

CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday held on
28th October 2015
Clatter Community Centre 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Mrs R Davies, Mrs E Thomas, Mrs M Woosnam, Mr P Breese, Mr I Astley, Mr R Burrows, Mr L George, Mr T P Calvin Thomas and Mr A Wallbank

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Mr B O'Sullivan, Mr N Francis.
2. **Confirmation of minutes** of the meeting held on 23rd September 2015 were proposed and seconded by two Councillors
3. **Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported he had spoken with Sion Breese from St John regarding the defibrillator for Caersws and it was suggested additional funding could be available from the Heart Foundation. Further enquiries are still being made.

The SAPRA meeting held in Caersws village Hall on 12th October was poorly attended , most who attended were Community Councillors and three members of the public . It was deemed most rail users were happy with the additional services although passenger had experience trains not arriving at the scheduled time , a train not stopping at all in Caersws and trains being full with standing room only from Aberystwyth to Machynlleth. Members attending the meeting reported it was informative and with a chance of other additional services.

Correspondence

- a) Powys Trunk Road Agent have agreed to the request for pedestrians crossing signs to be erected on both sides of the river bridge in Caersws
- b) G Woosnam Cemetery maintenance quotation 2016-2018 members agreed to accept the quotation and to thank Mr Woosnam for keeping the cemetery looking pristine.
(Cllr Mrs M Woosnam declared an interest and left the room)
- c) Russell George (Edwina Hart) The Caersws bridge safety option **one** has been chosen by WAG which was the least favourite of the options of the Community Council and residents alike. This option of traffic lights will cause congestion to an already busy trunk road, also the traffic when stopped at the lights will build up and could and possibly will tail back to the road junction and the level crossing at Moat Lane in one direction. This would of course apply to the other direction as the lights change causing traffic to tail back to the cross road junction Main Street and Station Road.
The clerk is to write to WAG stating these views and copy Glynn Cook .
- d) WAG Leighton Andrews Local Boundaries reply to our request asking where the County Councillors would be reduced from. The report along with the letter did not answer the question.
- e) BDO External Audit reported that the financial reports need to be agreed before the AGM in future as they have to be at the audit office before the end of May. The internal

audit will have to take place within a week of the accounts being agreed to enable them to be completed and sent to the external audit office. Also highlighted in the audit report was that the old Christmas tree lights had not been deleted from the assets register. Clerk to amend.

- f) WAG Notification of Change of external auditors.
- g) Anon A note of thanks was left in the Ladies W.C in Caersws thanking us for keeping the toilets open . The note was left by a lady whose husband was suffering from Cancer and needed to use public convenience. A Councillor suggested the letter to be scanned and put on the Web-Site .
- h) Glynn Cook Caersws bridge (walkway & lights) comments as WAG letter item (C)
- i) Russell George suggested members of the Community Council could become involved in the maintenance Manthrig Brook. Members agreed this was a matter for Powys County Council not the Community Council. Clerk to write to Russell George.
- j) Powys C C Paul Griffiths Outlining Future funding cuts for concurrent functions
- k) Powys C C Barry Thomas Community delivery and funding and precept
- l) Jeff Spencer TCT Historic Caersws event in May 2016 member would like to participate in , suggested was to go as far back in Community Council history as possible, clerk to confirm the Community Council would like to participate.
- m) Jill Kibble Thanked the Chairman and members for attending the Best kept Village event at the WLM Welshpool, this is to be discussed further at the next meeting to establish whether Caersws is to be entered
- n) Russell George October Newsletter dealing with all issues
- o) CPRW Best Kept Village Information members to discuss any actions needed to enter.

5. Risk Assessment The Councillor reported the Cemetery was very tidy but the headstone that had been laid flat had not yet been attended to. Clerk to contact Mr R Hamer.

6 Planning Applications

P2015/0733 Vary conditions to application P2012/0603

at Watsons Garage, New Street, Caersws. Mr J Bywater Lees.

No objections were made to this application but concerns remained regarding the possibility of additional traffic causing a parking problem.

P2015/0805 Proposed alterations and conversion of adjoining barn to Tir Brwnt, Caersws.

Formation of equestrian practice area/ménage and change of use for equestrian purpose.

Mrs Rachel Owen.

No Objections were made to this application

P2015/0784 Full conversion of two redundant commercial buildings into two dwelling units, The buck Hotel, Main Street, Caersws. Mr R Francis
No objections were made to this application, but concerns regarding parking arrangements and access for emergency services as mentioned in the original application.

VAR 2025/0039 Mr W Roberts, Hafan, Llanwnnog, Caersws
Application to modification or discharge section 106 at the above property.

Objections were made to the discharge of this application. As in all previous application to remove the 106 .

7 Caersws Public Conveniences A Councillor reported on the revenue from the W.C's also that the heaters in the W.C's would need to be PACT tested before the winter set in. Healthmatic are still a little slow on addressing matters reported to them, the clerk is the email a reminder regarding the disabled toilet that needs updating and the external lighting. There is still water on the floor of the ladies Healthmatic need to attend to. A councillor will repair the external overflow pipe.

8 Caersws Christmas Tree Lights A member reported that the Recreation Association are to have a Christmas lights switching on event on Friday 4th December The Chairman would ensure the lights were in place and working before that event. A member will email electricians contact numbers to the clerk to enable the tree lights and W.C's heaters to be pact tested.

9 Bills for Payment

P & W Maintenance	Grass cutting	£237.60
Peter Jones	Ground work at W.C's and Car Park	£47.25
Gwynne Woosnam	Cemetery maintenance	£2418.00
BDO	External Audit Fee	£246.00
Healthmatic	Caersws W.C maintenance	£674.38

Payments were proposed and seconded by two Councillors

10 Any Other Business

Members received a complaint from a resident in the Trefeglwys Road who was unable to get his vehicle off his drive as another vehicle had parked across the drive entrance of the residents property . It was assumed the vehicle was left by a rail passenger. The resident suggested Powys should install white or yellow parking restriction lines. This problem and many similar were the main topic of the PACT meeting. The pot holes on the Trefeglwys Road have been reported as a problem, a Coincillor replied that Powys Highways were aware of these and the pot holes on the Trunk Road in Clatter.

A member had failed to get his train ticket from the ticket machine on Caersws station, other member had also had problems and it was agreed the machine was unreliable. Clerk to report this to Arriva Trains Wales.

A member had attended the One Voice Wales AGM which she found was very informative. the member also reported on the PACT meeting which was poorly advertised so poorly attended. The station parking was a topic also the speeding in Caersws.

The Chairman reported that the station adopters had been short listed in the National Railways awards and they had attended an event in Torquay as guest of Arriva Trains Wales.

A member reported on his meeting regarding the proposals for additional parking at the station in Caersws.

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm