

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2020
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 28th January 2020

The following amendment was made to the minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2020:-

Item 5.2. Cllr Morris was replaced by Cllr Backshall

With this amendment the minutes were agreed, proposed Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Cavill and signed by the Chairman.

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

Item 13.3. Defibrillator

The Chairman said that he had spoken with Mr Duncan Borthwick but he had not seen the representative from St. John's Ambulance Brigade. The Chairman felt that we would likely need a new and more up to date defibrillator and he would look to see what funding may be available.

Cllr James said that she would see Mr Borthwick and get the name of the St. John's rep and pass this on to the Chairman who would then try to get in touch directly. She also confirmed that the Landlord at the Dolphin Inn had agreed to maintain the defibrillator once it is in place.

ACTION: Cllr James, then Chairman

5. Finance Report

5.1. Financial Position

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

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5.2. Payments to members of town and community councils

Council noted the report from the Independent Review Panel for Wales. The Clerk pointed out that in the next financial year Determinations 42 and 48 were now mandatory and must be paid. Individual councillors could opt not to receive the payments listed but must write to the Clerk to confirm that they did not wish to receive the payments. Determination 43 only applies to large councils with a turn over in excess of £200,000

Council then reviewed the Determinations that applied to Community Councils and made the following decisions:-

- Determination 42 - Accept
- Determination 44 - Decline
- Determination 45 - Accept
- Determination 46 - Accept
- Determination 47 - Accept
- Determination 48 - Accept
- Determination 49 - Accept
- Determination 50 - Decline

5.3. Approval of Payments

Council approved the payment as set out in the papers for the meeting i.e. £109 for the renewal of membership of One Voice Wales. Cllr Backshall asked how the number of 325 chargeable dwellings was calculated. C. Cllr Arwel Jones explained that this was taken from the electoral roll.

Additionally Council agreed to pay £100 to Lewis Bros for the rent of the Football Field for the next year. C. Cllr Arwel Jones undertook to deliver the cheque to Mr Lewis and obtain a receipt.

ACTION: C.Cllr Arwel Jones

6. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider

7 Other matters

7.1. Keep fit equipment

Council noted the report in the Papers for the meeting. Cllr Morris had circulated the up-dated quotes from Broxap (Sunshine Gym (£6407) and Sovereign Gyms (£8794). A third quote from Mant Leisure had been received. This was for £8417 and pre-payment is required.

Sovereign Gym would require two days for installation, principally because of the distance needed for travel to and from Llanymynech. Sunshine Gym could install in one day.

Broxap had provided detailed plans and all the equipment would be installed facing the children's play equipment so that parents using the gym could continue to supervise their children in the playground.

Discussion on funding took place. It was noted that Lottery Funding cannot be obtained retrospectively and the application time would put the Council outside the time limit for the up-dated quotes.

The Clerk said that he had been in touch with the Council's insurers but they could not give a quote

until the exact cost was known.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Backshall also felt that RoSPA should be informed and asked to include the equipment in their annual inspection.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Backshall confirmed that the survey had engendered a good community spirit and that no adverse comments had been received, Council, therefore agreed to fund the venture from reserves. Cllr Morris agreed that she would contact Broxap and tell them to go ahead.

ACTION: Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris also felt that Council should consider installing some exercise equipment for disabled people. There was general agreement for this and the Chairman said that Council should seek funding for this in the future.

7.2. Memorial Bench - Llanymynech Rocks

Council noted with sadness the report of vandalism to the memorial bench. It was felt that the bench should be repaired and re-instated. Cllr Morris wondered if it should be re-sited in the lay by on Pen-y-Foel but Cllr James felt that the rocks is a very special position and many people appreciate and use the bench. She felt that it should be put in its original position.

Council accepted the offer from Cllr Cavill's husband to repair the bench and agreed to make up to £75 available for the purchase of materials.

The Chairman said that he would contact the secretary of the Golf Club to arrange a suitable time for access when the bench was ready to be installed.

ACTION: Cllr Cavill and The Chairman

7.3. Council Web-site

Cllr Cavill reported that she had had discussions with Gloversure and recommended that the Council go ahead with a SPAM catcher and updates its security as set out in the PHP report in the Papers for the meeting. However, she did not think it necessary to have a mobile version which would incur a further 3 hours work at a cost of £55 per hour + VAT.

Cllr Cavill said that a register of interest form should be on the web-site. The Clerk confirmed that councillors had filled out forms some time ago. He would look these out and would forward information to Cllr Backshall who would prepare an entry for the web-site. It was agreed that personal contact information would not be placed on the web-site and that members of the public who wished to contact individual councillors should be directed to the Clerk in the first instance.

ACTION: Clerk the Cllr Backshall

Cllr Cavill said that the new e-mail address for the Clerk was ready and she would forward details to the Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr Cavill

7.4. Conference on Policing in Rural Areas

Council noted the report in the Papers for the meeting but no one was available to attend.

8. Amenities

8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football field

The Clerk said that he had not been able to get a contact for the Football Club and therefore had not yet written to them about parking. C. Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would forward the details to the Clerk.

ACTION: C Cllr Arwel Jones then Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1. Road Repairs Pot Holes etc.

Cllr James reported a large area of water across the road on Pen-y-Foel due to drains being blocked.

The Chairman said that potholes were appearing on Tan-y-Foel and there is a “massive” one on Orchard Green.

C. Cllr Arwel Jones said that he was still waiting for a price from Powys County Council to repair the potholes on the Dolphin car park. Cllr Jones said that she had the e-mail address of the owner of the Dolphin and C. Cllr Arwel Jones said that once we have a price the owner could be approached with an offer to share the cost of the work between the Dolphin and the Community Council.

ACTION: C. Cllr Arwel Jones

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1. Burial Board

The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd March

10.2. Montgomery Council Forum

No representative had attended for some time and it was agreed that this would now be taken off the agenda.

10.3. Village Hall

Nothing to report

10.4. Powys Community Health Council, Montgomeryshire Local Committee

The next meeting is on the 2nd April at Newtown. The Chairman said that he would attend.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence for Decision

The Clerk said that he had received a letter from Craig Williams MP offering to attend a meeting of the Council. Members felt that this would be a useful exercise and that the question of the Llanymynech and Pant bypass could be raised. The Clerk was asked to communicate with Mr Williams and invite him to attend one of the Council’s meetings. The Chairman felt that if we can enlist the support of our MP we can link up with the MP on the Shropshire side of the border in order to get everyone working together.

ACTION: Clerk

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.

Cllr Jones said that Duncan Borthwick is organising another community litter pick and has asked the Council to fund some more equipment. This would be a very small amount and Council agreed that it would do so.

13.2.

Cllr Backshall asked if an opening ceremony could be held when the outdoor gym equipment was in place. It was felt that this was a good idea which would help publicise the work of the Council and involve the local community.

13.3.

Cllr. James asked if anything had been heard about the opening event for the 2020 Village of the Year competition. She pointed out the CPRW had indicated that, as Carreghofa had won the 2018 competition they wanted the launch to be in Llanymynech. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been heard to date.

[Subsequent to the meeting an email has been received and circulated to councillors](#)

13 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall

ACTION: All to note

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____

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