

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr I Astley, Vice-chair Cllr R Davies Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr N Francis, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr P Pemberton, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr D Collington (arrived 7.40pm) Clerk S Palmer.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr L George, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr P Breese.
2. **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.*
None made.
3. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 30 August 2017. Some minor amendments to make. On the basis these amendments are made Cllr B O'Sullivan proposed the minutes and Cllr P Pemberton seconded.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 1. **Caersws Village Club:** *(This was the last item on Matters Arising but moved to the top due to having a member of the Village Club Committee in attendance)* more info requested by CCC regarding request for support. Jayne Yapp, Member of the Village Club Committee attended the meeting on behalf of the Village Club. A letter had been received from Neil Jones (Secretary of the Club) confirming the financial situation along with plans for works to be done were all confirmed and Jayne Yapp was able to answer any questions that Cllrs had. It was noted that the most urgent work is for the function room roof to be repaired. Cllr P Pemberton suggested it may be worth the Village Hall Club speaking to PAVO about potential funding. Cllrs clarified that they would like to help the Village Club make the important works to allow the Village Club to continue as it is an important venue for Caersws and the surrounding area. It was confirmed that any financial assistance would have to be planned and budgeted in line with the precept which is set in January of each year. CCC will be in contact with the Village Club again after this time.
 2. **Station parking update (Cllr L George):** Cllr L George was not in attendance but had previously sent correspondence to Clerk and Cllrs regarding a potential meeting on site with Powys CC regarding this issue. It was suggested that a Sub-Committee be put together specifically for this project. All Cllrs agreed that Cllrs L George, D Collington, TP Calvin-Thomas, R Davies & E Thomas would make up the sub-committee. It was noted that some residents who are aware of this idea are against it as this area suffers from flooding. Cllrs were chosen to provide a wide range of views from themselves and fellow residents. Cllr P Pemberton stated that she can help with any areas relating to Cadw.
 3. **Beacon for WW1 commemoration (Cllrs L George, N Francis & I Astley):** No interest from anyone locally who could make the beacon. Cllrs decided to precept for and purchase a beacon in January 2018 unless someone local comes forward.
 4. **Caersws footbridge/lights trial update:** Andrew Jones from Trunk Road Agent has confirmed that a consultation package is being put together following the Pedestrian footway provision trial on the A470 Caersws Bridge. He has requested as much information as possible regarding the organisations, clubs, activities, individuals who require/have an interest in pedestrian access across the bridge. Clerk to forward information on for: Resident on either side of bridge, properties on the main Newtown to Llanidloes Rd, Football groups, Maesmawr, Arts Centre, those who use bus stop at Moat Lane, Maesmawr caravan site, Caersws Recreation ground, people who arrange car boot sales such as the school, hauliers who may have regular experience of using the bridge, bus/coach companies.
 5. **Tree Charter Legacy Tree update:** tree is due to be delivered to Clerk. Item will be on the next agenda to discuss where and when this should be planted and by who.
 6. **Hedge on corner between Spar and Car Park cut down:** Residents of property are unhappy about the hedge cutting as it has affected their privacy. Cllrs cut the hedge in order to ensure this walkway was as accessible and safe as possible and were given permission to do so. Clerk to contact Trunk Road Agent regarding widening the pavement.
 7. **Burial fees at Llanwnnog Cemetery:** Clerk will draw up an updated list of fees to put on the website and forward to funeral directors to raise awareness of the increase in fees from January 2018.

- 8. Maes Y Dre Playground update.** As requested following the last meeting, the three companies who quoted have made alterations to the equipment or parts of their quotes. These were discussed and Cllrs favoured the Discovery Timber Play items. Decision was agreed by all present for Clerk to contact PCC to see if these items are feasible.
- 9. Wrong info given for which carriages to get on & machine giving incorrect info at Caersws station:** Clerk to chase Arriva regarding these issues.
- 5. Correspondence (For discussion at meeting):**
1. **One Voice Wales:** Reform of Data Protection Legislation. Cllr D Collington to go through the information and report back to the Council if anything affects CCC.
 2. **Cllr A Wallbank:** Walking Newtown response to Welsh Gov. Consultation. A consultation is about to end: 'Taking Forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. Cllr A Wallbank forwarded the response to parts of this consultation that Newtown Walking group have put forward. The objections were specifically regarding proposals of opening up footpaths to cyclists and horse riders. Cllrs discussed and agreed with the objections raised by Newtown Walking Group and the comment that whilst cycling and horse riding is encouraged by CCC, the footpaths are not the place for these activities. Cllr A Wallbank proposed to put these objections forward and Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas seconded. Clerk to forward this response to the consultation.
 3. **Parish Magazine Printing:** Community magazine/newsletter printing. Not relevant to CCC but Clerk to forward to Seren Hafren and Arwystli Group.
 4. **Oil Club:** Heating Oil Club information. Information noted, clerk to put information on the website and Facebook page.
 5. **Powys County Council:** Clustering, funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements. Cllrs thought CCC is too small scale for this type of thing. Nothing in mind within this time scale at present.
 6. **Andrew Jones (Gwernyfed CC Chairman):** Concerns over PCC Planning Policy. Cllrs discussed and agreed that these concerns are not an issue in this area at present but may well become a problem. Clerk to respond.
 7. **Countryside Alliance:** Nominate local business for Countryside Alliance Awards. Cllrs discussed various businesses etc. Cllr P Pemberton suggested that local business Coco Pzazz. All Cllrs present agreed to nominate this business.
 8. **Powys CC:** Notice of Matters rising Changes to Powys Local Development Plan Public Consultation. No action at present.
- 6. Correspondence (forwarded to members for info prior to meeting):**
1. **Mrs Evans:** Response to CCC's letter regarding bus stops in Caersws. Letter read out and noted, no action required.
 2. **Mr Vivers:** issue of lights on pedestrian crossing outside his home. Cllr L George has spoken to this resident and will report back when he is next at a meeting.
 3. **One Voice Wales:** Montgomeryshire Area Committee meeting, 3rd October. Details noted.
 4. **Clatter Community Centre:** Thank you letter for donation. Details noted.
 5. **The Pensions Regulator:** Automatic enrolment duties. No action required, not applicable to CCC at present.
 6. **The Royal Agricultural benevolent institution:** Support requested. Financial assistance will be considered in March 2018 when donations are discussed. In the mean time it was agreed for the Clerk to put the information on the website and Facebook page.
 7. **One Voice Wales:** Motions confirmed for AGM. Noted and agreed by all present that the Cllrs attending the AGM (Cllr R Davies & Cllr E Thomas) would respond at the meeting after hearing the information put forward for the motions.
 8. **Masonic Charitable Foundation:** Results confirmed for Community Awards. Confirmation that Welsh Hearts won the largest donation from the Masonic Charitable Foundation. CCC had previously nominated Welsh Hearts.
 9. **Welsh Assembly:** Consultation on the Autism (Wales) Bill. Cllr P Pemberton proposed that CCC support this Bill and added that Llanidloes High School has an Autism Spectrum Unit which has almost been closed down several times but pressure from teachers and parents has kept it open. The admissions criteria for these units should be kept 'open' and not changed to make it harder to be eligible for access to this unit. All Cllrs present agreed to support this bill and put these additional comments forward in relation to this consultation.

7. Reports: None

8. Risk Assessment: Cllr N Francis (September 2017)
Pot holes near the gate but otherwise all is tidy.

9. Planning Applications

Application Ref: P/2017/1051

Grid Ref: 303304.13/292090.77 for Full: Erection of new dwelling and access at New Laithes Main Street Caersws Powys

No comments

10. Finances

1. External Audit complete

2. Confirm when precept will be discussed (November meeting)

3. Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses	£561.38
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£240.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting (August 2017)	£264.00

Bills for payment were proposed by Cllr B O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr D Collington for payment.

4. Revenue received

W/C revenue	26 July – 26 August	£447.60
W/C revenue	30 August – 27 September	£298.50
Mr Jones	Field rent by cemetery	£25.00

11. Caersws Public Convenience

1. Revenue since previous meeting: Confirmed above

2. Improvement works: Currently the lights in the ladies toilets are not working. Clerk to look into whether the light bulbs need changing or if an electrician is required.

12. Bank balances

Current Account balance	= £12,480.75 (as of 29.08.2017)
Reserve Account balance	= £18,219.22 (as of 30.06.2017)

13. Councillors Comments:

Cllr A Wallbank: There is a training session coming up with One Voice Wales covering 'Local Government Finance'. Cllr A Wallbank and Clerk may attend.

Cllr P Pemberton: Other councils have started provided ways for residents to recycle plastic film which is currently not recycled kerbside. This could be done in conjunction with a business such as the Spar or Bradleys in Caersws. To be looked at in the future.

Cllr D Collington: There has been mention of the Pennarth Ward at Llanidloes hospital potentially moving to the Maesywennol Day Centre in Llanidloes. Clerk to look into this and report back.

Cllr B O'Sullivan: The Recreation Association will be hosting a Harvest Bingo and is asking for prizes to be donated. Cllrs will give something as individuals.

Cllr E Thomas: Confirmed that the toilets are pitch black in the evening at the W/C in Caersws. Clerk will be looking into this.

Cllr I Astley: Mentioned that there are no taxi numbers/details up at the station in Caersws. Cllr E Thomas offered to out a list together and put it up at the station.

14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Chairman Cllr I Astley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.02pm.