Cyngor Cymuned **Carreghofa** Community Council

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL RATIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 27th JUNE 2024**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2024

at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr R Dover (Chair)

Cllr. I Done

Cllr J Fynes

Cllr C Hall

Cllr. F James

Cllr C Jones

Cllr I Parry

Cllr C Savage

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Mr M. Donkin: Clerk to the Council

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| **1.Apologies for absence**  None, all present |
| **2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**  None |
| **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2024**  The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024 were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr James and approved unanimously. |
| **4. Matters arising from the minutes**  4.1. ref min 4.2 Flag for Peace  Cllr Hall said that she had talked to Mr T. Ingram who said that it would be possible to drape a flag over the war memorial to commemorate the anniversary of D Day. It was confirmed that Carreghofa Community Council owns the memorial which appears on the Asset Register and, therefore, no permission would be required to place a flag on the memorial.  The Clerk reminded Council that the decision at the previous meeting was that, as the only flag pole was on Pen-y-Foel and would not be seen by the majority of residents, the purchase of a flag would not be a good use of the Council’s resources and no further action would be taken. However, Council could reverse its decision but time was now short for the purchase of a flag for the 6th June.  Cllr Done offered to look at the memorial to assess if a flag could be placed or flown there and he would report back to the Clerk the next day (29th May). If the answer is positive, the Clerk will see if a flag can be purchased and delivered in time. This was agreed.  **ACTION: Cllr Done then Clerk** |
| **5 Finance**  5.1. Approval of Payments  Council approved the following payments as listed in the papers for the meeting:-   * Clive Heaton: Grounds maintenance contract Second Quarter - £895.19   The Clerk tabled a further invoice from Llanymynech Village Hall for rent for the March meeting of £24. This was also agreed. |
| **6. Planning**  There were no planning applications for consideration.  County Cllr Arwel Jones confirmed that there was no further information on the LDP. It is expected  In the autumn. |
| **7 Other matters**  7.1 Montgomery Canal Development Project  The Chairman reported that Kathryn Woodroffe’s report had been circulated. As yet no planning applications have been made. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the project must use the funds by March 2025 but there were no costings and a contractor is yet to be appointed.  Cllr Done asked about the plans for Williams Bridge. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that this would be a ‘lift’ bridge. The Chairman felt that there is a need to liaise with the traffic authorities. He also said that dredging will recommence after the nesting season.  The Chairman wished to record thanks to Ms Woodroffe for keeping the Community Council so well informed.  7.2 Community Shop  The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the Post Office and that it is unlikely that a post office facility would be put into the village hall. Post offices held in shops such as that at Llanfechain would continue but there were no plans to open new venues.  Cllr Fynes pointed out that the ‘mini market’ which has been established in the old village shop sells vapes, crisps and some bread and milk but did not stock the range of products that one would expect from a village shop.  Cllr Savage wondered if the shop would stock newspapers.  Cllr Hall wondered if there is any point in trying to resurrect the idea of a village shop on the village hall site. The Chairman said that he would liaise with Cllr Bond, the Chair of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council.  **ACTION: Chairman**    Cllr Fynes asked whether the fact that the old shop is now providing a ‘mini mart’ an objection could be made to another general shop being established. Cllr Done felt that the Council should approach the shopkeeper to find out his intentions regarding the range of goods to be stocked.  It was agreed that:-  A letter would be sent to the shopkeeper asking how he intended to develop the range of goods offered  The Council should take advice on planning issues regarding the new shop.  **ACTION: Clerk to draft a letter and send after agreement with the Chairman**  **County Cllr Arwel jones to check with Powys C. C. on planning issues.**  7.3. Planters.  Cllr Done reported that planters could be purchased from a not for profit company at £194 each. They are of a robust design  He had considered a number of possible sites with the following results:-   * Boundary Stone – 3 planters could be placed here * Walls Bridge playground one more in addition to that already in situ * Willams Bridge – not feasible * Old Hall Bridge – safe site * Chapman’s Bridge – safe site.   Cllr Done felt that these sites could be subject to change until the canal project was finished and, therefore, recommended that, at present, only the planter(s) at the Boundary Stone site should be installed. He asked if the Council’s grounds maintenance contractor could be asked to strim around the area as he has professional equipment. The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Heaton about this.  **ACTION: Clerk**  A question was asked about the maintenance of the planters. Cllr Done said that the planters would require compost which would cost about £50. The planters are deep and sealed so that rainwater would be retained and watering would not be necessary.    Cllr Savage asked whether the planters would obscure visibility for traffic. Cllr Done replied that this would not be the case as the planters would be placed at a sufficient distance back from the road.  She also asked who would volunteer to plant and maintain the planters. Cllr Done felt that there would be sufficient interest and that volunteers would be forthcoming. It was suggested that the idea be put on the Council’s Facebook page and website asking for volunteers.  Cllr Done said that each of the planters could be fitted with a plaque and that local people or businesses might be persuaded to sponsor them. Their name would be on the plaque.  **ACTION: Cllr Done to proceed with a planter at the boundary stone**  **Cllr Parry to put a notice on the Council’s Facebook page and website**  7.4 Carreghofa walkabout  It was agreed that councillors would meet in the Dolphin Car Park on Thursday 20th June at 6.00pm and undertake a walkabout of the area using the same route as that taken on the 2023 walkabout. Mention was made of the Carreghofa Trail. Cllr James said that she planned to walk the whole trail and would report back.  7.5. The Green, Cae Haidd  Cllr Done reported that he had seen the resident who had contacted the Council. Coincidentally the grass had been cut 24 hours after his visit. The trees need severe pruning. The grass had not been mowed well as the state of the trees meant that they were in the way of the mower.  County Cllr Arwel Jones said that Powys County Council had done one mow in the past but the area had then become overgrown. The Clerk said that the Community Council had also, as a goodwill gesture, mowed the are but he did not believe that this ground was the responsibility of the Community Council. Nonetheless it was agreed that we should ask the Council’s grounds maintenance contractor to mow the area and prune the trees.  **ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr Heaton.**  The discussion then moved on to the area at the end of Cae Haidd which contains the underground gas tanks owned by Avanti Gas. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the gas company did not own the land. He thought that the developer has now gone into liquidation. He agreed to contact the solicitors to ascertain who the owns this land.  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**  It was suggested that during the Council’s next ‘walkabout’ a schedule of works that need to be done should be complied.  7.6. Social Media activity  Cllr Parry said that the poll on speed limits was overwhelmingly (c80%) in favour of the limit of the A483 being returned to 30 mph. Some 500 people had voted.  Other issues raised were parking beside the football field and one person had raised the issue of graffiti at the football field.  There was nothing further to report on the website.  7.7. Local Bus Network – retendering consultation  The Clerk tabled this item which had been received after the papers for the meeting had gone out.  The Powys County Council project officer for the 2025 retendering of bus services had written as follows:-  *I am looking for each county councillor and community council to consider what local bus services in their area might look like. These may well be aspirational, but all suggestions are welcome. Please include any areas that you feel are not currently serviced by the bus network, and from which you believe your community would benefit, including reasons for the benefit and indeed where appropriate numbers of those who would likely use such a service.  Whilst we value all suggestions, we cannot commit to being able to implement everything a community may wish for, we will, however, consider everything carefully.*  The Clerk pointed out that the deadline for responses is 12th June. It was agreed that the matter be put on the Council’s Facebook page and website asked for views from the public about what they think about the quality of current services and what they would like to see in the future.  Responses must reach the Clerk in time for submission before the deadline.  **ACTION: Cllr Parry, Clerk** |
| **8 Amenities**  8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field  The Chairman thanked Cllr Done for sorting out the problems with the ‘helicopter’ on the playground. Cllr Done said that the equipment is now useable but that the seats are rotting internally. He suggested replacing the seats. It was agreed that the matter would await the report of the RoSPA playground inspection to be carried out in June.  8.2. Olive Nial’s Memorial Bench  Cllr Done said that all the wood has now been cut and is awaiting varnishing after which the bench would be restored. Target date two weeks.  **ACTION: Cllr Done** |
| **9. Highways and Byways**   * 1. And 9.2. Verges and potholes   County Cllr Arwel Jones said that the County Council has been prioritising its capital programme and potholes will be the next priority. Cllr Hall said that Carreghofa Lane was now in a desperate state.  Cllr James reported that on 24th April an incident took place. An Adstock articulated animal feed lorry had attempted to get through Pen-y-Foel. It had tried to reversed and had got stuck. A recovery vehicle which attended had also got stuck and had to be hauled out by a tractor. Considerable damage had been caused including cracked tarmac. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would look at the damage and report the matter to the County Council.  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**  Cllr Done reported that vegetation is once more encroaching onto the road in Chapel Lane. It is thought that the owner of the property is not able to clear the vegetation and that Council action might be required.  Cllr Done reported that individuals were speeding on the B4398. He had made a video of speeding cares at 11.00pm one evening. It was suggested that speed bumps be installed and that the Police Liaison Officer be contacted. County Cllr Arwel Jones undertook to do this.  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**  It was reported that parking by the football field is still causing concern. Some cares are now parking on the pavement and others now park on the bend in Carreghofa Lane making access on to the main road difficult. Cllr savage thought that the signs on the Walls Bridge car park which state opening and closing times should be removed since the car park is now open at all times. Cllr Done suggested putting a prominent Parking (‘P’) sign up. Cllr Hall suggested installing a height restriction barrier. The Clerk said that e would ascertain the cost of a barrier and find out whether planning permission would be required.  **ACTION: Clerk**  It was also suggested that double yellow lines be painted but County Cllr Arwel Jones said that this would require a Traffic Order and would cost in excess of £1000. It was decided to wait until the football season starts and then reconsider this matter. |
| **10 To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**  10.1. Burial Board  Nothing to report  10.2. Powys C. C. and Town and Community Councils meeting  Cllr hall distributed notes from the recent meeting. Local councils are encouraged to bring issues to these meetings. The meeting expressed concern about the size of Powys as a local authority. It was thought that the group would be more effective it split into smaller units.  10.3. Village Hall  Nothing to report  10.4 CHC meeting  This meeting has now been discontinued |
| **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   | **From** | **Date** | **Subject** | | --- | --- | --- | | Craig Williams MP | 1st May | May newsletter | | Russell George MS | 2nd May | May newsletter | | Kathryn Woodroffe: Canal & Rivers Trust | 14th May | Montgomery canal project - update | | Powys County Council | 14th May | Planning Dept. Website availability and updates | | Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council | 20th May | Agenda and papers for AGM and May meeting | | Craig Williams MP | 23rd May | May newsletter | |
| **12. Any other business**  County Cllr Arwel Jones informed the meeting of a street lighting capital project. The times of lighting of some lamps would be changed, others would be switched off altogether while yet others would be switched back on. It is proposed that all lights be dimmed between 12.00 midnight and daybreak.  County Cllr Arwel Jones had a schedule of works and said that only two lights in Carreghofa would be affected. One is by the pumping station on Chapel Lane and its removal is recommended. If the Community Council think that it is beneficial to keep it then it will be kept. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would visit the four properties concerned and get the views of residents,  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**  The other lamp id in Cllr Done’s garden. Cllr Done said that the lamp had not been working for some time and that he is happy for it to be removed. |
| **13. Date of the next meeting:**  Tuesday 25th June at 7.00pm at Llanymynech Village Hall.  **ACTION: All to note** |

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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

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