

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: I Astley, P Breese, E Thomas, L George, T P Calvin-Thomas, L Gethin and D Collington

**Persons applying for co-option:** Mr N Francis, Mr N Jones (not present), Mr R Wainwright and Mr A Wallbank (not present).

1. **Apologies:** received and accepted from Cllr P Pemberton B O'Sullivan and R Davies.
2. **Co-option of new Councillors:** Mr N Francis, Mr N Jones, Mr R Wainwright and Mr A Wallbank contacted the Clerk stating an interest in co-opting onto the Council during notice of co-option period. 2 places were available for co-option, 1 for Caersws ward and 1 for Llanwnog ward. Candidates present were asked to leave the room and the Councillors discussed the candidates.  
**Co-option for Llanwnog ward:** Proposal made to co-opt Mr A Wallbank onto Llanwnog ward was made by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr P Breese, all present were in unanimous agreement.  
**Co-option for Caersws ward:** Proposal made to co-opt Mr N Francis onto Caersws ward was made by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L Gethin, all present were in unanimous agreement.  
**All Cllrs present agreed that if Mr N Jones or Mr R Wainwright apply for co-option again their previous applications will be noted and considered.**
3. **Declaration of interests of any items on the agenda** *Declarations of interest, whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion of any items for discussion.*  
**No declarations of interest were made**
4. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 28 June 2017. An amendment was requested by Cllr D Collington regarding section 13 and a comment he made regarding a Health & Social Care Consultation. Amended wording was agreed with the Clerk and on that basis the minutes were proposed by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr E Thomas as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
  1. **Station parking:** Clerk confirmed there would be a fee of £250 to make a pre-application for the site in question. Cllr L George stated that the residents on the green need to be considered in all plans as there is an issue of flooding across this area. The Sustainable Management Scheme was brought in at this point as this could be something to look at in conjunction with the station parking issue. Cllr L George agreed to contact Russell George AM regarding the incorporation of flood defences and assistance with helping move the project forward.
  2. **Beacon for WW1 commemoration:** Cllrs L George & N Francis confirmed that there is little interest from those approached so far regarding making a beacon but there are others to approach.
  3. **Caersws level crossing:** Nothing to report and no updates at this time.
  4. **Caersws footbridge/lights trial:** Nothing to report and no updates at this time.
  5. **Bus shelter guttering quotes:** Cllr I Astley confirmed a quote of £40 plus cost of guttering, Clerk confirmed the original quote of £120 plus a new quote of £85. Cllr L George confirmed that the Perspex at the rear of the shelter is also broken. Cllr P Breese proposed and Cllr L Gethin seconded (all Cllrs present in agreement) the decision to contact Mr D Wigley regarding his quote of £85 for the guttering issue and to ask him to quote for fixing the Perspex as well. Chairman and Clerk to discuss quotation when received and proceed when happy to ensure the work is not delayed any further.
  6. **Issue of drainage coming from Caersws W/C, affecting residents drains:** No updates from Severn Trent Water as yet, Clerk to chase them up in order to try and resolve the issue.
  7. **Bin next to public convenience:** Clerk to chase up PCC regarding the request for another bin or more frequent waste collection.

**8. Burial fees at Llanwnnog Cemetery:** Clerk confirmed fees from other authorities for burials etc. Clerk to put together a full comparison table showing differing fees to Caersws Community Council for Cllrs to discuss at the next meeting.

Cllr L George confirmed that trustees of Shiloh, Clatter Graveyard had been in contact to request that Caersws Community Council take over the maintenance of the graveyard.

Clerk to contact Trust to request that members attend the next Council meeting in order to clarify the details of the request and bring any relevant documentation.

## 6. Correspondence:

- a) **Mrs Evans: Letter regarding bus stops in Caersws:** Resident has complained about bus stops in Caersws and suggested a stop outside The Unicorn and The Red Lion. Cllrs present all confirmed that the official stops are located outside the Buck Inn and Llys Maldwyn. There could not be a stop outside The Unicorn as it is a private car park and the bus should not stop outside the Red Lion as it is too close to the junction in this busy area of the village.
- b) **Charter For Trees, Woods & People: Tree Charter Legacy Tree:** Clerk to apply for a Legacy tree for Caersws, preferably an oak or some kind of hardwood.
- c) **C Schofield & C Dickinson:** Email regarding speed of traffic near their property in Caersws on the back road to Newtown through Aberhafesp. Cllr P Breese confirmed that there is often a pool of water in a bad corner in this area and there have been a number of accidents/incidents. Clerk to contact PCC to forward the information and highlight the concerns.
- d) **PCC:** Household waste recycling centre opening days to increase. Noted by Cllrs.
- e) **Manafon Community Council:** Request for specific training requirements. No requirements at this stage.
- f) **Anthony Harvey (SARPA):** Meeting at Carno regarding closure of crossings at Talerddig. Cllr D Collington confirmed that no one at the SARPA meeting had been aware of this and no one seems to know the details of the meeting for Carno.
- g) **One Voice Wales:** Sustainable Management Scheme. Covered in Matters Arising no 1.
- h) **PCC:** help make PCC become an innovative, agile commissioning organisation. No comments to put forward.

## 7. Reports

SARPA meeting (8 July)

Cllr D Collington attended this meeting. Matters discussed were the Talerddig closures, shelters at various stations, access at Machynlleth station. There is another meeting next week which Cllr D Collington will also attend.

## 8. Risk Assessment: Mr N Francis (July 2017)

All looks neat and tidy, R Wainwright will tidy up the hedge.

## 9. Planning Applications

Application Ref: **P/2017/0791**

Grid Ref: 305842.74/293169.04 for Listed building consent for conversion and extension of former mill building into a dwellinghouse, conversion and extension of mill house into a holiday unit, construction of a double garage, renovation of mill equipment and associated works at Rhyd-Lydan Mill & Mill House Aberhafesp Newtown Powys

**No objections made as plans would appear to improve the property.**

Application Ref: **P/2017/0748**

Grid Ref: 303291.81/291825.05 for Full: Erection of detached dwelling all associated works, to include the alteration of an existing access at Hafren, Severn Street, Caersws, Powys.

**No objections made as plans would appear to improve the property.**

## 10. Finances

### Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses	£632.12
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£210.00
Border janitorial supplies	Supplies for Caersws W/C	£4.90
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting (July 2017)	£264.00

Caersws Village Hall	Contribution to running costs	£1,000
Clatter Village Hall	Contribution to running costs	£1,000
Gwynne Woosnam	Grass cutting @ cemetery (Jan-June 17)	£2,418.00
<b>Revenue received</b>		
W/C revenue	17 May – 13 July	£347.90
NatWest Reserve Account	Interest received	

## 11. W/C Revenue

Revenue since previous meeting (28 June – 13 July) = £146.90

Further information or updates:

- **Sanitary bin emptying:** Clerk to ask PCC if they can collect the sanitary waste from the toilets when they collect the waste bin outside.
- **Air freshener re-filling:** Agreed by Cllrs present to try monthly refills to begin with then review later on.
- **Improvement works:** Clerk to contact Newtown Town Council to ask about the works they carried out at Newtown Public Convenience.
- **Cleaner on holiday (29 July – 4 August):** Clerk has contacted someone who can cover the week required for £15 per hour. Cllrs E Thomas and L George agreed to check and clean the toilets between them instead. Following the meeting Clerk had contact from someone who knows the current cleaner who can cover the dates for the same weekly fee as the current cleaner. Clerk contacted all Cllrs who all agreed to use this person instead as there would be no change to costs.

## 12. Bank balance

13. Current Account balance = £19,494.87 (as of 29 June 2017)

14. Reserve Account balance = £18,219.22 (as of 30 June 2017)

## 15. Councillors Comments

**Cllr L George:** The war memorial used to have a chain around it. Clerk to chase up the application for maintenance for the war memorial and ask about having a chain again.

The zebra crossing near the garage and cross roads would be safer with a push button to cross instead of just the flashing lights. There should also be a flashing 30mph sign to slow traffic down coming from Carno Road. Clerk to contact PCC regarding this.

Weig Lane is also still dangerous. There had been confirmation of new markings here. Clerk to chase up when the markings will be done.

**Cllr P Breese:** Maes y Dre play area has not been updated yet. Clerk has a quote from last year and is waiting on another following a meeting. Clerk to chase quote and try to get another for discussion at next months meeting.

**Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas:** Caersws Hall Committee has asked if info for the Hall could be added to the website. Confirmed that this will be fine, any information can be forwarded to the Clerk to add to the website and Facebook page.

Delma Thomas has requested to take a picture of the Community Councillors. Clerk to contact Delma.

**Cllr I Astley:** Some land at Derwen became available. It was advertised for sale at an estate agents in Machynlleth when it should have been advertised locally. There are young new farmers who would have been interested in the opportunity but were not aware of it.

16. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 August at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.