

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at **Clatter Community Centre** at 7.30pm

**Present:** Chair Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr M Carroll, Cty Cllr L George, Cllr M Cheshire, Vice Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Knapp, Cllr P Skitt, Cllr A Vaughan

1. **Apologies:** None
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.*
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)  
Three members of the public in attendance

Councillors paused for a minutes silence in memory of Rachel Davies

#### 4. Planning

As Members of the public wished to discuss the planning application at Pen Y Borfa, this item was moved to the beginning of the meeting

- *Pen Y Borfa* – LG recapped information regarding this long standing planning application and suggested the Community Council withdraw their 'no comment' status and write to Powys County Council to confirm any assumed support was not now valid for the following reasons :

Change in flooding and remedial actions now being taken to combat this  
The application contradicts the LDP in three ways  
The application has been in progress for almost twelve months  
Highways and NRW have not supported this application so far  
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Councillors discussed this matter and agreed unanimously to write to Gemma Bufton, Lorraine Jenkin and Jake Berriman expressing their concerns and requested confirmation in response that the above will be taken into consideration by Planning Officers/decision makers

- *24/1796/FUL Grid Reference: E:304626 N: 292924 Proposal: Construction of roof over existing manure store Site Address: Llwyn Y Brain , Aberhafesp, Newtown, SY16 3HR - Supported*
- *24/1816/FUL Grid Reference: E:302751 N: 294479 Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to cover manure store Site Address: Gwastadcoed , Llanwnnog, Caersws, SY17 5NZ - Supported*
- *24/1705/FUL Grid Reference: E:301061 N: 296588 Proposal: Erection of a manure store and associated works Site Address: Lluast , Pontdolgoch, Caersws, SY17 5NE - Supported*

**Minutes** of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed LG, seconded AW

5. **Priority Projects:**
  - a. **Caersws Footbridge:** A meeting has been proposed with Steve Witherden (Local MP), date to be confirmed. Some information has been in the local press, however it is felt this information is not of any consequence.
  - b. **Caersws Train Station Parking :** TFW have no plans to increase carparking. Powys CC had previously offered a field as an asset transfer for the CC to develop further parking facilities. LG to check if this offer is still valid. CK suggested adding electric charging points and to charge for parking
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
  - a. **Pavement resurfacing on corner of Premier Shop:** LG has chased progress
  - b. **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No update
  - c. **Manthrig Brook Flooding Issues:** New Flood Action Group meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January
  - d. **Pedestrian Safety Signs Pontdolgoch Railway Bridge :** LG is communicating with TRA Andrew Jones
  - e. **Grasscutting/Hedge contract 2025** – Councillors discussed spend for 2024-25 and reviewed areas to be included within the contract. Clerk to draw up specification

**7. Place Plan Committee**

- a. Active Travel Plan – LG has approached Karl Lewis regarding a joint plan

**8. Matters Arising:**

- a) **Request for pavement** Pontdolgoch – LG communicating with Andrew Jones, has met in person and stressed the urgency of this
- b) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** – Meeting arranged for January to review progress so far
- c) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Awaiting confirmation from Church in Wales that they will pay for their own legal fees
- d) **Defibrillator** – Planning approved, will be fitted in February
- e) **School Panels** – Materials have been purchased and this is on track to be completed by St David's day
- f) **Community Council Phone** – Councillor details have been added to the noticeboard and it was agreed clerk to source phone for Community Council contact number and email
- g) **Meeting dates 2025**  
19<sup>th</sup> February (Caersws)  
19<sup>th</sup> March (Clatter)  
23<sup>rd</sup> April (Caersws)  
21<sup>st</sup> May (Clatter)  
18<sup>th</sup> June (Caersws)  
16<sup>th</sup> July (Clatter)  
20<sup>th</sup> Aug (Caersws)  
17<sup>th</sup> September (Clatter)  
15<sup>th</sup> October (Caersws)  
12<sup>th</sup> November (Caersws) Budgeting  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov (Clatter)  
December - no meeting

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

Clerk to check formula based upon population

**10. Planning:**

*As above*

**11. Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) New cleaner appointed on contract basis with regular monthly salary to be paid by 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. AW to arrange contract

**12. Cemeteries:**

- a. **Risk Assessments:** provided . Councillors decided to add a noticeboard to Llanwnog Graveyard, clerk to source in addition to a new one for Caersws
- b. **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard** : Issue with rats in graveyards, DL to add signs requesting visitors not to feed birds
- c. **Shiloh/ Llanwnog cemetery mapping:** Price for mapping Shiloh £499 approved, clerk to advise Scribe

**13. Finances:**

**NatWest: accounts** =£21,568.87  
**Unity Trust: Current account** = £10,495.16  
**Savings account** = £49,936.14

**a) Bills to be paid:**

Huws Gray £138.60  
Border £146.87 and £76.98  
Scribe £28.80 and £28.80  
Scribe £499 plus VAT  
Hugh £144.00  
EOM £60  
Morgan Griffiths £600  
Clerk WfH £26  
Clerk £851.35

Maintenance Caersws Toilets £530.63  
 Card £1.79  
 HMRC £347.02  
 Reimbursement baby Change for Mid Wales (already approved Nov) £249.99

**b) Direct Debits:**

PCQ £29.31 and £29.31  
 SSE £112.28 and £133.98  
 Scribe £42 and £42  
 Unity £6

**c) Income received:**

£272.74 interest (to be transferred to current account)  
 £236.25 Burial  
 Precept to Natwest

Payments proposed by LG, seconded by MC

**Reserves breakdown**

<b>RESERVES HELD</b>	
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
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
<b>TOTAL RESERVES HELD</b>	<b>£49,663.39</b>

**14. Councillor Comments:**

Councillors felt the invitation to meet BUTE should be accepted – agreed. Clerk to facilitate 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm  
 CW – Raised concerns regarding recent actions at Robert Owen School including redundancies. LG to find out more information

**15. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall

Chair Cllr C Woosnam thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.16pm.