

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 22nd January 2020 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

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire
- 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 14b 1.
- 3. Minutes** of meeting held on 27th November 2019 were approved and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L Gethin.
- 4. Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
2 members of the public were present.

A local resident spoke against the poultry unit planning application which has been opposed by CCC due to a number of factors. The resident drew on the ongoing concerns of the accumulative effect of the poultry units within such close proximity. The following response was sent to PCC in relation to **Application Reference: 19/1491/FUL**. Grid Reference: E:300887 N: 293592. Proposal: Erection of 2 agricultural buildings for the purpose of egg production, to include silos and all associated works Site Address: Perthiryn , Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NJ:

Thank you for agreeing the extension to comment on the above planning application.

Caersws Community Council discussed at its meeting of 22.01.2020 the above planning application. Councillors have previously commented on this as a pre-application consultation and wish to echo the same concerns and strongly oppose the proposal for the following reasons.

Councillors unanimously agreed that there should be no further works to extend or expand this development. Local residents and Councillors are concerned about the environmental effects, health effects and issues such as odour and negative impact on our narrow country roads which are not built to deal with such large vehicles on such a regular basis. Local residents are very concerned about the potential health risks and feel that they were promised minimal odour and impact on the local areas and roads which is not the case. A local resident has called for a full environmental survey to be carried out.

Councillors would also query the amount of land available to spread the manure as the amount listed within the application is believed to be much more than what is actually available at present. The distance away from the river has also been queried. Caersws Community Council would ask for these details to be checked and confirmed.

Some poultry units within the area which are already operating have, as you know, breached the terms of their planning conditions. Works have not been completed that are essential and mandatory in line with conditions, manure is known to have been transported without appropriate licenses and without covers over the trailer. The roads are being impacted by these large vehicles and the worry from many is that Powys County Council do not have the resources to be able to check and enforce planning applications effectively and continue fixing the roads.

Councillors feel that there are currently too many poultry units within Powys, and in particular within the Llanwnnog area, and until such a time as the accumulative effects have been calculated and researched, no further developments or extensions should be granted at all. Many local residents share these concerns.

Members of the Caersws Concerned Residents Group were present regarding the Penyborfa, Carno Road planning application and the upcoming Planning Committee site visit and meeting.

The group members asked whether CCC has received a response to the last letter to the Planning Dept regarding the Penyborfa planning application and the suggestion of maladministration; Clerk confirmed that no response has been received. It was also confirmed that the Clerk emailed Cllr James Evans (portfolio holder) on 16th January asking why a response is yet to be received on the aforementioned and he too has not responded.

Following the meeting the Clerk chased up both of these and also involved Russell George AM, Craig Williams MP and the leader and CEO of PCC. Only Russell George AM responded in order to assist CCC with this matter.

In a last effort to ensure that PCC listen to and act on the concerns of CCC and members of the community, the Clerk re-sent the previous objection to all of the aforementioned officials plus the objection and supporting information to all members of the Planning Committee.

Members of the public left following the above discussions and were thanked for attending and sharing their comments.

5. Grass cutting: Quotations for 2020.

A third quotation has been received as requested at the previous meeting. Cllrs discussed all quotations and were unanimous in the decision to accept the quotation from Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd

6. Congratulations to Craig Williams MP: It was discussed and agreed for the Clerk to send a congratulatory letter to Craig Williams regarding his recent position to become Montgomeryshire MP and that CCC hope that he will help us in our endeavours. Clerk to action.

7. County Cllr Les George: Report (this item was brought forward and discussed following the Public Speaking Session)

- **Foot bridge** There has been no update on progress. Clerk to contact Russell George AM as he has been in contact with Ken Skates relating to this issue and may be able to offer an update on the situation.
- **Cross roads at top of Caersws:** this is dangerous and there will be a serious accident or death if nothing is done. Someone was killed not so long ago. Cllr L George has been in touch with Highways and has been told that the signage warning about the cross roads is all that can be provided as it is not a main road and the signage is sufficient for a B road. The grass also should be done more regularly to ensure visibility is sufficient.
- **Trailer parked outside school:** still there, owner has stated that the parking space is allocated to his property. Clerk to contact Highways to ask if this is the case.
- People approaching Les regarding **housing developments** in the village. This is something that needs to be right on the next LDP. Cllr L George is having a meeting with someone at PCC regarding development in the correct area.

8. Projects:

- Village Plan:** Clerk has confirmed that she has received a large amount of information from an officer at the planning department who deals with Place Plans. Clerk is going to go through the details and contact info received and start by speaking to the person at Newtown and Llanwrchain Town Council who has been putting together the Place Plan there. There are various other people to be contacted also. Clerk also suggested that a small committee be put together as more people and separate meetings may be required to keep the project moving.
- ABC Charity idea** Clerk is looking into this with PAVO to see if it's something we can set up and administer as a council. Cllr L George will look at putting a leaflet/poster together to suggest this.

9. Highway Matters:

- Pavement widening between Spar and car park** The Trunk Rd Agent has confirmed that plans are being put together for this and as it was looked at a long time ago some information is already in place. It would be more straight forward if the land owner was the same but this isn't the case. Clerk has confirmed this and will continue to chase for updates.
- Pelican crossing – Caersws** Clerk confirmed that the Trunk Rd Agent has said that currently the issues here are difficult to solve due to the lay of the land, if the pavement widening by the Spar gets done this may help but until then the options are limited. Trunk Rd will continue to keep Welsh Gov aware of CCC's concerns. Clerk will also continue to push the need for a better crossing here.
- Road markings at Weig Lane crossing** The Clerk has still not received a response or update regarding this. Continue to chase up as this junction is dangerous.
- Flooding:** Bridge by football ground & Manthrig Lane Clerk confirmed that no information has been received back regarding this either. Cllr B O'Sullivan and Cllr L Gethin confirmed that there were issues at the weekend and people were climbing over fences and gates. Clerk to chase this up.

10. Matters Arising:

- Defibrillator (Llanwnog)** still nothing confirmed regarding the kiosk in Llanwnog which would be the best place for the defib as it is close to the road. The Church have confirmed that they are happy to have it installed there but the concern is that this is further off the road so people may not know that it is there and even if they did it could be hard to find if it is dark. Clerk to continue to chase BT regarding the kiosk.
- Caersws CC Logo** Cllrs discussed again the logos which were drafted for CCC. Cllrs discussed and chose logo number 4. Clerk to confirm this and request a full logo to be produced if possible.
- Bench** Quotation received for staining the benches for £180 which Cllrs agreed to as CCC was let down by the person who previously agreed to do this. Clerk to action.
- Dog Fouling** it was reported again to PCC that no collections at the football club, Cllrs stated that this is still not being done. Clerk to chase again.
- PAVO:** Listening to you visit. The PAVO representative has stated that an hour would be best to properly assess the needs of the Council. Cllrs did not wish to hold a separate meeting but suggested that the April meeting is started at 7pm for the PAVO visit to start and the ordinary meeting to continue thereafter.

- f) **Response to changes to TAN 15** Cllr A Wallbank kindly drafted a response to this consultation which was agreed and forwarded. See response below:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to Technical Advice Note 15, Development, Flooding and Coastal Erosion.

We are in general in full agreement with both TAN 15 and the revisions to it. In particular we welcome the replacement of the Development Advice Map with an improved Wales Flood Map incorporating surface water mapping (5.1-5.7) and the emphasis on the need for a comprehensive Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment (7.2-7.7).

We are however of the opinion that the document is somewhat repetitive and could be more concise and clearer to the lay person. We would also like to see a greater emphasis on consultation with residents and community councils in areas liable to flooding so as to make use of their extensive local knowledge.

A minor point is that it would be useful if the document could make it clear that the Lead Local Flood Authority (4.11) and SuDS Advisory Board lie within the remit of the County Council rather than are independent bodies. It is important that developers proposing to incorporate a SuDS system consult with the appropriate authority prior to preparing a Flood Consequences Assessment.

An addition we would like to see to the chapter on Developer Contribution (14.17-14.20) is a clause permitting planning authorities, at their discretion, to require a developer to carry out flood protection work benefitting the surrounding area to a degree over and above that necessary to alleviate any additional flood risk occasioned by the development.

We hope our comments are of help.

11. Correspondence:

- a) **PCC LDP:** changes to Supplementary Planning Guidance, consultation. Cllrs have not had chance to look at this in depth as yet but Cllr A Wallbank said that he will aim to go through it prior to the next meeting. It was also suggested to send the email received onto TCT as they may have an interest in looking at the SPG's which refer to the historic environment and archaeology. Clerk to action.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** National Innovative Practice Awards. Cllrs agreed to submit an application for this year's awards. Clerk to draft and send nomination to One Voice Wales.
- c) **Welsh Government:** Changes to planning and related application fees. This was discussed and it was agreed to keep on the agenda for the next meeting to confirm a response before the deadline.
- d) **PCC:** Bus Infrastructure Improvements. Cllrs discussed the information sent through and from the details sent are in favour of the project but would like more details about it and would also like to ask whether the train and bus timetable could be brought in line with each other. Clerk to action.
- e) **Police:** Precept This info was sent out for people to complete a survey which some members have responded as individuals. Cllr M Cheshire had previously emailed the Clerk stating his feelings that the increases should be shown as a percentage increase on previous years which other Cllrs agreed with. Clerk to forward these comments onto Dyfed-Powys Police.
- f) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** 2020 Powys Pride Event requesting financial support for the event. CCC would rather fund organisations and events in the direct vicinity of Caersws. No action.
- g) **SARPA:** Newsletter. Information noted, no action.

12. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment** works to start early February. Clerk is aiming to meet Colin this weekend to go through and finalise the work to be completed before it begins.
- b) **Signage to prevent people parking in front of residents' driveways** Clerk has costs for a sign. Cllrs suggested that the neighbour is asked whether she would like to sign to be put on her fence. Wait to order sign until she confirms as this will depend on the wording for the sign.

13. Cemeteries:

- a) **Llanwnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr I Astley for December 2019 and Cllr David Collington for January 2020. Confirm Cllr L George for February 2020
Cllr I Astley and Cllr D Collington both made similar comments for the previous two months in regards to certain stones and the roadway. There is also a bench that needs repairing. Cllr I Astley stated that he will look into this and see if he can source a correctly sized piece of wood for the bench.
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard:** communication from The Trusts solicitor regarding how things can be moved forward for CCC to take over and act on behalf of the Trust. Clerk to contact the solicitor to ask for details of how much the suggested will cost.
- c) **Llanwnog Cemetery:** Yr Ynys, A local resident has raised with Cllr M Cheshire that Yr Ynys looks scruffy. Cllr M Cheshire has received a quotation to complete works to rectify the issues but a couple of other Cllrs didn't think that the extent of works suggested was necessary. Cllrs will look at tidying the area themselves first of all. It was also mentioned that the funeral directors are going around the outside of the Yr Ynys island rather than filling a segment at a time. Clerk to contact the funeral directors to confirm the correct system for Yr Ynys.

14. Planning:

a) Planning Issues/Queries:

The Clerk confirmed that despite trying to chase up, no updates have been received on any of the below issues raised with the planning department. Clerk to continue to chase this up.

1. Gateways in Caersws (Unicorn & Weig Lane)
2. Bungalow in Caersws without planning
3. Penyborfa development updates

b) Planning Applications:

1. **Application Reference: 19/1491/FUL.** Grid Reference: **E:300887 N: 293592.** Proposal: Erection of 2 agricultural buildings for the purpose of egg production, to include silos and all associated works Site Address: Perthairin, Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NJ **Discussed at the start of the meeting – see agenda item 4.**
2. **Application Reference: 19/1882/FUL.** Grid Reference: **E:303148 N: 295344** Proposal: Erection of Steel Portal Framed Building for the Storage of Manure together with all other associated works. Site Address: Gwern Y Pwll , Llanwnog, Caersws, SY17 5PA **No comments to make.**
3. **Application Reference: 19/1961/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:301062 N: 296588.** Proposal: Erection of a covered silage pit and covered area Site Address: Lluast, Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NE **No comments to make.**
4. **Application Reference: 19/1957/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:301062 N: 296588** Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building Site Address: Lluast, Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NE **No comments to make.**
5. **Application Reference: 19/2030/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:302357 N: 293944.** Proposal: Erection of a dwelling, garage, formation of vehicular access and all associated works Site Address: Plot 2 , Maes Y Cwm, Llanwnog, Caersws SY17 5JL **No comments to make.**

15. Finances

a) Bank Balances:

Current Account = £2,767.99
Reserve Account = £36,779.27

b) Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (January 2020)	£631.63
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (December 2019)	£7.22
	<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £6.66, stationery & postage = £0.56)</i>	
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (January 2020)	£50.11
	<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £6.66, stationery & postage = £14.78 mileage = £28.67 (63.7 miles))</i>	
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (January 2020)	£23.40
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Dec 19 – Jan 20)	£192.00
Andrew Evans	Final payment for grass cutting @ Caersws	£328.80

c) Revenue Received

W/C revenue	31 Oct– 26 Nov 19	£129.65
Local family	Donation in memory of a local resident	£5.00
I B Williams & Son	New Memorial fee (half payment)	£157.50
R G Peate	Burial of ashes into existing grave	£157.00

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr I Astley.

16. Councillors Comments:

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: the potholes are bad at the cross road in Caersws and Mathrig Lane. The patching that PCC are doing is pointless as it is only temporary and is washed away as soon as there is any rain. The roads need to be repaired properly. Clerk to contact PCC.

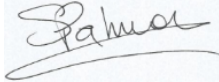
Cllr M Harding: there is a massive pothole up Gwernypwll Lane, Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr L George: There should ideally be someone from CCC present at the Planning Committee Meeting on 6th Feb when the Carno Road Development will be discussed. A number of Cllrs confirmed they were unable to attend and Cllr L George has an interest so is unable to attend. Cllr M Cheshire will be willing to speak at the meeting if he is available. Clerk to send details of the meeting to Cllr M Cheshire to ask whether he is available.

Following the meeting Clerk confirmed that Cllr M Cheshire was still due to be out of the country on 6th Feb so unable to attend. No members of CCC were able to attend due to the late notice of the date. The Caersws Concerned Residents Group were present at the committee meeting and confirmed to the Clerk following the meeting that despite the site being inadequate for the development, they were still passing it due to the location being on the LDP.

17. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)