

# Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8 December 2020 at Llanymynech Village Hall

Note: this meeting was held in lieu of the meeting scheduled for 24 November but which was cancelled because of the Covid lockdown.

Present:

Cllr M. Connell (Chair)

Cllr C Backshall

Cllr R Dover

Cllr F. James,

Cllr C Jones

Cllr R. McCluskey

Cllr R Pownall

In attendance:

Michael Donkin – Clerk to the Council

County Councillor Arwel Jones

### 1. Apologies for absence

None

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

None

### 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2020

Item 3.6 Mrs Stewart was amended to read Dr Stewart

With this correction the minutes were accepted as a true record; proposed by Cllr Pownall and seconded by Cllr Jones and signed by the Chairman

#### 3.1 Notes of decisions taken in lieu of the October meeting

The decisions taken were ratified by Council; proposed by Cllr Pownall and seconded by Cllr Jones and signed by the Chairman

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

There were no matters arising

### 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 for 2021/22

The Clerk introduced the budget and referred to the notes which gave explanations of the changes made from the current year. Cllr Backshall pointed out an error in the addition of the proposed budget column and this was corrected.

Council agreed to use some reserves in order that the Precept should remain the same as the previous year. The Clerk pointed out that this is the third year in succession where the Community Council's Precept has not increased and felt that this should be publicised, perhaps in the Parish magazine. He expected that the overall Precept would rise.

There was discussion about the need to make the website compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). Cllr Backshall said that she was in discussion with Gloversure about this and would investigate the matter in the New Year. She further said that Gloversure had quoted £3,500 simply for the audit of the website for WCAG compliance. The Clerk said that very few Community Councils had achieved compliance. Cllr Backshall asked if the County Council was providing any advice and/or support to community councils. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would ask about what was available. In the meantime Council accepted the addition to the web site budget.

**ACTION: County Councillor Arwel Jones**

Adoption of the budget was proposed by Cllr Backshall, seconded by Cllr Pownall and passed nem con.

### 5.3 Approval of Payments

Council approved the payment as set out in the papers for the meeting. Additionally Council approved two payments presented at the meeting as follows:-

£50 to Arwel Jones, Building Contractors for strimming the land next to the football field.

£78.30 to Clive Heaton. There were questions about this work and why it fell outside the standard contract.

**Follow up: Complaints had been received from residents about debris that had been left following hedge cutting. The Chairman had written to the person concerned and asked that any future work be cleared. It was not felt that Powys C. C. would be likely to clear the area in a timely fashion and the Chairman and Clerk agreed to ask out own contractor to clear it on a one-off basis.**

## **6. Planning**

### 6.1 Planning applications

There were no planning applications to consider

### 6.2 Planning leader

The Chairman pointed out that when planning applications came in very shortly after a meeting the deadline for comment fell before Council met again. He felt that Council might appoint one of its number to act on behalf of the whole Council in these instances. Cllr James said that in the past there had been a small sub-committee that had fulfilled this role. It was decided that the matter would be deferred to the January meeting for further discussion.

## **7. Other matters**

### 7.1 Defibrillator

Council noted the responses from companies to the offer to tender for a new defibrillator.

However, the Chairman said that he had met with an NHS first responder who had examined the Council's defibrillator with him and concluded that the machine did not require replacing but did need a new set of paddles. He recommended that Council purchase two sets as they can only be used on a single occasion. The paddles will have a lifespan of between 4 and 5 years before they require replacing. The Chairman said that paddles cost £114 per set. County Cllr Arwel Jones asked whether we could get the paddles from the NHS as it has considerable purchasing power and we might be able to make a saving. The Chairman said that he would enquire about this.

**ACTION: Chairman**

### 7.2 Memorial Bench - Llanymynech Rocks and Walls Bridge

7.2.1. Cllr Pownall had installed the bench on Llanymynech Rocks but had been told that it was not secure and was leaning backwards. The Chairman said that he had gone up to the Rocks and found that the bench had settled and was stable. Cllr Pownall thought his son had secured the bench.

7.2.2. Cllr Pownall said that the bench at Walls Bridge would be lifted prior to Christmas, taken inside, dried out then cleaned and re-painted.

**ACTION: Cllr Pownall**

### 7.3 Register of Interests

Cllr Backshall reported that she now had all details, with the exception of Cllr Pownall who has just joined the Council and is completing his form. The details will be placed on the Council's website in a summarised form. Cllr Backshall confirmed that Cllrs who own or rent a property in Carreghofa must declare this on the form. Councillors were asked to check their entries and make sure that they were up to date. Any amendments should be sent to Cllr Backshall within 2 weeks after which the information will go live on the website.

**ACTION: All councillors.**

### 7.4 Strategic Development Plan

The Chairman said that he had hoped to form a sub-committee to respond to the Welsh Government's consultation. Unfortunately the lock down meant that there was no time before the deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It was agreed that the Chairman should look at the plan and respond on behalf of the Council

**ACTION: Chairman**

### 7.5 Outdoor gym equipment

The clerk said that this item had been retained on the agenda as it had been mooted that additional equipment might be purchased to cater for the needs of people with disabilities. Cllr Pownall asked what use had been made of the existing equipment. The Chairman said that it was difficult to say as the first lockdown came in just after the equipment had been installed and now that the lockdowns had ended we were entering winter when use would be much less. It was agreed that we should wait until it had been in use for 1 year and then undertake a further survey to ascertain the uptake.

Cllr Connell asked for agreement to purchase 2 x 5ltr cartons of hand sanitiser at a cost of £48.  
Meeting approved.

### 7.6 Dental Services in Powys

Council noted the correspondence in the papers for the meeting from Llandrindod Wells Town Council re concern over the lack of NHS dental services. It was decided that Council would support Llandrindod Wells Town Council.

**ACTION: Clerk – to apprise Llandrindod Wells TC**

### 7.7 Flood barrier for Shrewsbury

Council noted the correspondence in the papers for the meeting from Kinnerley Parish Council re Severn Trent's plan to install a flood barrier downstream to protect Shrewsbury from flooding. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that there had been consultation between Severn Trent and Shropshire County Council but that Powys County Council had not been approached. When Severn Trent had been apprised of the likely effects upstream they had responded that flood water would only affect farmland. They seemed to be unaware of the effects on communities such as Melverley. There will be a full consultation in the new year and the Council will take the opportunity to comment then. Council decided that it would support Kinnerley Parish Council in its efforts. The Clerk apprised the Council that he had heard that day that Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council had also decided to support Kinnerley PC.

**ACTION: Clerk – to apprise Kinnerley PC**

## **8. Amenities**

### 8.1 Walls Bridge Playground and Football field

This is a standard agenda item but there was nothing to report at this meeting

**9. Highways and Byways**

9.1 Road Repairs Pot Holes

Cllr James said that because of building work on Pen-y-Foel, heavy lorries were churning up the verges. The subsidence caused by water pipes being laid under the lane still had not been addressed and the situation is deteriorating.

The Chairman pointed out that pot holes are once again appearing in Cae Haidd.

**ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones.**

9.2 Dolphin Car Park

Ongoing

**10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**

10.1 Burial Board

No meeting has been held.

10.2 Powys County Council and Town and Community Council meetings

No meeting has been held

10.3 Village Hall

No meeting has been held

10.4 Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

No meeting has been held

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

There was no correspondence for 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.

**13. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

**14. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall

**ACTION: All to note**

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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

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

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

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