

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm (following the AGM) at Caersws Village Hall.

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

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

**Members of the public present:** None

1. **Apologies:** 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.*  
**No declarations**
3. **Minutes** of ordinary meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Gethin and seconded by Cllr L George.
4. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)  
No members of the public were present
5. **County Cllr Les George: Report**  
**Caersws Workshops change of use:** Cllr L George has met with Officers at PCC Planning Dept. The workshops were confirmed as having been built with different and specific uses in mind. Cllr L George reported that PCC clarified that CCC cannot request a change of use as it should be someone who is utilising the workshops who would request (and pay) for the change of use. Planning Dept would forego the rent for a period of time to cover the cost of the change of use. If there is someone who wishes to use a workshop as a retail unit, they should contact PCC.  
**What would CC Cllrs think about a roundabout at the Moat Lane junction?** A roundabout could not be where the junction is now as it would be too close to the railway crossing so it would be on the main trunk road closer to Maesmawr Hall Hotel. Cllrs discussed this idea and overall think it is a good option to enable the traffic to continue to flow when the crossing barriers are down. This could be added to the Village Plan.  
**Met with Network Rail** regarding a station car park. Money is put aside for community improvement etc. There is only £60,000 which is allocated to a number of different places so there is no money available for this project. This should also be on the village plan.  
Cllr P Breese reported that he saw someone recently who confirmed that there is a concrete sign underneath the rubble etc that is on the side of the platform. This is interesting to know and should be filed for future interest when the sides of the tracks are cleared.  
**Police:** there has been funding available recently for community projects which could be utilised particularly if we have a village plan which can be used as a basis for project ideas and funding applications. Things like the speed limit flashing signs could be included in this and could be added to the village plan.  
**TCT** are holding a Caersws Remembers event between 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.  
**Caersws Concerned Residents Group:** They met with PCC earlier in May. They will be having another meeting soon. Anyone who wishes to be involved can ask the Clerk for contact details.
6. **Council Insurance:** Clerk confirmed the renewal quote for the Council Insurance along with other quotations received for like for like insurance. Cllrs discussed the various quotations along with the renewal quote and unanimously decided to confirm the quotation offered by CAS. Clerk to action and cheque to be draw at the next meeting.
7. **Projects:**
  - a) **War Memorial Refurbishment:** The War Memorial refurbishment has been completed. Pictures of before and after the work were circulated. British Legion are very happy and CCC is very happy
  - b) **Village Plan:** Clerk confirmed that there has not been much further progress since last month but the Village Plan has been started and will be added to. There are some projects which can be added to it and information on the various groups and organisations within the wards of Caersws.
8. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** Clerk is waiting to hear back from the Trunk Road Agent as to whether
  - b) **Planning issue:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch. No further updates. The Clerk has not been able to get any information from the person at PCC Planning Dept. There has also been another accident in Pontdolgoch (into the pond at the Mill). Pressure needs to be put on PCC to get this stretch of road rectified. It continues to be dangerous.
  - c) **Defibrillator for Clatter:** The defibrillator is waiting to be installed in Clatter.
  - d) **Change of use for Caersws Workshops:** Covered in Cllr L George's report
  - e) **Christmas tree Lights:** Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan and Cllr P Breese confirmed that the tree will soon be too big to get the lights on as easily. Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan and Cllr P Breese will have a look at trimming the tree which may mean that new lights will not be needed.

- f) **Website:** Clerk and Cllr D Collington have not yet been able to meet to discuss the website options and requirements. They will aim to do this prior to the next meeting.
- g) **Electric Vehicle Charging Points:** Clerk attended a meeting in Newtown arranged by Russell George in regards to electric vehicle charging points which there is a significant lack of in Mid-Wales. Representatives from Welsh Government and PCC were present and confirmed that better communication is required to ensure the best way of filling the gaps required to create a better network of chargers. Clerk asked to be kept up to date with any information and new updates in relation to this issue.

#### 9. Correspondence:

- a) **Urdd:** Invitation to a public meeting regarding staging the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Maldwyn in 2022. CCC are in favour of the Urdd being held in Maldwyn.
- b) **Recreation Association:** Grass cutting at field opposite the Buck Inn. The new park equipment should be installed by September. Clerk to contact Andrew Evans to make him aware of the project and update him as to when the work is being undertaken as he will not be able to cut the grass at that time.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Motions for 2019 AGM: Cllrs discussed and confirmed no motions to put forward.
- d) **Residents:** Speed Watch concerned resident's group are setting up a Speed Watch Group. Cllr L George stated that he had spoken to these residents regarding the LDP issue with Carno Road housing development. Clerk confirmed that the residents are speaking with head of LDP regarding anomalies between two different sites being given the same scoring on a number of points.
- e) **Email via website:** Film being made in the area. An email was received through the website asking for permission to film at the 'old station' and for details of a sheep breeder near to the station. Clerk responded to confirm that they would need to contact Network Rail regarding the station and asked for more information about the project and what information was needed and why but has not received a response.
- f) **Powys Teaching Health Board:** £2.5m to transform health and social care services in Powys. Details of the project and various events being held have been distributed and Clerk will continue to share updates received with Cllrs and the community via social media and the website and noticeboards.

#### 10. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment:** Clerk has received a quote but only one. Clerk has stated that a tendering process might help to get more quotations through and due to the size of the project and money involved. Cllrs agreed, Clerk to action.
- b) **Drains affecting neighbouring property:** The resident who has been having trouble with blocked drains wants the toilets to be closed until the issue is resolved. Cllrs stated that it is not only the drains from the W/C going into the neighbours drains but other properties as well.

#### 11. Cemeteries:

- a) **Llanwnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr N Francis for May, confirm Cllr L George for June 2019.  
Cllr N Francis confirmed that the cemetery is looking neat and tidy. The roadway still requires attention. Cllr N Francis has spoken to someone who will put some zinc on the roof of the shed which should be repaired soon. Shiloh is also looking very neat and tidy, better than it has for a while.

#### 12. Planning:

- a) **Correspondence relating to Penyborfa:** these details were confirmed and discussed. No further action at this time.
- b) **Correspondence relating to poultry units in Llanwnog:** a local resident who is against the poultry units in Llanwnog has copied CCC into his correspondence with PCC and Environmental Health. Cllrs discussed and confirmed that we have to trust in the authorities and the processes which are carried out in order to confirm approval.
- c) **Application Reference: 19/0660/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:300522 N: 294345** Proposal: Erection of an affordable dwelling with garage, to include formation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access Site Address: Land At Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5NJ  
**Cllrs discussed the application and have no objections to the development.**
- d) **Application Reference: 19/0604/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:300487 N: 292647** Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building and all associated works (part retrospective) Site Address: Land At Tir Brwnt, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5QP  
**Cllrs discussed the application and have no objections to the development.**
- e) **Application Reference: 19/0652/LBC:** Grid Reference: **E:305836 N: 293177.** Proposal: Listed building consent for internal and external alterations in connection with proposed conversion and extension of former corn mill to form a dwelling house and erection of detached garage /store together with conversion and extension of mill house to form a holiday let including demolition of lean-to extension. Site Address: Rhyd-Lydan Mill, Aberhafesp, Newtown, SY16 3HP

AND RELATED APPLICATION BELOW

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**Cllrs discussed the above two applications for the same property and confirmed that they have no objections to the application.**

**13. Finances**

**a) Bills for payment:**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses (May 2019)	£692.99
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (May 19)	£23.40
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£192.00
Friendship Hour	S137 Donation	£100.00
TCT (Caersws Tourism)	S137 Donation	£100.00
Recreation Association	S137 Donation	£100.00
Caersws Junior Football Club	S137 Donation	£100.00
Caersws Village Club	S137 Donation	£100.00
Llanwnog Women's Institute	S137 Donation	£100.00
Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd	Grass cutting in Caersws & Clatter	£278.40
Matt Brown	Repair work to fix leak at W/C	£102.00
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£36.28

Bills for payment were proposed by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr P Breese.

**b) Revenue Received:**

W/C revenue	27 Mar – 24 April 19	£257.40
Leach & Sons	New Memorial	£157.50
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**c) Bank Balances:**

Clerk did not have the up to date bank balances at the meeting but confirmed that these would be stated within the minutes, as below:

<b>Current Account</b>	= £9,219.31
<b>Reserve Account</b>	= £26,560.43

**14. Councillors Comments:**

**Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas:** what are the posts opposite the Buck Inn for. Clerk hasn't had confirmation from PCC but Cllr D Collington stated that PCC are installing electronic bus time tables so they are probably for these.

**Cllr P Breese:** Public footpaths and bridle paths. Cllr P Breese has been asking for signs asking people to close gates' behind them as walkers often leave gates open. PCC have confirmed that it is now the responsibility of the landowner to maintain gates and fences etc. Cllr P Breese is also waiting for a call back from PCC. Clerk to ask for clarification on this matter.

**Cllr D Collington:** Cemmaes Road surgery is due to close. There are 6 Caersws residents who are registered at that surgery so they may look to re-register in Caersws. There are concerns over other surgeries closing but there are no plans for any others in the local area to close.

**Cllr E Thomas:** benches still have not been stained. Clerk has chased up but not yet had a response. Clerk to chase again as these need to be done as soon as possible.

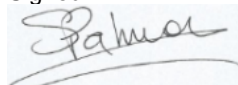
A resident on Station Road has asked when the yellow lines will be painted. Clerk to chase this up.

**Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan:** Wooden bridge over Llys Rhufain. It is overgrown again with nettles again and not being cut back often enough.

**15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.32pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)