

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: P Breese, B O'Sullivan (arrived 7.35pm), N Francis, T P Calvin Thomas, Mr L George, E Thomas, D Collington, I Astley, A Wallbank and R Davies

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs M Woosnam and R Burrows

2. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 29 March 2017 were proposed as correct by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllrs T P Calvin Thomas and E Thomas.

3. **Matters Arising:**

1. **Station parking:** The questions/suggestions raised in the letter from David Pritchard (PCC) need answering, see following questions/suggestions and agreed answer/action:

- *How much land is required?* Approximately 3 acres
- *Suggestion of communicating with Highway Dept regarding feasibility of safe access onto the land.* Clerk to contact Highway Dept
- *Suggestion of communicating with the Planning Authority to discuss change of use from agricultural land to car parking.* Clerk to contact Planning Authority.
- *What Community engagement/consultation has taken place?* A survey was done 3-4 years ago with train users. Clerk to find the result of this survey.
- *What dialogue has taken place with Network Rail?* Cllr L George has spoken with both Network Rail and Arriva Trains in the past. They are aware of the parking issues Caersws faces. Cllr L George mentioned that he spoke to them about the possibility of a footbridge which would allow people to not worry about the barriers coming down and stopping them getting across the tracks to the platform. He was told that something like this could take up to 8 years.

Cllr L George also stated that if the land on Trefeglwys side of the tracks could be acquired for parking then a road improvement scheme could also be incorporated in order to help the residents living opposite who have to park on the road.

Clerk to respond to David Pritchard's letter to confirm the above.

2. **Standing Orders plus other regulations etc need to be confirmed:** Confirm a Regulations Committee at AGM to go through these

3. **Beacon for WW1 commemoration: different types of gas beacons available:** Cllrs L George and N Francis to speak with people locally who may be able to make a metal beacon which could be used for any future events rather than one which is specific to one event.

4. **Quotes for electricity for public conveniences:** Clerk to get more info for these quotes before next meeting

5. **Caersws level crossing updates (info sent prior to meeting):** Cllrs discussed information received prior to the meeting. 10 Cllrs present agreed that the double yellow lines were required but only as far as the point where residents don't have a drive to park their car on (Trefeglwys side of the tracks) and as far as the first turn on the right (Station Road) (Caersws/Newtown side of the tracks). There are already double yellow lines on the trunk road and Cllrs present didn't feel any more were required. Clerk to respond to Chris Lloyd (PCC) regarding these comments.

6. **Day centre donation to be discussed:** 10 Cllrs present decided to offer a contribution of £1.50 per household in the CCC area. This amounts to £1,084.50 which the 10 Cllrs present agreed to offer.

7. **Clerks salary review:** Clerk left the room whilst Cllrs discussed salary review, the decision of which is held in confidential minutes.

4. **Correspondence:**

- a) **Powys CC:** Dates for Code of Conduct Training following election
- b) **Roger Hurst via One Voice Wales:** E-petition re: cuts to funding for maintenance and provision of Children's play areas. 10 Cllrs present did not wish to sign up to the e-petition.
- c) **NALC:** Tree Charter: Become a Local Council Charter Branch. 10 Cllrs present agreed CCC should sign up to this. Clerk to complete application

- d) **Cae Post: Recycling of plastic film.** 10 Cllrs present agreed there is not a requirement for this service at present.
- e) **One Voice Wales:** New Councillor Induction Training available noted
- f) **Local Giving.org:** Information for community groups noted
- g) **Reef Television:** Village of the Year Awards 2017
- h) **One Voice Wales: Social Media policy template:** Look at once Regulations Committee has been agreed.
- i) **One Voice Wales: Motions for the AGM 2017:** Add to next months agenda
- j) **SARPA:** Newsletter March 2017
- k) **Local residents (Sian Jones, Mark Jones & Alun & Karen Owen):** Concerns over proposed Carno Rd Housing Development
- l) **Powys CC: Election of 3 Town/Community Councillors to the Community Sub-Committee of the Powys Standards Committee:** no nominations at present
- m) **Powys CC:** Change of primary admission ages to Powys Community and Voluntary controlled primary schools noted
- n) **Severn Trent:** Changes to non-household retail services to Water Plus from 1 April 2017 noted

**5. Risk Assessment:** Cllr Mr I Astley (April 2017)

Pot hole up from the gate needs filling. Rubbish has been cleared from behind the shed. Compost bin is full, this can be used to fill in the graves. Cllrs I Astley would like to try and fix the broken grave. Someone would like to put a bench in the cemetery, agreed that this is fine, it can go at the end of one of the paths.

**6. Planning Applications**

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

**Received 25.04.2017**

Application Ref: **P/2017/0401** Grid Ref: 302196.85/293757.04 for Outline: Proposed 2 no. dwellings and upgrading of existing access (some matters reserved) at The Blockyard Land adj Llanwnog Barn Llanwnog Caersws Powys

**No objections**

Cllr R Davies confirmed that the work being done near to the level crossing in Caersws has been stopped and the planning application has been withdrawn. PCC has confirmed that planning would not be granted on safety grounds.

**7. Bills for payment**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses	£591.00
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C (5 weeks)	£240.00
Caersws Village Hall	Hire of committee room (6 meetings)	£72.00
Border janitorial supplies	Supplies for Caersws W/C	£29.92
Wales Air Ambulance	Donation	£100
Ysgol Feithrin Caersws	Donation	£100
Montgomery Music Festival	Donation	£100
Tenovus Cancer Care	Donation	£100
Macmillan Cancer Support	Donation	£100
Marie Curie	Donation	£100
Hope House	Donation	£100
Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£100

**Bills for payment were agreed by 10 Councillors present.**

**8. W/C Revenue**

Revenue for Month of April = £290.30

**9. Bank balance**

Current Account balance (statement 29.03.2017) = £12,141.41

Reserve Account balance (statement 31.03.2017) = £18,218.77

## 10. Any other business

**Cllr A Wallbank:** Has not yet drafted the letter to the boundary commission as he is trying to get information from them first.

**Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas:** *Cllrs R Davies & E Thomas both declared and interest*) Caersws Village Hall requested a donation previously. Clerk to confirm how much was given in previous years.

**Cllr I Astley:** There are lots of brambles opposite Ridgeway (the old School) in Llanwnog which could do with tidying up. Cllr L George to find out contact details for people who live there in order to ask for permission to tidy them up.

**Cllr B O'Sullivan:** There is an area near the bungalows near Maes y Dre where the grass has not been cut. Clerk to find out whether this is the responsibility of the PCC contract.

**Cllr L George:** Residents have complained about dog fouling across the village. Clerk to confirm whether there is a fine and if so what is it, whether more bins are needed and how dog fouling is reported. Local residents should tell CCC if they see someone not picking up dog mess.

Cllr L George also stated that residents have asked about the play area at Maes y Dre and whether new equipment will be provided. Clerk to confirm with PCC if CCC are still ok to update the equipment as the area is maintained by PCC. Clerk to also confirm if PCC can still contribute towards this and if so what/how much. Clerk to meet with companies who provide play equipment to get quotations.

Cllr L George asked what happened with the election as it should have been uncontested. Clerk stated that when she took the paperwork to PCC they confirmed some nomination papers but others had signatures for proposers and seconders from different wards. The Clerk has stated that she made an error when getting correct signatures by getting ones from the same ward as the Councillor and not necessarily the ward they were standing for. Clerk made apologies for this and is regretful that this has resulted in a contested election.

## 11. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 17 May at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Chairman concluded the meeting at 10pm.