

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

**Present:** Chair Cllr R Davies, Cllr N Francis, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Vice-chair Cllr L Gethin, Cllr D Collington, Cllr L George, Cllr P Pemberton, Cllr P Breese.

**In attendance:** Clerk, S Palmer.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr I Astley
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
3. **Minutes** of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr D Collington.
4. **County Cllr L George: Report**
  - Met with Aled Jones from PCC:
    - Need to look at better drainage in Severn Street
    - Kerbs on Main Street to be looked at.
    - Sunken drain by Glyn Terrace requires attention
    - New Street – needs resurfacing – not a PCC road but they will look into
    - Red Lion – dip in the road requires attention
  - Trees by Maes y Dre: Cllr L George has spoken to landowner who gave permission to do what is necessary to sort out the trees. The issue is that it is a big job and someone needs to pay for it.
  - By the school – there is an old trailer full of rubbish that has been there for some time. The parking is for the residents who have the right to park there.
  - Lorries causing a problem turning in a place where the correct
  - Clatter – tree cut down which residents are unhappy about. No updates on this, Clerk to chase up PCC regarding the request to replant a mature tree.
  - Maes Mawr Farm Resort: good thing for the local area. People staying there have no safe route to the village. Cllr L George has found details of a footpath and has met with relevant PCC officers to request the path to be changed to be next to Maes Mawr farm entrance to make it a safer route and will take the path straight to the new footbridge. Cllr P Pemberton – pedestrian warning signs should be put up by Trunk Road Agent for safety of pedestrians crossing the main road.
5. **Projects:**
  - a) **War Memorial Refurbishment:** Need to put together an MMP for the memorial. Up to 90% of the refurbishment costs available. They will confirm the exact costs.
  - b) **Village Plan:** Cllr P Pemberton spoke to someone from PCC's Regeneration Dept about the possibility of funding. No funding but help can be provided. Cllr P Pemberton's suggestion is for CCC to precept for next year and use someone else to write the plan. Community engagement is important for consultation, leafleting. Maps of the area to show people and ask what they would like in the local area/community. If halls for example are working together that would give a stronger foundation for funding. Long and short-term projects can be included.

Cllr L George – what do we hope to achieve? It will be costly, can we get people to be involved? Cllr P Pemberton - £500-£1000 starting point only. There are lots of good ideas in the village but they find it hard to get ideas off the ground and struggle to get funding etc.

Cllr E Thomas – need to be fair across the whole area. Cllr P Pemberton – it would be the whole village boundary including the full Community Council area. The Council becomes a hub.

Cllr L George – CCC should be more proactive. CCC should be first port of call for people but residents go to PCC first in most cases.

Cllr P Breese - has to be done properly, getting people from the smaller areas to be involved will be difficult. Cllr P Pemberton – will look into getting a better idea of what costs would be involved.

Clerk to speak to One Voice Wales to ask what advice and/or information they have.

- c) **WW1 Commemoration:** Clarified that CCC will not purchase a gas beacon but will light a bonfire for the WW1 commemoration. Clerk to leave off agenda until October.

#### 6. Matters Arising:

- a) **Narrow pavement from car park to corner by Spar:** Clerk has had no response as yet from the landowner. Trunk Road Agent can't do anything without knowing what the landowner is willing to do. Clerk to continue to chase up.
- b) **Speed through Caersws & Llanwnnog:** Clerk has been in contact with the Trunk Road Agent who stated that flashing speed signs are something which would need approval from the Welsh Government and suggest that CCC send details of what signs they would like to be installed and where. Cllrs agreed that a flashing sign showing the speed of the driver would be beneficial on the Trunk Road at Pendre Farm junction. Clerk to send details to Trunk Road Agent. PCC would need to be sent a request for signs on other roads which Cllrs agreed should be on Main Street near Llys Maldwyn and on the Trefeglwys Road near the 30mph sign on the way into the village.
- c) **NHS Consultation on 'Our Big Change':** Deadline passed, no action – the Future Fit is the more important consultation.
- d) **NHS Future Fit Programme Consultation:** Keep adding to website and Facebook. Make sure that people are completing the survey. Response to be confirmed at next meeting.
- e) **Local Resident: Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch.** Another resident has also sent an email regarding the problems here. Nothing from Powys CC in relation to this issue. Clerk to chase up with PCC Planning Dept.
- f) **Waiting room at the station:** Clerk has contacted Claire Williams at Cambrian Rail, she is currently on holiday so hopefully will receive a response prior to the next meeting.
- g) **Benches: quotes for painting/staining:** Check the state of the benches before confirming painting/staining. Get prices for recycled plastic benches. Put together a policy on benches. Eiddwen and Barry will go around all benches to check condition. Cllr L George & Cllr L Gethin to look at removing the broken bench

#### 7. Correspondence:

- a) **PAVO:** Listen & learn visit. Cllrs feel that other organisations would be able to provide much more useful feedback to PAVO. Clerk to contact them to suggest that they contact other local groups.
- b) **PCC Rights of Way:** Dog fouling information, PCC asked if there is a newsletter to add info into – Clerk confirmed that there is no newsletter but CCC would be happy for information to be added to CCC's website and Facebook page. No sign up to say not to take dogs into small park by the school – Clerk to ask PCC for signage.
- c) **Claire Williams:** Cambrian Railway Partnership. C Williams has been in contact with Network Rail regarding the sand and track parts which have been left on the opposite side of the platform at caersws station. She has asked for them to be removed as they have been there for a long time and make the station look very untidy. Network Rail responded to say that the work is due to take place early 2019 and it would be very expensive to move the parts in the mean time so they will be left where they are.
- d) **Cemetery query:** Clerk has received a query from someone whose Father purchased a number of burial plots some years ago and has lost his paperwork. Clerk has found and confirmed the details for this person. A query was also raised about renewing the plots after 40 years. Clerk asked Cllrs whether they have any knowledge of a renewal fee after 40 years as she has been unable to find any information stating this. Cllrs unanimously confirmed that they had no knowledge of such a fee and confirmed that they are happy for it to be stated that once a plot is purchased no renewal will be necessary.
- e) **One Voice Wales Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** Both representatives confirmed that they would attend the conference, Clerk to make the bookings. Clerk will also be in attendance.

8. **Risk Assessment:** Cllr A Wallbank (July 2018). Cllr A Wallbank not present at the meeting but Cllr N Francis stated that he was at the cemetery a couple of days previous and confirmed that everything looked fine.  
Cllr I Astley to complete risk assessment for September 2018.

9. **Planning Applications:** None received

## 10. Finances

### 1. Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (July 2018)	£547.66
Sophie Palmer	Clerks back pay for April, May & June 18	£86.79
Sophie Palmer	Expenses (July 2018)	£59.66
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £6.66, stationery &amp; postage = £17.13, mileage = £35.87 (79.7 miles))</i>		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£13.60
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£144.00
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£38.48
Water Plus	Water for W/C	£136.05
Water Plus	Water for Cemetery	£12.09

Bills to be paid were proposed for payment by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L Gethin.

### 2. Revenue Received

W/C revenue	30 May – 26 June 18	£260.50
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### 3. Bank Balances

**Current Account** = £6,884.46

**Reserve Account** = £27,659.48

## 11. W/C Report:

Some Cllrs and the Clerk met prior to the meeting at the W/C in Caersws to look at them and discuss would refurbishment and/or repair work might need to be undertaken. Various improvements were discussed and all agreed for the Clerk to put together a list of the works discussed and to contact The Unicorn in Caersws regarding the refurbishment they have recently done to ask what works they have done and who completed it. Clerk to also contact Llanidloes Town Council to ask the same about the toilets at the Gro Car Park.  
Clerk also confirmed that the cleaner will be on holiday at the end of the month and ask Cllrs if they were happy to use the same person to cover again that covered last year. Cllrs were in unanimous agreement to use the same person again.

## 12. Councillors Comments:

**Cllr P Breese:** Cllr stated that he still does not receive any information about the PACT meetings with the Police or anything to do with what is discussed. Clerk to contact the local PCSO.

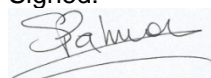
**Cllr P Breese** also asked about the defibrillator for Clatter Community Centre and whether CCC agreed to purchase one for them Clerk to look back at previous information and confirm at the next meeting.

**Cllr E Thomas:** Some complaints have been made about the sign outside the Buck Inn in Caersws as it is often placed in a position on the pavement along Main Street which blocks pedestrians with pushchairs and those in wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Clerk to contact the Buck Inn to ask whether they could move it further away from the road to prevent restricting access.

13. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Chair Cllr R Davies thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.29pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)