

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Caersws Village Hall 7.30pm

**Present** Cllrs: Mr P Breese, Mrs R Davies, Mrs E Thomas, Mrs M Woosnam, Mr A Wallbank, Mr D Collington, Mr B O'Sullivan, Mr N Francis, Mr L George, Mr T P Calvin Thomas and Mr R Burrows.

1. **Apologies** Cllr Mr I Astley

2. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were proposed and seconded.

3. **Matters Arising.**

**Defib for Clatter:** someone from Clatter has asked if they will get a defibrillator in Clatter. Cllrs agreed that this should be considered if it is something people in Clatter want. It could potentially be installed at the Community Centre. Clerk to contact Lorraine Thomas to see if this is something the community in Clatter want.

**Defib in Caersws:** Chairman confirmed that the defib for Caersws is ready to be installed and it is just awaiting the electrician to connect and fit it. Once this has been done a training session can be held for the community.

**TCT Roman Event:** The event is on 14<sup>th</sup> May. It was discussed and agreed that everyone could try to find some information regarding how the Senedd was run at a local level during the Roman Times. Cllrs and Clerk to present any information found at the next meeting.

**Maes y Dre play area:** Children at Caersws school have put forward their choices on the playground equipment. Chairman and Clerk will be meeting with Darren Moore of Playdale in order to clarify what equipment is wanted and discuss costs.

**Loose gravestones at Llanwnog Cemetary:** Roger Hamer has been able to carry out some repairs but some are still outstanding due to the weather conditions, this will be done as soon as it is possible.

**Resurfacing at Llanwnog Cemetary:** Clerk to pursue Powys County Council regarding whether it would be possible for them to resurface the required area when the main road is being resurfaced.

**Hole in footbridge at Manthrig Lane:** This has been reported but no feedback as yet. Clerk to chase this up.

**Door for disabled toilets:** The door requires painting, Clerk to chase this up.

**Funding for defibrillator:** Clerk reported that she has not yet found any suitable funding that could be applied for to help cover the cost of the defibrillator but will continue to look into this. It was suggested that there may be some help available from Zion Chapel. Clerk to contact to discuss this.

4. **Correspondence**

- a) **Vattenfall:** Mynydd Llesty Graig Wind Farm proposal update. This is not in the area and therefore not relevant.
- b) **Satch Norton:** Domain name due for renewal. Choice of renewal periods and costs discussed and it was confirmed to renew the domain name for a further 4 years.
- c) **Mid Wales Arts:** Request for letter of support for expanding their space. Cllr D Collington declared an interest as a committee member for Mid Wales Arts. Clerk had drawn up a letter of support which was read out by Chairman. All Cllrs agreed that this could be sent.

- d) **Best kept village in Montgomeryshire:** Guidelines of submission of additional info. Clerk to look at the following for details or acquire information that could be submitted:
- Lorraine Thomas for information about Clatter
  - Judith Hughes for information about Llanwnog Church, Pontdolgoch.
  - Caersws Football Club
  - St Johns Ambulance
  - Caersws Village Hall
  - Friendship Hour
  - Women's Institute
  - Llanwnog choir
  - Caersws railway station
  - Caerws public convenience
  - Facebook
- e) **Powys CC** – Public toilets license to be renewed or changed to a lease or option of purchasing the freehold. Chairman read out all info that came from Powys CC. Cllr R Burrows looked through information and suggested the council looks at the option of purchasing the freehold. Clerk to obtain further information regarding costs etc for Cllrs to be able to make a decision.
- f) **Russell George:** Newtown bypass update. Cllrs aware of information.
- g) **PlayRadnor:** Request for information regarding children and young peoples play opportunities. It was suggested and agreed for this information to be passed on to Ysgol Feithrin Caersws as they will be able to better provide the information requested.
- h) **Kerry Powell PCSO:** request from residents to place single or double yellow lines at station crossing to prevent cars parking there. Cllr Mr A Wallbank confirmed that this has been discussed before and nothing came of it. Various suggestions were discussed such as a sign outside the station, yellow box on the road, CCTV. The issue is that it is clear that no parking is allowed there, however this has not deterred people from doing so. Clerk to contact Powys CC to put forward the request for a yellow box or similar alternative.
- i) **PAVO:** stakeholder feedback report 2015. Information has been forwarded to Cllrs prior to meeting.
- j) **Powys CC:** Trade waste collection price increase. Clerk to contact Powys CC to confirm how much the council is currently paying, how frequent are collections and clarify what day the collections are made. There is still an issue of collections not being made which creates a problem.

## 5. Risk Assessment Cllr. Mr I Astley

Confirmation that bin was placed ready for collection.

Few pot holes require attention. As discussed Clerk will contact Powys CC.

Grass and hedges in tidy condition

Shed needs treating, clerk will look into this.

## 6. Planning Applications

Application Ref: **P/2016/0284**

Grid Ref: 300973.84/295823.43 for Erection of a single storey extension and porch at Wtrawen Clatter Caersws Powys.

Chairman declared and interest as he is a neighbour to this property.

No objections were made to this application.

Issue of looking at planning applications which are sent via email was discussed as this was the first one. Clerks laptop was passed around for Cllrs to see the planning documents. It was suggested that a suitable projector would be too expensive. It was decided therefore that Clerk would send an email link to Cllrs when sending the agenda each month for any planning applications received so Cllrs could go through the information prior to the meeting. 1 paper copy will be printed by Clerk to be passed around at the meeting and for those who do not have email. This will be discussed again at the next meeting to see if it's suitable.

## 7. Bills for payment

Healthmatic	W.C Maintenance (February)
Satch Norton	Website hosting (annual fee)
One Voice Wales Membership	Annual
Clerks salary	March 2016
Clerks expenses (mileage)	March 2016

Cllr said that the fee for website hosting seems high but will look at it in further detail. Clerk to forward the information for him to look at. In the mean time the annual fee will be paid.

Two Cllrs confirmed all bills to be paid.

## 8. W/C Revenue

Revenue for March:

Week 1 = £38.30

Week 2 = £58.90

Week 3 = £67.45

Week 4 = £77.45

Revenue for financial year 2015/2016 = £2,707.46

Cllrs all shown the details of revenue gained from the Public convenience in Caersws.

## 9. S137/S142 requests:

Flintshire Eisteddfod 2016

Ysgol Fethrin Caersws

Macmillan Cancer Support in North Wales

Hope House

Citizens Advise Bureau

Montgomeryshire County Music Festival

## 10. Any other business

**Feedback for Clerk:** Cllrs were happy with the information provided prior to meetings and were happy with changes/additions made to the agendas and minutes.

**Facebook page:** Clerk made a suggestion that a Facebook page may be beneficial to the Community Council as it may help the council reach a wider audience and help bring particularly younger people/families together and bring more awareness of the council. Clerk to create a Facebook page that is for information only, no one will be able to add comments or communicate directly through or on Facebook.

**Cllr:** completed survey forwarded by clerk which was sent by Cardiff University regarding planning and place-making.

**Cllr:** will update the poster requesting for volunteers for the station to include Kris George's details following her offer to oversee/coordinate the upkeep of the station.

**Cllr Mr D Collington:** went to the PAVO meeting, his feedback was circulated to Cllrs earlier in the month. He has also applied to the Community Health Council and will provide updates when he hears back regarding this.

**Cllr:** the benches on the pastures require re-staining plus the ones in the cemetery. Clerk to get 2 or 3 quotes to do this, disabled toilet door at public convenience and the shed at the cemetery.

**Cllrs Mr A Wallbank, Mrs E Thomas and Mrs R Davies:** gave apologies for next months meeting as they will all be attending a training course.

**11. Matters to be added to next agenda**

Caersws Recreation

Sign at the train station

Maes y Dre update

TCT Roman Event information collected

**Updates from Clerk:**

Defib in Clatter

Defib and training in Caersws

Quotes for painting toilet door and staining benches and cemetery shed

Hole in footbridge at Manthrig Lane

Loose gravestones and resurfacing at cemetery

Information provided for Best Kept Village

Details regarding renewal of toilets lease/license/freehold

Cemetery trade waste info clarification

Review planning applications, process of Cllrs viewing all of the details

Facebook page update

**12. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Clatter.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

*Declarations of interest, whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion of any planning applications.*