Cyngor Cymuned **Carreghofa** Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023

at Llanymynech Village Hall

Present:

Cllr R Dover

Cllr C Jones

Cllr F James

Cllr I Done

Cllr I Parry

In attendance:

County Cllr Arwel Jones,

Cllr Alice Bond (Chair Llanymynech & Pant P.C.)

Ms Clare Savage

Mr M. Donkin: Clerk to the Council

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| **1.Apologies for absence**  Cllr C. Hall  Cllr 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 February 2023**  The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Cllr Done. seconded by Cllr James. |
| **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: £14828.24  Current account: £547.41  Pension account £73.06  5.2. Appointment of Internal Auditor  The Clerk recommended that the Council remain with JDH Business Services which had acted as internal auditor for many years. This was approved  **ACTION: Clerk**  5.3. Independent Review Pane for Wales  Council considered the Determinations that applied to Community Councils and made the following decisions:-   * Extra Costs Payments: Council declined to make these payments. * Senior Role: Declined * Chair of Council: Accepted - Allocation £100. * Vice Chair of Council: Accepted – Allocation £50 * Attendance Allowance: Accepted * Financial Loss: Accepted * Travel & Subsistence: Accepted * Cost of Care or Personal Assistance: Accepted   Approval of Payments  The Clerk tabled two invoices received from the Wales Audit Office:-   * For external Audit 2019/20 - £398.00 * For external Audit 2020/21 - £311.00   These were approved |
| **6 Planning**  There were no planning applications for consideration. |
| **7 Other matters**  7.1 Co-option of new councillor  Ms Clare Savage had expressed an interest in joining the Council. Cllr James proposed that she be co-opted to the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed unanimously. Cllr Savage took her place with immediate effect.  7.2. Montgomery Canal Development Project  The Chairman gave a summary of the presentation at the February meeting and confirmed that representatives of the Canal & Rivers Trust would attend the April meeting. He reported that the pit adjacent to the canal had now been emptied. Cllr Jones said that where the canal has now been dredged is looking good.  The Chairman further said that the workers had been off-site for a week and that a road sweeper has been active on Carreghofa Lane cleaning up the mud.  Cllr Savage said that the Canal Trust representatives claim that they have the money for the project but that they don’t know what the new bridges will cost. County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed that firmer figures are needed.  There was some discussion on the type of bridge to be placed at Williams Bridge. Cllr Done said that a swing bridge would be the best option; There is likely to be very little waterborne traffic on the canal so any disruption to road traffic would be minimal.  7.3. Social Media activity for the Council  Cllr Parry had tabled this item. He spoke on the matter and felt that the Council should improve its impact on social media by setting up a Council Facebook page. This would not only give the Council the opportunity to reach a wider audience but would allow members of the public to comments which may provide useful feedback. The Chairman asked about the relationship between Facebook and the Council’s website. Cllr Parry offered to act as Administrator for the Facebook page. He will also take over the administration of the website. The Clerk said that he would forward the appropriate links. Cllr Bond asked that a link to Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council be set up and a reciprocal link from them to Carreghofa would be installed.  **ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Parry**  7.4. Leaflet re new councillors and distribution.  The Clerk pointed out that although, through recent co-options the Council is again at full strength, a number of councillors had wanted to step down at the last election but had remained on the Council because of lack of interest from elsewhere. He felt that it would still be worthwhile pursuing a leaflet drop to all houses in the Carreghofa electorate area to try and raise awareness of the Community Council and interest in becoming involved.  The chairman said that he and Cllr Parry had devised a flyer and the draft was circulated. It was agreed that the flyer be produced and should include a head and shoulders photo of Councillors. Councillors were asked to send a jpeg photo to Cllr Parry at [iparry02@gmail.com](mailto:iparry02@gmail.com),  The Clerk said that he would forward some photographs taken for the ‘Best Kept Village’ portfolio to Cllr Parry.  Cllr Bond suggested that Llanymynech be mentioned as most members of the public related to this name for the village, even when they lived in the Welsh Carreghofa side.  Cllr James said that the Council area should be divided up and each councillor could take on an area for delivery. The Clerk said that with the Easter holidays and the Coronation on 6th May people will have many other things to think about and he suggested that the matter be held over until after the Coronation when the flyers might have a greater impact.  **ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Parry and All.** |
| **8 Amenities**  8.1. Walls Bridge Playground and Football Field  Nothing new to report this month |
| **9. Highways and Byways**  9.1. Verges and potholes  Cllr Jones reported that conditions on Carreghofa Lane were getting worse especially as traffic density is increasing. Cllr James said that nothing has yet been done regarding the verges on Pen-y-Foel and again the condition of the road is deteriorating. County Cllr Arwel Jones agreed to progress this with Powys County Council.  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**  9.2.Chapel Lane  County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he is still waiting to hear from the Trunk Road Agent. He agreed to chase them again.  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones**  9.3. Traffic Speed Monitoring  Questions were asked about the speed counters currently on the B4393. It is not known whether these are in response the long standing attempts of the Community Council to deal with the problem of speeding traffic along this stretch or some other purpose. County Cllr Arwel Jones said that he would contact the Community Police Officer  **ACTION: County Cllr Arwel Jones** |
| **10 To receive reports on Meetings from Outside Bodies**  10.1. Burial Board  It was confirmed that Cllr Dover is the Council’s second representative on the Burial Board. Cllr Bond said that the Board continues to explore new sites. Currently two sites on the Llanymynech and Pant side are being considered.  10.2. Powys C. C. and Town and Community Councils meeting  Nothing to report.  10.3. Village Hall  Cllr Jones said that a new front door had been fitted and that this is a great improvement.  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**  12.1 Cllr James felt that the time was right for another walkabout to assess priorities for action, following on from recent discussions about the Carreghofa playing field and the Walls Bridge area..  12.2. Cllr Done, who has a background in engineering, said that he was available to help out with any tasks that needed doing.  The meeting was closed at 8.12pm |
| **14 Date of Next meeting**  Tuesday 25th April at Llanymynech Village Hall at 7.00pm.  As the Canal & Rivers Trust will attend an invitation to members of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council to join us would sent.  The Clerk pointed out that he will be away after Easter until 22nd April. He will send out a set of papers before he goes. Any matters arising while he is away will be forwarded when he returns but will not meet the minimum time requirement.  **ACTION: All to note.** |

Approved by Council as a correct record:-

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

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