

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 24th July 2024 at **Caersws Community Centre** at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr C Woosnam, Vice Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Knapp, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr M Carroll, Cllr A Vaughan, Cllr S Sargent, Cllr M Carroll, L George

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr P Skitt
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 P Skitt – Planning 24/0902/FUL
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
No one in attendance
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 24th July 2024 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed AW, seconded MC
5. **Priority Projects:**
 - a) **Caersws Footbridge:** LG has been communicating with Gareth Price and Russell George regarding this. CW to email Russell George and Steve Witherden. LG reported residents in Newtown are annoyed at £4m being spent on a cycle bridge when the current bridge needs renovation.
 - b) **Caersws Train Station Parking :** AV has emailed the Level Crossing Manager. DL reported the carpark is fuller during last few weeks, with some cars parked on the road
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a) **Pavement widening on corner of Premier Shop:** was scheduled for July, will hopefully be completed in September
 - b) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** Updated information has been sent to Highways, with no response being received as yet
 - c) **Manthrig Brook Flooding issues:** As there is no record of houses being flooded, the Flood Action Group cannot take this any further. MC to explore cross boundary working
 - d) **Pedestrian Safety Signs Pontdolgoch Railway Bridge :** LG is communicating with TRA Andrew Jones
7. **Place Plan Committee** No new information or updates on either of the below items
 - a) LDP – Councillors briefly discussed the new LDP. A separate meeting will be held (AW, DL, AV, PS) Clerk to arrange. DL to find out boundaries of Caersws Response is required by 30th October. Issues to be highlighted/suggested
 - Request for additional parking
 - Potential housing development
 - Sewage issues
 - Possible electric charging point
 - Local open spaces may be incorrect
 - Public Rights of way to be corrected
 - b) Active Travel Plan – no update
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Request for pavement Pontdolgoch – No update
 - b) Website, Information Boards and Logo – Ongoing project Clerk to contact new website designers
 - c) Ownership of War Memorial – Clerk to contact Harrisons
 - d) Defibrillator – Pontdolgoch –will be fitted within four weeks
 - e) Removal of bus shelters – No update
 - f) Asset Register (including benches) – DL has carried out a physical review of all items. Clerk to update asset list for review
 - g) School Panels – A meeting is planned for September
 - h) Cllr C Brooks has resigned from the Community Council but is willing to continue to help with ongoing projects that he has been leading on and has already sent through a lot of information by email. Councillors would like to record their thanks for Cllr Brooks service and hard work during his time as a Councillor. Clerk to arrange notice of vacancy

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

Caersws Village Club application email was not received in May, a representative was invited to attend CC meeting

£12,000 has been requested for new doors, Councillors discussed the request and clarified information including :

- Accounts information
- Type of doors
- Disabled facilities
- Membership
- Other grant options
- Further renovation plans

Councillors decided to request new like for like quotations to the same specification from three different companies. Clerk to email and request if Caersws Village Club is VAT registered

SS raised concern regarding request from Clatter Community Hall for funding, explained that previous clerk responded, and current clerk also clarified in person. Raised they also hold funding donated for Wi-Fi which has not been installed. Clerk to check amount

10. Planning:

Application Reference: 24/0902/FUL Grid Reference: E:300678 N: 293931 Proposal: Change of use from residential to holiday let. Maes Gwyn, Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys – Approved

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) Maintenance – major issue with sewage seeping into neighbouring properties gardens. Toilets closed for 24 hours, Severn Trent resolved, although this is a long-term problem. Clerk to contact Severn Trent and Environment Agency.
- b) A concern has also been raised regarding parking near to the toilets blocking access for residents. Clerk to check what signs are there and possibly order new ones

12. Cemeteries:

- a) **Risk Assessments:** Rota distributed. AW to complete for August
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard and Grasscutting:** awaiting transfer of ownership (though R Hanratty solicitors).
- c) **Llanwnog sunken graves:** Quotes received, Clerk to contact contractors to establish who can start first and then to initiate work
- d) **Llanwnog cemetery mapping:** Ongoing project. Councillors reviewed the potential use of the Scribe cemetery software, purchase approved. Clerk to request quote for Scribe to do mapping
- e) **Cemetery Regulations** – Clerk to update inline with other local Councils

13. Finances:

NatWest: Current account =£3,706.33

Reserve account = £60,210.72

Unity Trust: Current account = £11,542.14

Savings account = £0

Bills to be paid:

Clerks salary (August) £741.37

Clerks Expenses (August) £26

HM Revenue & Customs PAYE Tax for Clerk (August) £185.40

Rhys WC Cleaning (August) £135

EOM WC retainer £60

Andrew Evans Grass cutting Caersws and Clatter £511.20

Scribe £42

MTG £1080

Cambrian Lines Committee £10

OVW £40

Of above 292.21 is VAT

Direct Debits:

SSE £107.47

PCQ £29.31

Income received: £158.63 interest, £587.25 Burials

Payments approved proposed by LG, seconded by DL
Clerk to contact Natwest to facilitate transfer of funds to Unity

a) Reserves breakdown

RESERVES HELD	
PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Public Convenience	£14,559.39
Unforeseen Maintenance costs for Cemetery	£8,000.00
Precepted amount for new website	£2,500.00
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

14. Correspondence : Request for funding Cerebral Palsy – denied

15. Councillor Comments:

AW – Clerk probation is complete and Councillors invited her to stay. Contract to be signed
SS – Requested budgeting and precept to be discussed at a separate meeting in November
SS – requested clerk to send email to NRW on behalf of CCC to object to the closing of Ynyslas
CK – Mid Wales Art are working with children with special needs to produce artwork and would ideally like to site this near to the Roman Fort or at the Station. Councillors agreed and will decide location once the artwork is complete
MC – Request to add invasive plant species to next agenda
LG – Trailer is still in situ, will chase
LG – Police and Crime Consultation 25th September at 7.30pm at Theatre Hafren
LG – has contacted Aled Jones (Highways) to request clearing of gully in cemetery
DL – Requested noticeboards are tidied and information regarding Councillor vacancies and funding applications is added
AW – Request an update from KL re Llanidloes Hospital Changes
LG – gave apologies for 18th September

16. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall

Chair Cllr C Woosnam thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.52pm.