

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely via Teams on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr L George, Cllr D Collington, Cllr P Breese, Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr M Cheshire

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, Representative from Powys Crematorium

Due to the Clerk being unable to attend a face to face meeting the meeting was held remotely via Teams

1. **Apologies:** Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr I Astley, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr M Harding, Cllr R Davies
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 L George declared an interest in agenda item 10.  
Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest in agenda item 10a
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)  
One person in attendance as a representative of the Powys Crematorium. Abbie was asked whether she wanted to speak to the council but she confirmed that she was just observing the meeting.
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr D Collington.
5. **Cllr Les George Report**
  - **Bungalows at Maes Y Dre:** Cllr L George has had a site meeting with PCC and is due to have further meetings with the land owners and is hopeful that the issue with the trees will be resolved soon.
  - **Footpath proposal Caersws to Pontdolgoch:** This will come up later on in the meeting. A pavement scheme has been put forward and CCC asked for comments. Cllrs discussed the route which would run from Caersws to Pontdolgoch but felt that a footpath would be more useful on the Trefeglwys Road heading out of the village and towards Weig Lane.
  - **Caersws Bridge:** Kevin Price of Welsh Government has stated that he should have information following the investigations on the bridge by mid-September and will be happy to have a site meeting at some point. Clerk to contact him to ask whether a site meeting could be held on 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September prior to the next CCC meeting. Cllrs discussed the crossing and agreed that the best place for a crossing (pelican ideally) would be the other side of the cross roads between the car park and the hairdressers on Bridge Street. It would also be beneficial to pedestrians to have a zebra crossing on Main Street near to the play area/bus stop.
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
  - a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** As mentioned above a site meeting will hopefully be arranged in September.
  - b) **Works and lights at Caersws bridge:** As above, hoping for information following the bridge investigations and site meeting in September.
  - c) **Pavement widening between Premier Shop and car park:** Also awaiting Welsh Government for timing of this, hope to incorporate this into site visit.
  - d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No update from Trunk Road Agent
  - e) **Place Plan:** Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr D Collington, Cllr M Cheshire & Cllr P Breese confirmed they would be happy to be part of the committee for the Place Plan as there will be a lot of extra work to be done to get this project moving forward. Clerk will also be at the committee meetings. Date in October to meet will be agreed at the meeting in September.
  - f) **EV Charging points:** Clerk is waiting for some costs from an EV charging company who will send some one out to have a look at the toilets and provide a quote. Clerk will gather some further info for comparison.
7. **Highway Matters:**
  - a) **Hedge Cutting:** Hedge alongside car park at Caersws WC. PCC Highways have agreed to help the residents cut the hedge down by ensuring the car park is clear to be able to get to the hedge.
8. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Defibrillators; Llanwnnog & Caersws x 2:** Llanwnnog defibrillator has been installed. Clerk looking into further funding now that two defibs are agreed for Caersws.
  - b) **Dog Fouling:** Discussion of where to put a station with dog poo bags. This will need to be precept. Clerk to look into whether the bags are biodegradable. Clerk to also contact PCC to ask if signs could be put on bins to make sure people are aware that dog poo bags can be put into normal waste bins as well.
  - c) **Speed Check Group:** Update of any interest received. Cllr M Cheshire confirmed that no one has been in contact to show interest in joining a group of volunteers. Clerk to add the information to Facebook.

- d) **Consultation** regarding qualifications for Clerks. Cllrs and Clerk agreed that this is a positive step as it enforces the fact that the Clerks role is a professional one. Clerk to confirm comments to the consultation.
- e) **Regulations** for Hybrid meetings. Clerk confirmed that Community Councils have to be able to provide hybrid meetings as necessary. Councils must make their meetings accessible to all. Currently meeting face to face at Clatter Hall is an issue as there is no internet. There is the option to meet remotely if that makes the meeting more accessible to more people. Cllr A Wallbank to speak to Clatter Community Centre committee regarding internet provision. Cllr B O'Sullivan to contact Caersws Village Club about accessibility of internet there.
- f) **Police correspondence:** Cllr P Breese spoke with PC Mair Davies regarding the following:
  - 1) Parking on pavements on Chapel Street: Police will patrol, can only action if they find someone obstructing the pavement when on patrol
  - 2) Parking outside toilets and blocking neighbours property: Police should be called if an issue.
  - 3) Farmwatch; A new scheme is on the way. People will be able to register their details so they are kept informed of what is happening in the local area.

**9. Correspondence:** *All correspondence relating to COVID-19 has been forwarded to Cllrs and shared online where necessary*

- a) **Local Residents:** Requesting details of the next LDP consultation. Clerk received an email from local residents regarding when the new LDP consultation will start and could they be kept informed. Cllr L George stated that he thinks consultation for the LDP will start in 2022.
- b) **Powys CC:** footpath proposals in the area. Cllr L George raised this in his report and Cllrs discussed that a better place for a footpath would be from Caersws to Weig Lane along the Trefeglwys Road. Clerk to go back with these comments.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Health and Social Care Committee Consultation on priorities for the Sixth Senedd. Details noted, no action.
- d) **One Voice Wales & Keep Wales Tidy:** Free webinar in September. Clerk will try to attend.
- e) **PAVO:** Compton Yard's Consultation. Details noted, no action.

**10. Planning:**

- a) **Application Reference: 21/1485/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:300887 N: 293592** Proposal: Erection of agricultural buildings to cover feeding areas and manure store and all associated works Site Address: Perthairin, Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NJ  
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no comments to put forward.

*The below was not on the original agenda for discussion but the Clerk received confirmation of the Welsh Government 'call-in' so it was brought up;*

**Crematorium Application:** this has been confirmed by Welsh Government that it will be called in and so decided by Welsh Government rather than Powys CC Planning Officers. Cllr M Cheshire suggested sending comments previously raised to Russell George MS. Clerk to send comments of the concerns CCC originally sent about the application on to Russell George.

**11. Caersws Public Conveniences:** Still issues with drains blocking here, Clerk to seek advice from drainage company. Jack Holley who has recently unblocked the drains on a number of occasions has stated that every time he has unblocked the drains they have been blocked with sanitary products. Clerk is chasing PCC to find out if they empty the sanitary bins as there are bins there but not sure who empties them. Clerk to try and set up a site meeting with Cllr Heulwen Hulme and Cllr Phyl Davies.

**12. Cemeteries:**

- a) **Risk Assessments:** There are some issues with sunken graves and one grave in particular that requires attention. Clerk to contact the family regarding this. The shed may also require some attention as water may be getting in.
- b) **Llanwnog Cemetery:** Cemetery committee have met at the cemetery and suggest that the plinth on the cremation island should be repointed as previously suggested. Clerk to contact Mr Nick Evans to ask if he is able to quote for this work. Cllrs also measured out the segments and suggested that pegs be put in where the cremation plots should be placed. The slabs under the memorial should be covered by the stones. The wooden bench needs to be removed, Cllr M Harding stated that she should be able to organise this. There are some sunken graves, to be discussed at the next meeting. The tree for the WI needs to be discussed and agreed, ask Cllr E Thomas when she is better.
- c) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Clerk is yet to hear back from Ian Hughes regarding the graveyard. Cllr A Wallbank has been trying to make some enquiries with NRW but has had no luck.

**13. Finances:**

- a) **Bank Balances:**  
Current Account = £7,658.99  
Reserve Account = £40,598.36

<b>b) Bills to be Paid:</b>		
Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (August 2021)	£734.39
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (August 2021)	£45.64

(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £6.97, mileage = £28.67 (63.7 miles))

HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (August 2021)	£32.76
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (July 2021)	£144.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting – Caersws (July & August)	£681.60
Carl Jones	Cleaning at WC (Hugh on Holiday)	£48.00
Jack Holley	Unblocking WC drains	£140.00
SLCC	Society for Local Council Clerks (Clerks Membership)	£121.18
<i>The below was proposed for payment by Cllr M Cheshire and seconded by Cllr L George</i>		
Caersws Village Club	Donation for works carried out	£7,000.00

**c) Moneys in:**

Caersws WC Revenue	25.07.21 – 20.08.2021	£185.00
Hamer Funeral Services	Burial fee	£236.25

Cllrs agreed the bills and they were proposed for payment by Cllr D Collington and seconded by Cllr P Breese.

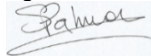
**14. Councillor Comments:**

**Cllr C Woosnam** confirmed the contact for Caersws Football Club and will send the information to the Clerk.

**15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre unless the meeting is required to be held online.

Chair Cllr A Wallbank thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.47pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)