

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Mr P Breese, Mr B O'Sullivan, Mr N Francis, Mr T P Calvin Thomas, Mr L George, Mrs E Thomas, Mr D Collington, Mr I Astley and Mrs M Woosnam (arrived 7.35pm)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mr A Wallbank, Mrs R Davies, Mr R Burrows (contacted clerk)
2. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 25th January 2016 proposed and seconded by Cllrs Mrs E Thomas, Mr P Breese and Mr L George.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Station parking update (Cllr Mr L George):** Regarding the use of the field next to the station which is the site of the Roman Fort, Cllr Mr L George has been in contact with CADW who have conformed they would be willing to meet in Caersws regarding the possibility of using this site for extra car parking space for Caersws train station with the idea that the Roman site would be protected using special matting/surfacing. Cllr Mr L George has also written to PCC regarding the field on the same side as the station, opposite side of the platform. Information regarding the possibility of an asset transfer for this land has been requested. Cllr Mr L George has spoken with the tenant farmer who doesn't have an issue with this area of land being used for parking space for the station. This could also alleviate some issues local residents have with parking on the road. In finding a solution to the parking issues across the village CCC hopes that this would make the village safer for residents and drivers. Cllr Mr L George will contact the Clerk when he has received a response regarding either of these and Clerk will file current paperwork.
 - **Day Centres update (Cllr Mr L George)**

Following recent meetings regarding the possible closure of the day centre in Llanidloes, it was confirmed that PCC will keep the day centre open for a further 12 months. Thereafter PCC will fund 60-75% of the running costs (currently state to be £200K for 12 months. Following these meeting, attended by some members of CCC, Llanidloes Town Council has stated that it will be willing to fund £10k but would look to have some of these funds back from other Community Councils in the area. It was agreed by Councillors that CCC are in support and are in favour of helping with some funding towards this. Clerk will contact Llanidloes Town Council to confirm this and will send some information regarding electorate figures in order for CCC to discuss and confirm an amount that would be possible, at a future meeting.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a) **Powys War Memorials Project:** funding available to restore, repair or maintain World War 1 memorials in Powys. Clerk to take pictures of war memorial in Caersws and send application for funding.
 - b) **Glynn Cook & Andrew Cartwright:** Two separate letters relating to proposed housing development stating objections/concerns. These communications will be forwarded to the Planning Office for their information and have been noted by the Community Council for the future if/when a planning application is submitted.
 - c) **Lorraine Stanton (Manafon Community Council):** Information from EE & Home Office regarding better communication coverage. Clerk to confirm to Lorraine Stanton that CCC supports these plans. Clerk to forward info received onto Cllrs Mr D Collington and Mrs M Woosnam.
 - d) **Welsh Government:** Survey asking for information about Community & Town Councils.
 - e) **Quotes received for 2017 grass cutting contract.** Councillors unanimously decided to award the contract to Andrew Evans for the coming grass cutting season. Clerk to contact him to confirm.
 - f) **Karen Unwin, letter received via Cllr Mr A Wallbank:** regarding a complaint over an access/planning dispute with neighbours. Clerk to pass Karen Unwin's letter onto the Planning Office.

- g) **Welsh Government:** Next meeting of the First World War Centenary Programme Board and commemorative plans for 2018. CCC has no concrete plans at this stage but hopes to light a beacon next year. Clerk to pass this information on.

5. Risk Assessment: Cllr Mr L George (February 2017)

No problems although the weeds will need to be sprayed fairly soon.

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/2017/0142**

Grid Ref: 302864.16/291888.56 for Change of use of land from domestic use to a storage & distribution yard (class B8 use), formation of vehicular access, parking & turning area including erection of a 1m high fence & gates (part retrospective) at Land opposite station house (former garden) Trefeglwys Road Caersws Powys

Cllr Mrs R Davies contacted the Clerk prior to meeting to state that Planning Officers are aware that work here is being carried out and have written to the owner. Objections to be made due to the following points: part of the flood barrier/wall has been removed, it is in a dangerous position being so close to the train tracks and crossing and a corner in the road, the cess pit for the station is situated here, worries for access or damage caused to this. Clerk to forward this info to Planning Office.

Application Ref: P/2017/0187

Grid Ref: 297995.54/296467.62 for Householder: erection of extension at Ger-y-waun Carno Caersws Powys.

No objections

You can view the application by pressing 'Control' and clicking the following link. Then choose the option to search for applications and copy and paste the Application Ref into the relevant box and it will take you to the relevant application. Click the Application Ref again to go in to view the individual documents.

<http://planning.powys.gov.uk/portal/>

7. Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary January 2017	£506.93
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses	£38.10
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: stationery & postage = £1.10, mileage = £37 (82.3miles))</i>		
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C (3 weeks Jan-Feb)	£144.00
Clatter Community Centre	Hall hire for 2017	£150.00
One Voice Wales	Membership for 2017	£218.00

Bills agreed by all Councillors.

8. W/C Revenue

Revenue for Month of February = £174.20

9. Any other business

Cllr Mr T P Calvin-Thomas: Cllr had contacted the doctors surgery in Caersws last Tuesday but the call eventually went through to the Llanidloes surgery as Caersws was closed. This seems to happen quite frequently lately as there was another day the previous week when the surgery was closed and another day when it was only open half a day due to training. Cllr Mr L George confirmed that he has spoken to a local resident who had an appointment at the Caersws surgery which he turned up for and found the surgery closed. Cllr Mrs M Woosnam confirmed a positive experience when she was unwell and didn't wish to take an appointment away from someone who may be worse so contacted the surgery who arranged for a doctor to call back within 15 mins and provided a prescription without the need for an appointment. Cllr Mr L George suggested that a letter be written to the partners of Caersws/Llanidloes Health Centre expressing the concerns raised by Councillors and residents and to request information regarding what their policy is on training.

Cllr Mr T P Calvin-Thomas: Llewelyn Thomas' seat outside the Lion in Caersws has been broken and requires a new piece of timber. Cllr Mrs E Thomas will contact Mr Bowen regarding the repair and contact the Clerk to discuss.

Cllr Mr I Astley: The Clatter Community Centre has had a meeting with the Lottery regarding funding for the hall. Suggestions will be welcomed from anyone who has any ideas regarding what could be done. Ideas so far are: better entrance, storage space, mezzanine level above kitchen for a smaller meeting room, toilets, electric car charger, stage area for entertainments.

10. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm..