

Cyngor Cymuned Carreghofa Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018
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 R McCluskey
Cllr S Morris

In attendance: Mr. M Donkin – Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence County Cllr Arwel Jones
2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda None
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair
4. Matters arising from the minutes There were no matters arising that would not be raised as agenda items during the meeting
5. Finance Report 5.1. Council noted the financial position as set out in the papers for the meeting. 5.2. Donation to the Good Companions Council decided to make a donation of £300 to Llanymynech Good Companions 5.3. Clerk's Salary Council agreed the increase in the Clerk's salary as set out in the papers for the meeting. 5.4. Council authorised the items for payment as set out in the papers for the meeting and further authorised an invoice, presented at the, of £40 to Llanymynech Village Hall for hire of the meeting room.
6 Planning There were no applications to consider
7 Other matters <u>7.1. Data Protection Regulations</u> The Clerk confirmed that the national government had now accepted an amendment to exempt town and community councils from the need to appoint a Data Protections Officer. Nonetheless, Cllr Cavill agreed to keep a watching brief on the Council's data protection issues.

The Clerk said that, in view of the small amount of data held, all that would be necessary was for councillors to agree that their data could be held. This could be done by an opt-out rather than opt in method.

ACTION: Clerk

7.2. Child Burial Fees

The Chairman confirmed that Nia Hughes (Powys County Council) now has the data it requires and the representative has said that she will get in touch in due course.

7.3. Future Fit Consultation

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman said that he had put a copy of the flyer on the Council's notice board.

Cllr McCluskey felt that as well as the on-line publicity currently available further copies of the flyer should be put in the Village Hall and other venues. This was agreed and the Chairman said that he would put a flyer in the post office.

Cllr Backshall queried how far the public was aware of the consultation and felt that the Council should do more to publicise it. Cllr Jones agreed; she felt that the title 'Future Fit' did not resonate with the serious issues being discussed and may be taken by some as an exercise programme. We should do more to make the public aware of these momentous changes.

It was agreed that the matter should be publicised in the Parish Magazine and the Council should consider making a block booking of the computer room at the Village Hall to allow people with no internet access to make comments. The chairman said that he would also draw up an item for publication in the Parish magazine.

ACTION: Chairman

Council felt that it should make a corporate response to the consultation and it was agreed that the Council would support option 1 i.e. an emergency care centre based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The Chairman will draw up a response on the Council's behalf.

ACTION: Chairman

7.4. Montgomeryshire Village Award

Cllr James said that the submission had been made and we are now in the judging period. The judging panel will contact the Council to arrange a time to meet. A number of local organisations, including the Flower Club and WI, are keen to meet with the panel and Cllr James felt that the Council should be proactive in getting a date which is convenient to the majority of people in the village. She also confirmed that Carreghofa Primary School is keen to be involved but the Head teacher needs information. We need to know how long the judging panel will be in the village; Cllr James suggested that, if time allowed, a walkabout could take place. Most people felt that Monday was the best day to meet the panel as the IT centre at the Village Hall would be open for computer classes. The Clerk was asked to contact CPRW and arrange a meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Amenities

8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field

The Clerk reported that the RoSPA inspection of the playground will take place in June. Council did not feel that it was necessary to make a specific appointment for a councillor to be in attendance.

Council noted the report in the papers for the meeting re a padlock on the football field gate.

8.2. Notice Board at the Post Office

The Clerk confirmed that advertising on web-sites for local traders had produced no response. However, he drew the attention of the Council to a company offering notice boards at sale prices. A notice board capable of displaying 18 sheets of A4 paper could be purchased for £287.00 + VAT. The Clerk recommended a blue backing material with aluminium surrounds and it was agreed that the Chairman would consult with the owners of the Village Shop to get their preferences and then liaise with the Clerk who would order the notice board.

ACTION: Chairman then Clerk

9. Highways and Byways

9.1. Pedestrian Crossing

It was generally agreed that the new crossing was a good thing. However, Cllr James noted that the phase for pedestrians to cross was not long enough. She had witnessed an elderly lady who had only managed to get half way across when the lights changed. Other councillors recounted similar experiences and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority to ask for the pedestrian phase to be lengthened.

ACTION: Clerk

9.2. Potholes and water leak outside the Bengal restaurant.

The Chairman gave an update of the correspondence between himself and County Cllr Arwel Jones re the leak. He reported that Dean Evans of Powys County Council was in Four Crosses today and was supposed to assess the problem. However, no markers have been placed around the potholes to warn traffic and despite County Cllr Jones' efforts nothing has been done. The road surface is deteriorating; there is shingle across the road and another pothole is developing as a result of erosion by the water leak.. The matter has been reported to Severn Trent but they have responded that they are unable to take action until they receive paperwork from Powys County Council. The Chairman felt that whether or not money was available this was now such a hazard to cars and pedestrians that it must be given high priority.

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the head of the County Council and our local AM with a copy to Severn Trent. If no action results the Council will consider a press campaign.

ACTION: Chairman

Elsewhere potholes and verge maintenance continue to cause problems. Cllr Jones said that she had been approached by a resident of Cae Haidd complaining that the verges had not been cut. The Clerk confirmed that this is the responsibility of the County Council. The Chairman said that because Carreghofa Community Council had declined to take on direct services we were receiving a minimum level of provision; nonetheless, residents had the right to expect that the grass and verges should be kept in a neat and tidy condition. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council and find out what the level of provision should be and ask for the itinerary for grass cutting and verge clearing in Carreghofa.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr James reported that a councillor from Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council had asked her about a footpath leading from Pen-y-Foel to the A483 which is now completely overgrown. She also raised the question of other footpaths in the area, in particular the Carreghofa Way, where footpaths have not been maintained and signage is missing. She suggested that councillors undertake a walk along the Carreghofa Way to assess the condition and then contact the footpaths section at Powys County Council. A number of councillors expressed interest in this and Cllr James offered to arrange the event.

ACTION: Cllr James

10. To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies

10.1. Burial Board

The Board has not met since the last meeting of the Council

10.2. Montgomery Council Forum

A meeting has been held but the Chairman was unable to attend. He will attend the next meeting.

10.3. Village Hall

Cllr Jones reported that a defibrillator has now been installed at the Village Hall and there will be a training session on 14th June when anyone interested is welcome to attend.

She also said that the car parking facilities at the hall were under stress and the Hall committee had submitted two applications :-

1 to remove the hedge on the boundary

2 to increase the size of the car park.

She said that the Hall committee are likely to approach the Community Benefit Fund for assistance.

10.4. Llanymynech Heritage Partnership

The Chairman and Cllr Jones will represent the Council at this meeting on 4th June

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.

12 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.

ACTION: All to note.

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____