

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 24th April 2024 at **Clatter Community Centre** at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr C Woosnam, Vice Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Knapp, Cllr L George, Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr S Sargent, Cllr M Carroll, Cllr C Broks, Cllr P Skitt.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Wallbank, Clerk, Mrs S Palmer
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.*
No declarations of interest were given
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
No one in attendance
4. **Clerk's Resignation & Absence:** The Clerk has handed in her resignation for the end of April but will continue if needed on reduced hours. Clerk has also injured her spine recently so has not been able to attend the meeting. An advert has been posted for a new Clerk/RFO.
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 20th March 2024 have a small amendment to make and were proposed as an accurate record on the basis of the amendment by Cllrs in attendance.
6. **Priority Projects:**
 - a) **Caersws Footbridge:** Chair Cllr C Woosnam to request an update from Russell George MS before the next meeting.
 - b) **Caersws Train Station Parking:** No update at this time.
7. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** No updates to report
 - b) **Caersws bridge:** No updates to report
 - c) **Roundabout scheme:** No updates to report
 - d) **Pavement widening on corner of Premier Shop:** Clerk is chasing TRA on when the pavement will be made good as it was due to be done in April.
 - e) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No updates to report
 - f) **Manthrig Brook Flooding issues:** No updates to report
8. **Place Plan Committee** No new information or updates on either of the below items
 - a) LDP
 - b) Active Travel Plan
9. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **New Bank Account:** This is now active, the cheque raised last month has been posted to be paid into the new account, once that has cleared the account direct debits for water, electricity, PC-Q etc and bills can be paid online once this has been cleared as long as 2 of the signatories have been able to log in. Ideally 2 more Cllrs should be added as signatories as there will only be 2 signatories and Cllr M Cheshire has not yet been able to log in.
 - b) **Website:** Cllr C Brooks sent out a page for Cllrs to check and send comments back prior to the meeting.
 - c) **Lighting at Caersws Bus Stop (opposite Buck Inn):** The light opposite was going to be angled towards the bus stop. No confirmation as to whether this has been done.
 - d) **Bench for the Kings Coronation:** This is in place and the plaque is being sent to Cllr P Breese to attach to it.
 - e) **Request for pavement in Pontdolgoch:** No update
 - f) **Information boards:** Waiting for website completion and this will be discussed further.
 - g) **Ownership of war memorial:** Clerk is waiting for the solicitor to come back to confirm the process has started. Clerk to chase up.
 - h) **Defibrillator – Pontdolgoch:** The defibrillator cabinet has been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr P Skitt. The electrician has been given Cllr P Skitt's details in order to arrange for the installation.
 - i) **Removal of bus shelters:** Email received from the person at Powys that the Clerk was chasing. Cllr P Skitt to chase.
 - j) **External items e.g. benches to be discussed:** No update as yet.
 - k) **CCC Logo:** Waiting for website completion and then Cllrs will look at this.
 - l) **Trailer near Caersws School:** Highways confirmed that they were going to ask the owner to move the trailer. Cllr L George to contact Powys CC about this.
 - m) **Dirty road between Foxes Pitch and Llanwnog:** Highways have asked those responsible to clean the road.
 - n) **Pole leaning into road near road, Clatter:** Highways were going to have a look at this, it had already been reported to them and they will ensure it is moved/removed.

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

- a) **HM The King Portrait scheme:** Opportunity to request a portrait of the King. A free portrait of the King has been offered to all councils. Clerk has ordered it. Cllrs to make a decision on where to put it once the size is confirmed.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** 2024/25 Membership (£309) Cllrs agreed to continue membership with One Voice Wales
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Annual Financial Timetable of Actions. Useful info to keep on record
- d) **One Voice Wales:** Pre-election period timetable of actions. Useful info to keep on record
- e) **Russell George MS:** Letter regarding pedestrian crossing received.
- f) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Referendum on wind farms and pylons in Powys
- g) **One Voice Wales:** Focus Group for Youth Representatives on Town & Community Councils
- h) **EMRTS:** Air Ambulance Review
- i) **Environment Agency:** Public Consultation re the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme's (SVWMS) Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and Vision Document.
- j) **Green Gen:** Green GEN Vyrnwy Frankton Project. Information noted, no action
- k) **Resident:** Request to put a bench in the cemetery. Cllr discussed and do not feel another bench should be placed in the cemetery. It seems the resident has changed their mind about it being placed there currently.
- l) **PAVO:** Fund Launch Information regarding funding available. Cllr D Lowe to investigate and put in an application if possible.

11. S137 Donation Requests *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the May meeting*

12. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 24/0366/FUL** Grid Reference: E:301146 N: 291748 Proposal: Above Ground Slurry Store Site Address: Coed Y Parc, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5HR
Cllrs discussed the above application and are in support of it.
- b) **Application Reference: 24/0403/REM** Grid Reference: E:301062 N: 296588 Proposal: Section 73 application to remove/vary condition no's 2 & 4 attached to planning approval 23/0897/FUL - alteration to the approved boiler and feedstock and to vary or remove the restrictive highways condition Site Address: Lluast, Llanwnog, Caersws, Powys SY17 5NE.
Cllrs discussed the above application and are in support of it.
- c) **Application Reference: 24/0447/FUL** Grid Reference: E:304266 N: 294158 Proposal: Erection of rural enterprise dwelling, installation of package treatment plant together with all other associated works (resubmission) Site Address: Land At Trecastell Wood, Llanwnog, Caersws, SY17 5PD
Cllrs discussed the above application and do not have any comments to make and will post a neutral decision.

13. Caersws Public Conveniences: no updates

14. Cemeteries:

- a) **Risk Assessments:**
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard:** Waiting for Charity Commission to come back to the solicitor about taking over from the Trust.
- c) **Llanwnog sunken graves:** 1 quote received for the grave levelling. More required to make a decision. Clerk to chase the other 2 contractors who previously quoted prior to the specification being sent out.
- d) **Llanwnog cemetery mapping:** Grave numbers to be sent to Cllr C Brooks. Clerk to send out.

15. Finances:

- a) **Account balances:**
 - Natwest Current Account = £21,086.68
 - Natwest Reserve Account = £42,699.86
 - Unity Trust (New) Current Account = £10,494.86
 - Unity Trust (New) savings Account = £0

b) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (April)	£879.89 (net) [£911.47 total]
Sophie Palmer	Clerks Expenses (March & April)	£38.97 & £29.73 = £68.70 total
Last month Clerk hadn't calculated expenses so they have been included this month along with Aprils		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (April)	£31.58
Hugh Jones	WC Cleaning	£259.96
This includes £240 for cleaning and £19.96 for getting store room keys cut so there are spares		

EOM	WC retainer (March)	£50.00 (net) [£60 total]
Caersws Community Council	Transfer of funds from Natwest to Unity Trust	£20,000.00

Direct Debits:

Southern Electric	Caersws WC Electricity (April 2024)	£166.77
PC-Q Solutions	Laptop security, maintenance, virus protection, Office 365	£29.31

Cllrs discussed all bills to be paid and were in agreement to propose payment for all.

- c) **Income received:**
- d) **Reserves breakdown:**

RESERVES HELD	
PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Public Convenience	£14,559.39
Unforeseen Maintenance costs for Cemetery	£8,000.00
Precepted amount for new website	£250.00
Training costs	£512.00
Precepted amount for village halls	£10,000.00
Reserves for any extra costs unplanned at the time of precept	£8,000.00
Cllr Remuneration	£1,592.00
Care Costs in case required/requested from Cllrs	£4,500.00
TOTAL RESERVES HELD	£54,232.00

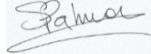
16. Councillor Comments:

All Present: a special thankyou to Phil Breese for his commitment and dedication to the Community Council over his years of service.

- 17. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be the **AGM** held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7pm, followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chair Cllr C Woosnam thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)