

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND LOCKDOWN THE COUNCIL ARE UNABLE TO MEET BUT INTEND TO MEET REMOTELY.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Davies, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr P Breese, Cllr
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 and Cllr L George both declared an interest in agenda items 7b2 and 7b3.
3. **Minutes** of decisions made on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were approved as an accurate record and proposed by Cllr A Wallbank and seconded by Cllr D Collington.
4. **Highway Matters:**
  - a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** Trunk Road Agent has said they have written to the landowner but Clerk has received a message confirming that she has received no communication. Clerk has asked TRA to email her instead to speed this up and informed the owner of this also.
  - b) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing** Clerk has still received no response to this matter but will continue to try various avenues.
  - c) **Roundabout on Long Length** Cllr L George has confirmed that this has been agreed in principal and hopefully work may begin by the end of the year to be completed Spring 2021.
  - d) **Caersws footbridge** Cllr L George has been pushing for this in line with the roundabout and work to be carried out at Maesmawr Farm Resort as well as traffic calming measures within Caersws. Cllr M Cheshire asked whether chicanes could be installed but Cllr L George stated that this has been raised previously and as it is a trunk road chicanes are not an option.
5. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Defibrillator (Llanwnog)** Clerk confirmed that we are still waiting on quotations
  - b) **Caersws CC Logo** Suggestion was made to add some further detail to the bridge on the logo to show the stone work.
  - c) **Bench plan** Clerk to get costs for 3-4 new benches for the next meeting.
  - d) **Dog Fouling** Caersws FC have been contacted to confirm that if they put the dog waste near the car park on Mondays and Thursdays, PCC will collect it from there.
  - e) **Flood Consequences Assessment** PCC have still not responded on this, clerk to keep chasing.
  - f) **Electric Car Charging** No updates regarding this
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a) All correspondence relating to COVID-19 has been forwarded to Cllrs and shared online where necessary
  - b) **Tir Dewi:** Charity offering help to farmers, request to share info. Information noted and will be shared.
  - c) **SARPA:** Christian Wolmar's June newsletter. Cllrs suggested CCC contact Network Rail to ask them what is being done to keep the trains running and encouraging people to continue to use them.
  - d) **PCC:** National Forest Project, Woodland Grant Funding. Information noted, Cllr M Cheshire asked if this could be used by an individual. Clerk stated she thought it was for community run projects but would resend the information to him.
  - e) **SARPA:** Newtown Station ticket office to close. Clerk to contact railways to ask whether the ticket office can be helped/saved.
  - f) **SkipSearch:** Forwarded information regarding fly tipping. Information noted, no action.
  - g) **PCC:** Consultation on home to school/college transport policy. Clerk to look into this further before the next meeting.
  - h) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Climate Change Questionnaire. Clerk to post a poll on Facebook in order to ask the community if CCC should declare a climate emergency.
7. **Planning**
  - a) **Planning Applications:**
    - i. **Application Reference: 20/0821/HH** Grid Reference: **E:299107 N: 295752** Proposal: Demolition of existing lean to and the erection of a single storey extension to the east as well as single storey extension with roof deck to the west Site Address: Oerffrwd Cottage, Clatter, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NP  
Cllrs discussed the above application and are in support of it.
  - b) **Issues/Queries:**
    - i. **Gateways in Caersws (Unicorn & Weig Lane).** Cllr L George confirmed that action has been taken at Weig Lane and the access has been closed back up. No information regarding the gateway by the Unicorn, Clerk to chase up before the next meeting.

- ii. **Poultry Unit issues** – Llanwnnog & wider area. Information has been shared by a local resident who has been in contact with various groups and organisations such as PCC and CPRW regarding poultry units in Powys and the fact that the effects on the local community are being ignored and the cumulative effects are not being discussed. Clerk to contact CPRW in order to communicate the concerns of CCC and offer CCC's support to their cause relating to this.
- iii. **Pertherin Polutry Unit – additional information added to Planning Portal:** PCC has not sent anything to say that this application is due to be discussed but more documents are being added to the planning portal relating to an extension to the current unit. CCC to re-send original letter of concern and reiterate objection to any further extensions to current units or any new units being built without details of the cumulative effects. Clerk to action. Clerk to action and also ask PCC direct whether this application will be going to consultation again and if so when.
- iv. **Planning Dept: Request for Reasons for Refusal Planning document.** PCC have told me that there is no such document. Cllrs clarified that they are expected to comment and give reasons for objections or approvals of planning applications, however this is very difficult without knowing the criteria which PCC use. Clerk to ask PCC again for some guidance and invite a planning officer to attend a meeting when possible.

Cllr E Thomas left the meeting at 8.25pm.

#### 8. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Blockage at men's toilets** the cleaner confirmed that the toilet still needs to be flushed a number of times to clear it. Cllrs suggested asking the builder to get the plumber to come back to look at it. Clerk to action.

#### 9. Cemeteries:

- a) **Yr Ynys Island:** Details of works to be carried out. A site meeting was held adhering to social distancing at the cemetery. Mr Evans went through how he feels the cremation island can be improved and make the upkeep easier. Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan confirmed details of the works to be done to remove the current chippings and add a new membrane on top of the old one, replace the chippings for more suitable clean ones, remove the wooden edgings, add paving slabs up to the plinth, repoint the plinth. Cllrs voted and were all in favour of these works. Proposed by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr M Cheshire.
- b) **Mole Hills: Update regarding mole issue.** Clerk has spoken to a local mole catcher who has laid mole traps and will go back to check them. He said he will not be charging for this.

#### 10. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a) **Tarian Cymru – PPE provider:** There is not a shortage of PPE in Wales or locally as far as the council is aware so CCC will not be providing funds
- b) **Caersws COVID-19 Support Group:** Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan has spoken to someone who organises this group who has said that no funds are required at this time.

#### 11. Finances:

- a) Bank Balances:  
Current Acc = £13,034.08  
Reserve Acc = £27,841.27

#### b) Bills to be Paid:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (June 2020)	£696.91
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (June 2020)	None to pay
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (June 20)	£192.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting at Caersws and Clatter (June)	£284.00
Gwynne Woosnam	Grass cutting at Llanwnnog Cemetery	£2,418.00
Border Janitorial	WC Supplies	£77.14
<i>(the above payment was a duplicate from an earlier invoice so was not paid out)</i>		

Bills to be paid were approved and proposed for payment by Cllr D Collington and seconded by Cllr M Harding.

#### 12. Councillor Comments:

**Clerk:** Confirmed that there is an outstanding query relating to cheques paid to Andrew Evans for grass cutting. Until this is confirmed cheque payments may be withheld. Cllr were in agreement. Clerk to chase this up and report again at the next meeting.

**Clerk:** An issue has been raised by a member of the Recreation Association that the grass has not been cut as frequently as it should be. This was raised with Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd who stated that the correct number of cuts has been completed. Clerk suggested asking for a schedule of cutting so that this can be confirmed as and when completed for any future grass cutting. Cllrs were in agreement with this.

**Cllr L George:** The Old School in Llanwnnog is a mess and needs clearing up. Clerk to contact the current owners and request an update relating to the sale of the property and can they tidy it up in the mean-time.

**Cllr D Collington:** There is concern from the health board that people who need to are not accessing healthcare due to COVID-19.

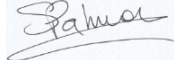
**Cllr A Wallbank:** Raised the issue of the Clerks review. This was discussed and all were in agreement to wait until a physical meeting can be held.

**Cllr M Harding:** Report that someone nearly fell on the kerb outside the Spar, CCC requested a dropped kerb some time ago. Clerk to chase this up and report the near miss.

- 13. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. This meeting will be held remotely unless guidance changes beforehand in which case a meeting in public will be considered.

Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)