

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

Members of the public present: 4 members of the Caersws Concerned Residents Group were present at the meeting

1. **Apologies:** Michael Cheshire, Cllr D Collington
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.*
Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest in agenda item
3. **Minutes** of meeting held on 28th August 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr L Gethin.
4. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
4 members of public from the Caersws Concerned Residents Group were present at the meeting having requested to speak about Planning Application P/2017/0754 (agenda item 12b).

The group reiterated points that had been raised previously such as the lack of a site visit which was previously promised. The group confirmed that they had not yet had time to go through all of the documentation but had already noted many errors and conflicting information as with previous applications for this development.

The over arching feeling was that this amended planning application did not put to rest the concerns that continue to be felt by the group and other residents.

At the Chairman's discretion it was decided and agreed to bring agenda item 12b forward on the agenda.

AMENDED PROPOSALS CONSULTATION Application Reference: Reference: P/2017/0754. Grid Reference: **E:** 302533 **N:** 292267. Proposal: Outline: Proposed housing development for 43 residential units, sheltered housing proposal and construction of a bus layby Site Address: Land At Penyborfa, Carno Road, Caersws, Powys SY17 5JA

Councillors discussed the amended application and the details therein, along with the details and opinions offer by the Caersws Concerned Residents Group. It was decided that the Community Council would hold an extraordinary meeting in order to discuss this application in more detail. Clerk to confirm the deadline for comments with the Planning Officer and aim to set a meeting date of 9th October.

NB: an extraordinary meeting was held on Tuesday 8th October, during which a response was agreed and the Clerk drafted a letter to the Planning Department.

5. **County Cllr Les George:** Report
 - Caersws workshops: The person at PCC who was in charge of these has left. Cllr L George to find out who is now in charge and pass the details onto the Clerk in order to have a contact and ensure CCC are aware of what is happening with the workshops and in case of any issues.
 - The Village Plan needs to show the areas that the Community Council and people of Caersws feel are the best places for developments e.g for housing are best.
 - The culvert which allows overflowing water to be drawn away from the Manthrig Brook is wholly inadequate and pressure should be put on PCC to alleviate the continuing and worsening issues caused by the flooding of the Manthrig Brook.
 - The doctors at the surgery in Caersws are concerned about the flooding which occurs on a regular basis and is a hazard for elderly, infirm and vulnerable people trying to access the doctors.
 - PCC are currently looking towards the budget for next year.
6. **Projects:**
 - a) **Village Plan:** The Clerk confirmed that she is currently working on a map for the plan. The hope is that this plan can be used to create a bench plan and also as a base to create different plans in order to pin point all areas of interest within the wards. A local resident has also offered to help with information for the local area.
7. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park** No update from TRA at this time.
 - b) **Parking on pavements at Chapel Street** Contact at the Chapel has confirmed that residents of Chapel street could utilise the Chapel car park between the times of 5pm-7am and during weekends. Cllrs agreed with this and requested for the Clerk to write to residents on Chapel Street to offer this option and will be monitored and reviewed.
 - c) **Pelican crossing for Caersws** No update as yet, Clerk to chase for an update.

- d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing** Clerk has chased up the road markings and extra signage as this was discussed in 2016 but has had no response as yet.

8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Planning issue:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch PCC are waiting for Trunk Road Agent to respond as to whether the completed works are sufficient. A letter was sent regarding the Councils views that the work done so far is insufficient and no further developments should be made for this unit or any new or existing units until there is knowledge of the accumulative effect. Clerk has received acknowledgement but not a response to the comments made.
- b) **Defibrillator (Llanwnog):** As confirmed previously the Church in Llanwnog are happy for the defibrillator to be sited there. Councillors would like to find somewhere more visible from the road if possible. Clerk has not been able to get information from BT yet regarding the phone box in the centre of the village and is yet to hear back from the residents of Llanwnog Barn.
- c) **Dog fouling:** PCC have confirmed that they are not putting up any new bins so will not put one at the Pasture. POCC have stated that they will look into having CCTV in that area so that this issue can be checked and monitored. Clerk also wrote to PCC about the football club emptying their bins themselves and they confirmed that the waste team will be contacted about it.
- d) **Men's Shed Caersws:** Clerk has emailed the resident interested in starting a regarding the station not being a viable option and whether the existing village halls would be suitable.
- e) **Caersws CC Logo:** Clerk has spoken to a local resident who will ask someone if they can help, Clerk to ask for an update before the next meeting.
- f) **Bench plan:** Clerk confirmed that this ties in with the map for the Village Plan as mentioned in agenda item 6a.

9. Correspondence:

- a) **PC-Q:** Quotation forwarded for installing a new SSD card to CCC laptop. PC-Q have told the Clerk that SSD cards were previously very expensive but have reduced in cost significantly and have given details of different SSD cards and their costs for CCC to consider. Cllrs discussed and agreed unanimously to ask PC-Q to install a new SSD card. Clerk to action.
- b) **Powys CC:** Feedback request on current budget position. PCC have sent some questions to be answered in regards to the budget for Town & Community Councils to give their views. Cllrs discussed the questions and decided to send a general response detailing how they feel about the councils budget. Clerk to construct and send a response to PCC.
- c) **PAVO:** Listening to you Visit. Cllrs thought this would be a good idea. Clerk to contact PAVO to arrange.
- d) **One Voice Wales:** Planning survey. Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of the council. Cllrs can also complete it as individuals if they wish.
- e) **One Voice Wales:** Plan to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity requirement. There is a new requirement for councils to have a plan in place by the end of the year. Clerk to draft a plan for discussion and approval before the end of the year.
- f) **Caersws Village Club:** Request for funds towards completed works. The Village Club would like to access £7K that was previously discussed. Clerk to add to next months agenda.
- g) **One Voice Wales:** Training sessions. There is a training session for 'Creating a Community Plan' which the Clerk would like to attend. The new Councillor has also asked about training as he will be interested to attend some sessions.
- h) **Eluned Morgan:** Latest newsletter has been sent, passed around Cllrs. No action.
- i) **SARPA:** Latest newsletter has been sent, passed around Cllrs. No action.
- j) **Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner:** Annual Report received, passed around Cllrs. No action.
- k) **MCRA:** Invitation to Centenary Conference on Recreation. Details noted, no action.

10. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment:** Two quotations received. Cllrs discussed the details of each and agreed unanimously which quotation to accept. Clerk to contact Mr Colin Reynolds regarding the decision and ask when he will be able to complete the work.
- b) **Hafren Dyfrdwy:** queries on last bill. The last bill which was for £486.64 covered July 2018 until July 2019 so this is about right for this period of time. It was taken in one payment because there was an issue with getting the Direct Debit set up when it changed from Severn Trent to Hafren Dyfrdwy. The Clerk confirmed that this has now been rectified and bills should come out quarterly by DD.

11. Cemeteries:

- a) **Llanwnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr D Collington for September and confirm Cllr L George for October 2019. Cllr D Collington has completed the cemetery risk assessment and will email it to me, no major issues. Cllr L George mentioned that he will enquire about some ground cover plants as the weeds don't look very nice after being sprayed once they die off.

12. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 19/1437/FUL.** Grid Reference: **E:305794 N: 293131.** Proposal: Conversion of barn to garages and store together with erection of an extension to rear to provide machinery store shed (retrospective) Site Address: Barn At Rhydlydan Cottage, Aberhafesp, Newtown, SY16 3HP

Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they had no objections on the basis that it was retrospective planning.

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This item was discussed at the start of the meeting.

13. Finances

a) Bank Balances:

Current Account = £2,140.69
Reserve Account = £38,300.47

- b) Transfer letter to be signed to transfer funds of £5,000 from reserve account.** Transfer letter was agreed and signed.

c) Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & Expenses (September 2019)	£660.08
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (September 2019)	£23.20
Anthony Richards	Internal Audit fee (2018/19 audit)	£100.00
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£192.00
Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd	Grass cutting (Caersws & Clatter)	£278.40
Border Janitorial Supplies	Supplies for WC	£44.40
One Voice Wales	Booking fees for AGM & Conference	£210.00
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£26.30

Bills were proposed for payment by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr R Davies.

d) Revenue Received

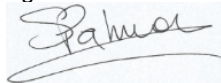
W/C revenue 17 July – 28 Aug 19 £396.30

14. Councillors Comments:

Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan: A Christmas party for the children in the Caersws area has been organised for the last 50-60 years but the people who have been doing it recently have given up and others have taken it on. However, there is only £14 left which is not enough to cover this years party and there is only a short time to raise funds. CCC has been asked to provide a donation to help run the party this year. Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan will ask local businesses if they might also help. Clerk to add to next months agenda.

- 15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)