Cyngor Cymuned **Carreghofa** Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023

at Llanymynech Village Hall

Joint Meeting with Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council and Presentation from the Canal and Rivers Trust (Item 7.1, taken first).

Present:

Cllr R Dover

Cllr C Jones

Cllr F James

Cllr I Done

Cllr I Parry

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones

Canal and Rivers Trust - Richard Harrison and Katie Woodroffe

Powys County Council - Katherine Gilmour

Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council: Ian Pollitt, Robin Hitch, Barry Robinson

Members of the Public: Marilyn Pollitt, Peter Jones, Ian Smith, Clare Savage and Cheryl Hall.

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| **1.Apologies for absence**  Cllr R McCluskey  Mike Donkin  Ms Alice Bond (Chair: Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council)  Adam Brown (Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council) |
| **2. To record Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**  None |
| **7.1 Montgomery Canal Development Project - Presentation and update**  The presentation from Canal and Rivers Trust was taken first. This included a full PowerPoint presentation outlining current progress and outlines of proposals for future work including plans for Walls bridge and Williams Bridge. It was reported that the dredging of the canal between the A483 bridge and Walls Bridge has now been completed. The silt has been left to dry out on the field off Carreghofa Lane, and this will be removed as soon possible. Planning Approval for the new bridge has not yet been received, but it is hoped that work on this will be able to commence at the beginning of this Summer. An extension for the date of completion for the whole project from Llanymynech to Maerdy bridge has now been given for the end of 2025.  Reports were provided on the recent consultation events which had been held at the Village Hall, and also at Four Crosses. These were well attended and were reported to have provided useful and constructive feedback for the Trust.  Questions were taken with regard to the design of the new bridge at Wall Bridge, specifically on the impact on the current playground and parking areas, and the proposed diversion route for Carreghofa Lane. Questions were also taken relating to the possible creation of nature reserve areas, and also on options for the new crossing of the canal at Walls Bridge. Members of the Trust confirmed, in conclusion, that they would welcome on-going liaison with the Council, and that they would return to future meetings as the project developed. This would include details of updated designs and plans for the bridge crossings.  Following the Presentation, members of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council and members of the Canal and Rivers Trust left the meeting at 8.00pm. |
| **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2023**  The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January were agreed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Done. |
| **4. Matters arising from the minutes**  None that would not occur elsewhere in the agenda |
| **5. Finance Report**  5.1. Financial Position  Council noted the financial position as set out in the papers for the meeting.  Deposit account: £15,791.45  Current account: £950.21  Pension account £72.99  5.2. Membership of One Voice Wales  The meeting noted that membership of One Wales was now due for renewal. It was noted that this had proved a useful forum for the Council and it was agreed unanimously that membership, at a cost of £125, should be renewed.  5.3. Approval of Payments  There were no items for payment |
| **6 Planning**  There were no planning applications for consideration. |
| **7 Other matters**  7.1 Montgomery Canal Project  Item taken first and discussed above  7.2 Vacancy on the Council  Cheryl Hall had previously offered to join the Council and it was unanimously agreed that she should be co-opted as a new Councillor with immediate effect.  7.3. Future of the Community Council  The Chair confirmed that he will be stepping down in May, and it was noted also that at least one other Councillor is considering standing down. In the light of this it was agreed that it would be helpful to progress with the plan to circulate details of vacancies and wider information on the work of the Council within the Carreghofa community to attract wider interest in and awareness of the work of the Council. The Chair offered to compile text which could be used in a flyer for distribution to residents within the community.  **ACTION: Cllr Dover**    7. 4 Donation requests  7.4.1 St. Agatha’s Clock maintenance.  A request had been received from St. Agatha’s Church, Llanymynech, for a payment as a contribution towards maintenance costs for the Village Clock on the Church tower, and it was proposed the Council should make a payment of £82.00. This was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Hall, and agreed by all.  7.4.2 Macmillan Cancer Support.  It was felt that there was little input into the local community and, therefore, Council decided that it would not donate to Macmillan Cancer Support at this time.  7.4.3 Coronation Celebrations  A letter had been received from Duncan Borthwick with suggestions for community events to celebrate this event and a request for funds to help with costs, which are estimated to be in the region of £1,000. It was unanimously agreed that we would give a donation of £500 towards these costs. Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Hall.  7.4.4 Support for Community Warm Bank  Further to discussion at the previous meeting the Council had received a formal request for funding support for a donation for the local Warm Bank group was discussed. It was agreed that the Council should support this initiative. A payment of £100 was proposed by Cllr Done, seconded by Cllr Hall, to support the work of the Warm Bank. |
| **8 Amenities**  8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field  It was noted that the local landowner was considering submitting a proposal that land adjacent to the Elm Tree be considered for inclusion into the Local Development Plan and that this might possibly have an impact on the area currently used for the Football Field, although the lease on the Football ground is in place until 2027. There was some discussion on possible options, including possible re-location of the football field to an adjacent area also owned by the landowner. This subject would be discussed further at the next meeting, and it was considered also that a supplementary site visit would be useful. |
| **9. Highways and Byways**  There was some discussion relating to the status of plans related to the A483 bypass for Pant and Llanymynech. Councillors from Carreghofa and Llanymynech and Pant voiced concerns about the current risks associated with traffic volumes and speed throughout the road from Llynclys through to Four Crosses, and it was agreed that these problems appeared to getting worse. It was noted further that the Welsh Government had recently confirmed that it would not be supporting a number of major road projects throughout Wales, and some concern was expressed on whether or not this would impact on the A483 Bypass. County Cllr Jones confirmed that the proposed Llanymynech Bypass remained on the list for development and that it was scheduled for completion by 2030.  9.1. Verges and potholes  Cllr Jones and Cllr Hall reported the large potholes along Carreghofa Lane had still not been repaired. County Cllr Jones agreed to progress this with Powys County Council .  9.2.Chapel Lane  County Cllr Jones confirmed that the issue with removing foliage on Chapel Lane had still not been resolved but he would continue to progress this issue. |
| **10 To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**  10.1. Burial Board  A recent meeting of the Burial Board had been held. The need to find a new site remained but at present no suitable and available location has been identified. Two possible locations were being explored, and proposals for alternative sites were being progressed.  10.2. Powys C. C. and Town and Community Councils meeting  Nothing to report.  10.3. Village Hall  No meeting has been held this month.  10.4 CHC meeting  Nothing to report. |
| **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. Any Other Business**  None  The meeting was closed at 8.45pm |
| **14 Date of Next meeting**  Tuesday 28th March at Llanymynech Village Hall at 7.00pm.  **ACTION: All to note.** |

Approved by Council as a correct record:- March 2023

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

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