

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held at **Clatter Community Hall** on **Wednesday 26th January 2022** at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Vice Chair Cllr M Harding, Cllr D Collington, Cllr P Breese, Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr L George.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

1. Remembering Cllr Ioan Astley and Cllr Eiddwen Thomas

Cllrs stood for a minutes silence to remember Ioan and Eiddwen who recently passed away. Cllrs remembered the generous contributions to the Council and it's communities over many years.

2. Apologies: Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr R Davies, Cllr D Collington

3. 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 11.

4. Public Speaking Session (15 minutes maximum time allocated)

No members of the public present.

5. Minutes of meeting held on 24th November 2021 were noted to be missing an item about the Recreation Association's plan to build an all-weather pitch on the old tennis courts. Clerk to add this into the minutes and redistribute the minutes. On this basis Cllr L George proposed to accept the minutes as an accurate record and this was seconded by Cllr P Breese.

6. Cllr Les George Report

- **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations:** Meeting went very well, very well attended. Made some decisions and agreed a second meeting on 8th February 2022 at 7pm at the Village Club. Agreed unanimously to have a street party on Main Street on Saturday 4th June 2022. Cllr L George has been in touch with Cllr Heulwen Hulme about the road closure and has some information
- **Broadband issues:** Cllr L George asked if Cllrs are aware of issues in the area. Cllr M Harding confirmed that her daughter living in Llanwnnog has had huge issues and has given up on BT, has decided to pay someone else to get it sorted.
- **Caersws Bridge & Pedestrian Crossing:** Cllr L George asked the Clerk whether she had received any information from Kevin Price which she confirmed she has not. Clerk to chase up for information regarding these two items.
- **Surgery:** Friday 25th March Cllr L George will be holding a surgery.
- **Cemetery:** PCC legal dept confirmed that it would be best for CCC not to take this on and only cut the grass as CCC are not obliged to take it over. Cllr L George suggested that communication should be put together confirming that CCC are willing to take over the grass cutting but are not liable for anything else such as issues with the land etc. Clerk to draft a letter to the Trustees and the solicitor explaining this. Clerk to look into whose responsibility the graveyard will be once the Trustees are no longer around.
- **WC Toilets – Cllr Heulwen Hulme:** Clive Jones of Powys Highways has been off work but has asked Aled Jones to set up the site meeting that Cllr L George has requested.
- **Crematorium in Caersws:** No further information on this currently.
- **Caersws Primary School:** There has been a serious problem with the heating for some time. This has now been resolved.
- Cllr L George has been approached by a young man who has asked to join the council. Clerk confirmed that as the election is within 6 months from now, we do not have to put up a notice of vacancy. Due to the time required for the notices of vacancy and co-option to be up, a new Cllr could not be co-opted until March or April so Cllrs agreed to leave this and wait until the election in May.

7. Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:

- a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** No updates, Clerk to chase this item.
- b) **Caersws bridge:** No updates, Clerk to chase this item.
- c) **Pavement widening between Premier Shop and car park:** No updates, Clerk to chase this item.
- d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No updates, Clerk to chase this item.
- e) **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** Discussed during Cllr L George's report. Cllr A Wallbank added that he had mentioned at the Village meeting that at the last Jubilee CCC purchased mugs to give all of the local primary school aged children. He has confirmed that this was incorrect as the mugs were purchased for Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding. Hold off on this until further meetings. Funding for this was discussed. There are funding streams available. Cllr A Wallbank suggested that he may be able to provide a site for a beacon for the jubilee but this is yet to be confirmed.
- f) **Manthrig Brook Flooding issues:** No updates, Clerk to chase this item. Cllr A Wallbank is frustrated that we have received no response from Powys CC Highways. Clerk to push for an update on this matter as promised in November 2021.

- g) Local Development Plan (LDP):** Some info received regarding the start of consultation process. Clerk has asked for the LDP to be added to the next PCC meeting with Town and Community Councils to ask what help and support Town & Community Councils and their residents will receive from Powys in regards to understanding the LDP. Clerk confirmed that this is on the agenda for the PCC meeting.
- 8. Place Plan Committee Report:** The Committee met prior to this meeting and have gone through the survey questions which have also been sent to all Cllrs. Committee will finalise the online survey so it can be shared in the community.
- 9. Matters Arising:**
- a) Defibrillators:** The two defibs are due to be installed soon at the Village Hall and the Football Club.
Cllr P Breese has spoken with Sion Breese regarding monthly inspections of the defibs and what should be checked. Cllr P Breese is happy to do the inspections.
 - b) Dog Fouling:** Hall Committee in Caersws are happy for the dog fouling station to be put on the railings of the hall. Cllrs agreed they were happy for the Clerk to order the unit.
Clerk also mentioned how dark it is – contact street lighting
 - c) Speed Check Group:** Cllr M Cheshire and the group have done some training and anticipate starting mid Feb subject to availability.
 - d) Netting on hedges at proposed crematorium site:** Netting removed, item to be removed from the agenda.
 - e) Signal box at station:** Clerk is yet to hear back from anyone contacted about this. Clerk to chase up.
 - f) Local election rules:** To be covered in agenda item 10g.
- 10. Correspondence:** *All correspondence relating to COVID-19 has been forwarded to Cllrs and shared online where necessary*
- a) Welsh Government:** Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 – Important Update from the Minister for Climate Change. This may be a more important thing for Caersws. Tan 15 may change further however due to climate change issues. Add to list for Place Plan Committee to consider.
 - b) One Voice Wales:** Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets. Information noted, no comments.
 - c) Local resident:** placement of a bench at the cemetery. Clerk to have a look where there is space and take pictures.
Llanwnog WI would like to put a bench in the cemetery. Clerk to send cost of bench to Cllr M Harding.
Cllr L George: CCC was previously under the impression that there would be more space for the cemetery but we need to check what ground is left for the cemetery. Clerk to look into the paperwork and look into contacting Land Registry if necessary.
 - d) The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust:** Cardiology Inpatient services and Membership. Information noted, no action.
 - e) Local resident:** 'Nextdoor' application for local areas. A resident had mentioned this to Cllr M Cheshire and he was unsure what it was. Confirmed that this is a legitimate social media platform for communities.
 - f) Boundary Commission for Wales:** Boundary Commission presentations information.
Information noted, no action
 - g) Welsh Government:** Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Community and Town Councils statutory guidance | GOV.WALES. Cllr A Wallbank confirmed that some new rules will come into force but not until after the election. Clerks may require qualifications at some point after May 2022.
 - h) Russell George:** Poultry Units in Powys. Information noted, no action.
 - i) Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Bullying of Clerks: MP to raise question in Parliament. CCC to support.
 - j) Welsh Government:** Draft Budget. Information noted, no action.
 - k) Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust:** Proposed service change to renal dialysis dept. Cllr D Collington confirmed to Chair Cllr A Wallbank prior to the meeting that these changes shouldn't affect the local community too much at this stage.
 - l) PAVO:** Llanidloes Localities Initiative. Information noted no action.
 - m) PAVO:** Home energy Audits for Powys communities. Information noted, no comments.
- 11. Planning:**
- a) Application Reference: 21/2311/HH** Grid Reference: E:299731 N: 295043 Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to dwelling Site Address: Rhiewgriafol, Clatter, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NL
Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they have no objections.
 - b) Application Reference: 22/0057/FUL** Grid Reference: E:298406 N: 293747 Proposal: Conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to form 3 no residential dwellings and associated parking areas (north barn) together with construction of 5 no passing places Site Address: Garthbwt, Clatter, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NR

Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they have no objections. Cllrs believe that the NRW concerns will be met.

The below application was received after the agenda was put up but was agreed for discussion:

- c) Application Reference: 22/0058/FUL** Grid Reference: E:298406 N: 293747 Proposal: Conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to form 8 no residential dwellings and associated parking areas (west barn) together with construction of 5 no passing places Site Address: Garthbwt, Clatter, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NR
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.

12. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) Lights repair:** The Clerk has confirmed for an electrician to complete works to fix the lights at the WC and confirmed that the outside lights will remain on when the light is dim/dark.
- b) Vandalism:** There has been no further reports of vandalism, although some young people have been seen hanging around and some young girls have been seen kicking the door open. Clerk to get a quotation for heavy metal doors which cannot be forced open
Cllr P Breese reported the vandalism to PCSO Mair Davies who has not come back to him to confirm anything that has been done.
Additionally, there has been no response to the parking on the pavement on Chapel Street.

13. Cemeteries:

- a) Risk Assessments:** Cllr M Harding covered this in December 2021, Cllr D Collington for Jan and Les for Feb
- b) Llanwnog Cemetery:** The lady who would like to have a bench in the cemetery as close to her child's grave as possible is waiting on an agreed location for it. Clerk to take some pictures in the area of the grave to see where the best place would be.
- c) Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** This item was covered in Cllr L George's report.

14. Finances:

- a) Bank Balances:**
Current Account = £8,315.63
Reserve Account = £41,948.19
- b) Accounts and budget review and precept discussion:** This item should have been removed following the last meeting.
- c) Bills to be Paid:**
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| Sophie Palmer | Clerks salary (Jan 22 minus overpayment for Dec 2021) | £727.99 |
| Sophie Palmer | Clerks expenses (December 2021) | £24.76 |
| <i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £5.99, mileage = £8.77 19.5 miles)</i> | | |
| Sophie Palmer | Clerks expenses (January 2022) | £51.49 |
| <i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £5.99, mileage = £35.50 78.9 miles)</i> | | |
| HM Revenue & Customs | PAYE Tax for Clerk (December 2021) | £32.76 |
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| Hugh Jones | Cleaning at W/C (Dec 2021 & Jan 2022) | £480.00 |
| Border Janitorial | WC supplies | £50.40 |
| Jack Holley | Unblocking of WC drains | £210.00 |
| Andrew Evans | Final grass cutting invoice for 2021 | £340.80 |
| Jack Woosnam | Tree removal – Llanwnog Cemetery | £300.00 |

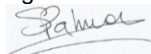
The bills for payment were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr M Harding.

15. Councillor Comments:

- Cllr M Harding:** WI bench at Llanwnog, Clerk to provide cost for a bench like other purchased recently.
- Cllr P Breese:** Train services between Aberystwyth and Birmingham. Some new people in the area relying on the trains to get to and from London and it is extremely unreliable. Clerk to write to the Transport to complain, ask what they are doing to improve this.
- Cllr C Woosnam:** Cllr asked at the last meeting whether Cllrs would be willing to contribute to the new 3G pitch in Caersws. Clerk confirmed that £5,000 is in the precept which can be allocated to the 3g pitch project.
- Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas:** Privately owned property in Caersws has not been lived in for 10 years and there are concerns over the state of the property and whether the rates are being paid. Clerk to contact PCC and report.
- Cllr A Wallbank:** Cllrs confirmed that Eiddwen Thomas's funeral will be held on Friday this week.

- 16. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)