

# Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

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

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 Cllr 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

County Cllr Jones for item 8

### 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were agreed, proposed Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Backshall and signed by the Chairman.

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

7.1. iii Everything has now been restored and Cllr McCluskey commented that the area now looks a lot tidier.

### 5. Finance Report

#### 5.1 Financial Position

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

#### 5.2 Half Yearly Financial Statement

Council noted the statement in the papers for the meeting. The Clerk offered to answer any questions but there were none.

Cllr Dover proposed adoption of the statement. This was seconded by Cllr Connell and agreed unanimously.

#### 5.3 Request for funding by Powys Dyslexia Support Group

Council noted the request as set out in the papers for the meeting but considered that the request did not meet the Council's criteria as set out in the donations policy.

The Clerk pointed out that the Council has not met its donations target for some years and suggested a review of the policy. However, councillors felt that effort should be made to make the local community aware of the fact that the Council has funding available. Cllr James suggested an article in the Parish magazine but Cllr McCluskey said that, while this avenue could be followed, not everyone reads the magazine. The Chairman suggested that the Council produce a half yearly newsletter informing the community of its work. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the information

should be on the web-site and in the Parish Magazine. Cllr James said that the minutes were already posted on the village noticeboard.

Cllr McCluskey asked if a list of the main groups in the community could be drawn up. The Clerk said that we already have a list of those groups that took part in the Village of the Year presentation and this could be a starting point.

It was agreed that Cllr Backshall would produce a brief based on that sent out for the Village of the Year event. This would be sent to the Clerk who would send it to local organisations with a closing date to allow bids to be considered at the January 2020 meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Backshall then the Clerk**

#### 5.4 Approval of Payments

Council approved the payment as set out in the papers for the meeting. In addition Council approved invoice for rent of the Village Hall tabled at the meeting.

### **6. Planning**

The Clerk reported that he had received a notification that a Section 191 application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing development relating to the replacement of a window & door with a double door 17 Maes Y Berllan had been permitted

### **7. Other matters**

#### 7.1 Keep fit equipment

Cllr Morris confirmed that Cllr McCluskey had sent photographs for inclusion in the survey but no further progress had been made.

It was agreed that 300 copies of the survey be produced and the Clerk was asked to arrange the copying with St. Oswald's Church in Oswestry.

**ACTION: Cllr Morris then the Clerk**

#### 7.2 Pay phone boxes

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman said that he had read the report and only one call had been made in the last year. Council agreed that there was no case for retaining the boxes and no further action would be taken.

#### 7.3 VR Day 2020 celebrations

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting and agreed that while it would take no action itself it would support any community action which was proposed.

#### 7.4 Powys County Council budget simulator exercise.

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting.

### **8. Amenities**

#### 8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football field

County Cllr Arwel Jones confirmed that work had begun on the fencing at the football field and should be finished within one week.

It was noted that the grass on the football field needed cutting and the Clerk was asked to contact Clive Heaton.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **9. Highways and Byways**

#### 9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

Cllr James said that the edging on Pen-y-Foel needed attention. Tractors had made the lane very muddy. Stones and vegetation from Pen-y-Foel house had been washed down by recent rains and the drains were becoming blocked.

Cllr Jones said that the potholes on the Dolphin car park had been filled in with loose stones but these were becoming dislodged and the potholes require attention again. This land is the responsibility of the owners of the Dolphin and the Clerk was asked to contact them.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr McCluskey asked if the Council could offer to pay half the cost of filling in the potholes permanently. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would get a quote from the County Council.

**ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones**

#### 9.2 Verges

The Chairman said that, as far as he knew, the verges had not been sprayed. County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to email for more information.

**ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones**

#### 9.3 Cae Haidd

This issue has now been resolved and the matter will be taken off the agenda.

#### 9.4 Chapel Lane

No further progress

#### 9.5 Sight lines at the junction of B4398 and Carreghofa Lane

Cllr Jones said that there had been no action from the County Council. County Cllr Arwel Jones undertook to follow up with the appropriate officers.

**ACTION: Cllr Arwel Jones**

#### 9.6 LDP Land on the B4389

The Chairman reported that Mr Powell no longer wants to work on this land as the stony condition may damage his equipment. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he might be able to source an industrial strimmer. He would also discuss the use of the land with Lewis Bros.

Cllr James raised the issue of use as a car park but County Cllr Arwel Jones said that if this was done then access from the B4389 would be needed.

### **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

No one was able to attend the last meeting

#### 10.3 Village Hall

Nothing to report

#### 10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

Nothing to report

#### 10.5 North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum

Nothing to report

**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 James raised the issue of the maintenance of the defibrillator. The Clerk said that he understood that the landlord at the Dolphin had agreed to check the defibrillator to see that the batteries were charged. Cllr Jones said that she would ask Duncan Borthwick for details as he had responsibility for this when he was a councillor.

**ACTION: Cllr Jones**

**13. Date of Next meeting**

Tuesday 26 November at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall

**ACTION: All to note**

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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

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

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

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