

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 31st August 2016

Clatter Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs: Mr P Breese, Mrs R Davies, Mrs E Thomas, Mrs M Woosnam, Mr B O'Sullivan, Mr N Francis, Mr L George, Mr I Astley, Mr T P Calvin Thomas and Mr R Burrows.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Mr A Wallbank and Mr D Collington

2. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 27th July 2016 were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Mr B O'Sullivan and Mr R Burrows.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Review of budget: It was agreed by all present that the budget was fine as was originally agreed as no receipts or payments had altered dramatically. It was agreed that moving forward the budget would be reviewed every quarter and all relevant documentation would be sent to all members prior to the relevant meeting to be discussed. Next review of budget will be done during Novembers' meeting.

Review and confirmation of Financial Regulations: This was postponed until the next meeting due to the two Councillors who had been suggested to review the regulations in full not being present.

4. **Correspondence:**

- a) **Sabrina Morgan - Overgrown shrub at Clatter Terrace:** It was proposed that as no one was claiming ownership of the shrub that it would be cut down. This was seconded and agreed that Chairman Mr N Francis and Cllr Mr I Astley would remove the shrub.
- b) **Glynn Cook:** Regarding the proposed foot bridge in Caersws over the river, Mr Cook is trying to arrange a site meeting with Russell George AM and Ken Skates AM regarding the issue being faced and will contact me when a date is organised so that someone from the Community Council may also attend.
- c) **Cathy Napp:** Requested an update regarding ideas for the sculptures at Caersws station. It was agreed by all members that a financial donation would not be made by Caersws Community Council as the Councillors don't feel that the community's money should be spent on works of art and that the resources of the council should be used to directly benefit the community. Clerk to forward this response on to Cathy Knapp.
- d) **Lorraine Thomas:** Clatter would like to thank Caersws Community Council for the generous offer of funding for the work to be carried out. Clerk to request a copy of the invoice for works completed for financial records and a cheque will be drawn up to pass on to Clatter.

5. **Risk Assessment** Chairman Mr N Francis (August) September: Cllr Mr L George All looking fine. Clerk asked whether all of the gravestones that were due to be repaired by Roger Hamer have been done so that payment may be sent. It was confirmed that all was completed.

6. **Planning Applications**

Declarations of interest, whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion of any planning applications.

Application Ref: **P/2016/0789**

Grid Ref: 303436.2/292117.19 for Replacement of MCC Kiosk at Sewage Pumping Station Caersws Powys

No comments

7. **Bills for payment**

Healthmatic	W.C Maintenance (June)
Andrew Evans	Grass Cutting (July 2016)
One Voice Wales	Training
Clerks salary	August 2016
Clerks expenses (incl mileage)	August 2016
Roger Hamer	Maintenance/repair of gravestones

8. W/C Revenue

9. Any other business

Discuss option of not using Healthmatic for public convenience: A few issues have come up recently with Healthmatic due to them not coming out within the contractual 48hrs and also not fixing problems on the first visit resulting in loss of revenue to the Community Council and service provided to the public. Cllr Mr R Burrows has suggested that the Community Council could potentially arrange cleaning and maintenance of the public convenience as and when required rather than using a contractor such as Healthmatic and could save money by doing so. CCC are also out of contract since May 2016 so do not have a notice period to cancel the contract. Cllr Mr L George suggested that a list of all local tradesmen used is created and have a directory of go to people as and when different issues arise. Cllr Mrs M Woosnam asked whether someone else would be able to repair/maintain the coin boxes as these were supplied by Healthmatic. Cllr Mr R Burrows will look into this and contact potential tradesmen that would be able to help. Cllr Mr L George made a suggestion to find out whether the wind farm near Carno may provide some funding at all. Clerk will look into this.

10. Any other business from members

Cllr Mr T P Calvin Thomas: Stated that there is still a hole in the footbridge near Manthrig Lane. Cllr Mr R Davies and Clerk have both contacted Powys CC who have assessed the damage and stated that it is not in a state to require repair at this stage.

Cllr Mr P Breese: There is a manhole cover that is causing damage to the road and is a hazard to motorcyclists. It is on the trunk road on an area of red paint just over the brow towards Caersws. Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr Mr L George: There is a footpath in Pontdolgoch near to Maesgwyn which is very overgrown with vegetation. Clerk to report to PCC.

Cllr Mr B O'Sullivan: Frieda from Old School house in Caersws has complained that the shrubs near to the workshops are very overgrown. It is believed that PCC are responsible. Clerk to report to PCC.

Cllr Mr R Burrows: has a meeting coming up with Russell George AM next week regarding a lack of spending on transportation. As an electric vehicle (EV) owner he is aware of there not being many charge points throughout Mid-Wales. Some places have chargers but he would like to see more rapid chargers throughout Mid-Wales which charge a car within 20 minutes. One suggestion is to create a network throughout Mid-Wales and from North to South. It is green energy, the chargers are about the size of a fridge and cost £10,000. A charger could be put at the public convenience but funding would be required.

Cllr Mrs E Thomas: The bench by St John's Ambulance building has not been stained. Clerk to contact Tony Harding.

Cllr Mrs M Woosnam: Mr Bound, Ty Gwyn has been cutting his hedge on the side of the road towards Plas Maldwyn. There is concern over Mr Bound's safety when doing this. Cllrs Mrs R Davies and Mrs E Thomas both know him and will speak with him regarding this.

Chairman Mr N Francis: Near to Llys Maldwyn there are cracks in the road by the riverside and there is a concern that the road may be subsiding. Clerk to contact PCC.

11. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Meeting concluded at 8.35pm.