LDP Landon the B4389

The Clerk reported that further complaints about the state of this land were being received from residents. Mr Collins agreed that the site was a mess but said that there were no 'reportable' weeds present. Cllr Jones has a team of volunteers who will go onto the site to clear it. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would get permission from Wildboar's to take machinery over their land to the south of the football field in order to clear the site.

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 Council meeting.

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

There has been no meeting since the last Council meeting.

10.3 Village Hall

Cllr Jones said that there was nothing to report

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

Next meeting 3 October in Newtown

10.5 North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum

Next meeting 14 October in Welshpool

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

No AOB.

13. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 17 September at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall

(Although there is no meeting scheduled for 27 August, it was agreed that Councillors would meet at 7pm at the Walls Bridge Play Area to do a “walkabout” to identify work required to be done.

Chairman to notify Mr Heaton to discuss the reduction of the hedge on the main road.

ACTION: All to note

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____