

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

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

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C Backshall

Cllr D Cavill

Cllr R Dover

Cllr. F. James,

Cllr C Jones

Cllr S Morris

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Michael Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr 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 29th October 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2019 were agreed, proposed Cllr Backshall, seconded by Cllr Dover and signed by the Chairman.

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

5.3. The letter to organisations has now been printed and will be sent out this week.

5. Finance Report

5.1 Financial Position

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

5.2 Draft Budget

Council noted the draft budget prepared by the Clerk. Cllr Backshall pointed out that although the increase for grounds maintenance was suggested as 2.5% the figure in the budget was 5%. This was amended.

The need for the contingency budget was questioned but the Chairman advised that it was better to have a safety net in place even though it may not be used.

The Clerk said that in previous years the auditors had commented on the amount of reserves held by the Council. He recommended that £590 be taken from reserves in order to maintain the Precept at the same level as his year. This was agreed especially as it is expected that the amount from other sources will increase. The Clerk said that the Council should publicise the fact that although Council Tax may increase the Community Council has not increased its portion. This was agreed.

Cllr Backshall then proposed adoption of the budget; this was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed unanimously.

5.3 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

There were no planning applications to consider

7 Other matters

7.1 Keep fit equipment

Cllr Backshall said that everything was ready to go. The Clerk handed over survey sheets which he had had printed and these would be placed in the local shops and village hall. Cllr Backshall said that the on-line survey was already receiving responses. The results of the survey will be analysed and presented to the January meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Backshall et al

7.2 MontytraX

Council noted the correspondence previously circulated and the follow up from Shan Mayor in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman reminded Council that it had supported the MontytraX project including some financial support. He felt it worthwhile to accede to Mrs Mayor's request to address the meeting. This was agreed and she will be invited to attend either the January or February meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Amenities

8.1 Walls Bridge Playground and Football field

Council noted that the work on replacing the football field fence has now been completed and several councillors praised the high quality of the work and the very reasonable price. Thanks were given to Arwel Jones for carrying out the work in such a satisfactory way.

8.2 LDP Land

Arwel Jones reported that an industrial strimmer could be hired at a cost of £100 per day which would flail the plant growth back and turn the resultant debris to mulch.

Labour would have to be paid for probably at a cost of a further £100. It was agreed that Arwel Jones should be asked to go ahead with this work.

Concern was expressed about the future use of this land. It is earmarked for development in the LDP but it is not known whether Lewis Brothers will develop the land themselves or sell it on. Neither is it known what Lewis Brothers intend to do with the land in the interim.

County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to talk with Mr Lewis to ascertain his intentions re this land.

ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones

9. Highways and Byways

9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

Cllr Jones asked about progress with the potholes at the Dolphin car park. County Councillor Arwel Jones said that he had asked Powys County Council for a quote to do the work but, to date, has not had a reply.

Cllr Cavill said that so far Powys County Council had done no work on the problems on Pen-y-Foel. Cllr Jones said that the work promised by Powys on Carreghofa Lane also had not been done.

ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones

9.2 Chapel Lane

The overgrown vegetation at the house on the corner of Chapel Lane and the A483 is still obscuring sight lines. The Clerk said that he would write again to the owner.

ACTION: Clerk

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1 Burial Board

There has been no meeting since the last Council meeting. The Clerk tabled a communication from the Welsh Government regarding the Memorandum of Understanding re child burials. The Chairman asked the Clerk to forward the memo to him and he would pass it on to the secretary and chair of the Burial Board.

ACTION: Clerk then Chair

10.2 Montgomery Council Forum

No meeting has taken place

10.3 Village Hall

Cllr Jones reported that the ceremony to plant the tree given as a prize for the Village of the Year competition took place on Saturday 23rd November. Representatives from CPRW attended with a good number of local residents. CPRW have indicated that they wish to have the launch of the next Village of the Year competition in Llanymynech.

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

The Chairman reported that he was unable to attend. The two issues of interest are:-

- Future Fit – a decision has now been made in favour of A&E at Shrewsbury but Telford has lodged an appeal.
- The GP practice at Four Crosses will be closed for two weeks for refurbishment. Arrangements have been made for prescription to be picked up from the Garage shop at Llandrinio.

10.5 North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum

This group has now ceased. It will be removed from future agendas

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. To pass a resolution to exclude members of the general public while confidential matter are being discussed.

This minute will be forwarded under a separate confidential note.

13. AOB

13.1. The Clerk tabled a note from the Welsh Government notifying town and community councils of the level of spending allowed next year under Section 137 (4) (A). This was noted.

13.2. A letter together with a copy of the accounts was received from the Llanymynech Good Companions Club asking for financial support.

It was agreed that the Council would make a donation of £300.

14. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall

ACTION: All to note

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____