

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*Croesawn ohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg*

Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
at Caersws Community Centre.

**Present** Cllrs: Mrs R Davies, Mrs E Thomas, Mrs M Woosnam, Mr P Breese, Mr A Wallbank, Mr D Collington, Mr B O'Sullivan, Mr N Francis, Mr I Astley, Mr L George, Mr T P Calvin Thomas and Mr R Burrows.  
Ms Sophie Laxton the newly appointed clerk attended as an observer.

1. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 precept.were proposed and seconded by two councillors.

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting and announced that Sophie Laxton had been appointed as the new clerk. He then explained the selection process used which was a set of question for all three applicants and that all applicants were of very high calibre but Sophie had scored higher than the other applicants by all three members interviewing.

## 2. **Matters Arising.**

The clerk made enquires at the Nat West Bank for an account with a better rate of interest than that paid on the reserve account. This is the only account Nat West offer for clubs groups & Communities. The option to move to Santander to be looked into..

The Chairman has discussed the purchase of a **defibrillator** with Sion Breese from St John Ambulance as the possibility of acquiring a grant from the British Heart Foundation was no longer available. Sion is prepared to assist with the purchase of a **defib** and advised the chairman that there was a donation available from First Responders Caersws , Cllr Mr I Astley also mentioned that there was a possibility of a further donation from Zion Chapel Trust.

The company supplying the **defib is Cariad.org**

## 3. **Correspondence**

- a) Bruno Peek The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jubilee beacon members agreed that a beacon should be lit for the occasion. The Chairman asked for suggestions for a location for the beacon, Cllr Mrs R Davies would enquire if the preferred location would be available. The lambing season could make a location difficult to arrange. Cllr Mr R Burrows would help to organise the fire.  
Clerk to confirm Caersws would take part in the beacon lighting.
- b) Powys C.C. Village Hall Grant Scheme Clerk to complete form and return
- c) Maintenance Contractors Oswestry Re P & W Maintenance Contractors letter on file.
- d) Mid Wales Health Care Collaborative meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February in Welshpool, Cllrs Mrs R Davies and Mrs E Thomas to attend.
- e) Jeff Spencer TCT Roman History Event to be held in Caersws .Members to contribute with archive information from years gone by. *Changing faces of the Community Council* Community Council to make a donation of £100 . toward the event
- f) Community Housing Cymru , Lobbying documents on file.
- g) One Voice Wales Training courses held in Trefeglwys.  
3 Cllrs would like to attend the Council as an employer course, the new clerk would like to attend local government finance. (retiring Clerk to book the places. )
- h) Kerry Powell PCSO to advise of neighbourhood watch and farm watch schemes to be re-launched. The PCSO to be invited to attend the next or a future meeting.

4. **Risk Assessment** Cllr. Mr L George recorded all was in tidy order, the weeds to be sprayed asap on Yr Ynys, trees to be assessed in the spring, headstones satisfactory.

#### 5. **Planning Applications**

**P2015/1253** Mr and Mrs Savage,  
Erection of a single storey extension at Tynllydiart, Caersws, SY17 5QP  
No objections were made to this application

**P2015/1256** Mr G Vaughan  
Erection of a two storey extension to a dwelling at 2, Moat Lane, Caersws,  
No objections were made to this application

**P2016/0001** Messrs S Richards & Son  
Erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production together with internal farm access and associated works.  
No objections were made to this application. Comments by members made were very favourable .

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Mr D Hipgrave Y Derwen , Pontdolgoch, Caersws  
Members still would prefer the 106 restriction to remain in place.

#### 6. **Bills for payment**

Healthmatic W.C Maintenance  
Clatter Community Centre Ltd. Room rental  
Clerks final salary  
Clerks expenses

#### 7. **Any other business**

The chairman asked members if Caersws ward should enter the best kept Village competition, after brief discussion members agreed we should enter. Clerk to advise.

Maes y Dre Play Area , the clerk had an email from Steve Gealy PCC recreation manager regarding the equipment for the play area. PCC are replacing the fence and a new gate will be in place. The clerk advised that the Community Council would donate £5000.00 toward some new equipment and this was met with Steve Gealy agreeing to meet the same amount to enable the play area to be up and running hopefully in the spring.  
Photographs have been received of suggested suitable equipment which Jan Toms head teacher from the primary school will be asked to display for the children to select one piece.

All members reported numerous pot holes in the ward, clerk to report this to highways.  
Cllr suggested a letter could be sent to Mr Brian Brown regarding the situation with the station car park.  
Cllr reported the uneven paving slabs at Caersws station entrance these are a tripping hazard, clerk will report this to Arriva Trains Wales.

Cllr reported that Clatter Community centre were in need of replacing the boiler at the Centre, members suggested a donation from the Community Council should be made towards the cost of the new boiler.

Cllr suggested that a poster for the Spinal Injuries Association Fish and Chip supper should be put on the notice board, clerk to do this.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

This was the last meeting Linda Yapp attended as clerk, members of the Community Council thanked her for her 9 years' service and then presented her with a wonderful cake a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a farewell gift.

The clerk thanked all members and again mentioned how she had enjoyed working for them all.