

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Present Cllrs: Mr P Breese, Mrs R Davies, Mrs M Woosnam, Mr N Francis, Mr I Astley, Mr T P Calvin Thomas and Mr R Burrows, Mr L George, Mrs E Thomas and Mr D Collington.

1. Apologies Cllrs Mr B O'Sullivan, Mr A Wallbank.

2. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 28th September 2016 were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Mrs M Woosnam and Mr L George.

3. Matters Arising:

- **Review and confirmation of Financial Regulations:** A meeting will be held between the Clerk, Cllrs Mr A Wallbank, Mrs M Woosnam and Mr D Collington to clarify the regulations and make specific to CCC on 11th November at 1pm.
- **Cancellation of Healthmatic contract confirmed:** Contract has been cancelled, cleaner who was working through Helathmatic has continued and contracted on a self employed basis. Still some issues to be rectified as there has been a blockage which has now been cleared which is historical from when Healthmatic were contracted to carry out repairs and maintenance. Door of the ladies toilets is also not closing properly. Cllr Mr R Burrows to have a look at this.

4. Correspondence:

- a) **One Voice Wales: Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, March 2017:** Clerk to find out more information about what takes place etc.
- b) **Cathy Knapp (Mid Wales Arts): Thank you for letter of support:** Letter was read out.
- c) **Wales Community Health Council:** Questionnaire for NHS and other partners. Cllrs have been sent this questionnaire to complete if they wish.
- d) **Bruno Peek: 'Battles Over' – WW1 Beacons of Light 2018.** The initial thought is that a beacon should be arranged but at a different location to Cllr Mrs R Davies property as this has proved a difficult location in wet weather and tricky for the public to access. A new location will be looked into and the possibility of a gas beacon instead of a bonfire as previously done. Cllr Mr I Astley to look into new location and Clerk to find out about costs of gas beacons.

5. Risk Assessment: Cllr Mr I Astley (October) Cllr Mr A Wallbank to do November. Cllrs Mr I Astley and Mr L George both carried out risk assessments.

Cllr Mr L George reported that he has removed the three benches that were rotten. There was a plaque on the third bench for A Corfield, Cllrs Mrs E Thomas will speak to remaining relatives to let them know about the bench.

Cllr Mr I Astley reported that the headstone for Mr George Ernest Gwilt is split and is beyond repair. Query was raised whether a replacement headstone could be provided by the Community Council as there is no family left to contact but there were worries of setting a precedent and it could be a high cost. Cllr Mr M Woosnam and the Clerk will make some enquiries about what is normally done in these circumstances.

6. Planning Applications

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

BT Programme of intended public payphone removals

For guidance regarding grounds for objection and the process involved please look at the following link:

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removals.pdf>

Application Ref: **P/2016/1050**

Grid Ref: 304268.34/294165.03 for Change of use of building from agricultural use to vehicle workshop & repair centre (use class B2 general industrial) (retrospective) at Land at Trecastell Wood Llanwnog Caersws Powys

No objections

Application Ref: **P/2016/0974**

Grid Ref: 300406.48/294066.21 for Erection of a replacement workshop and associated works at Former Lorry Workshop (Formerly attached to Graig Farm) Pontdolgoch Caersws Powys

Comments: Objection has been made on the grounds that this is a change of use, however, the Community Council feel that there is no change of use as it used to be a lorry workshop and is now intended for a workshop again. There is no objection from CCC as long as access is taken into account.

7. Bills for payment

Healthmatic	W.C Maintenance (August & September)	£1,348.76
(Payment will be held off again until issues rectified – Clerk to contact them regarding this)		
Clerks salary & expenses	October 2016	£610.55
Powys CC	Refuse 01.10.2016 – 31.03.2017	£152.62
(Bins are normally only half full when collected every fortnight – Clerk to request a monthly collection on the basis that the payments are also reduced)		
Tony Harding	Staining/painting of benches, shed, gates	£375.00
One Voice Wales	Clerk training (Understanding the Law)	£35.00
Gwynne Woosnam	Grass cutting (Cemetery)	£2,418.00
Mrs K Gethin	Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	£17.00

8. W/C Revenue

Revenue for October:

Week 1 = £66.00

Week 2 = £64.80

Week 3 = £65.45

Week 4 = £95.55

Revenue for Month of October = £291.80

9. Any other business

Clerk: Agenda received today for SARLC meeting on 25th November. Clerk will ensure Cllr Mr A Wallbank has a copy as he usually attends.

Clerk: British Gas bill has been received for the Caersws W/C. This is the first bill received since the account was set up in July 2015. Clerk to ensure a direct debit is set up and that regular meter readings are taken.

Cllr Mr T P Calvin-Thomas: Bungalow which Alan Owen used to live in is still empty. Mr Owen passed away in August and had no family. The council owned bungalow which he lived in has still not been cleared to allow someone else to move in. Clerk to contact PCC about this.

Cllr Mr P Breese: Someone in the community has mentioned that the drains from Clatter going up the hill towards Trefeglwys were blocked, these may have been cleared now. Clerk to check with PCC.

Also Weig Lane is still very dangerous where people pull out onto the main road. Cllr Mr P Breese stated that someone pulled out from there recently when he was travelling down the main road and it could have easily caused an accident. Network Rail had previously stated that additional white lines and warning signs would be placed here. Clerk to chase this up.

Cllr Mr L George: Owner of the chip shop in Caersws has complained that the bin outside the Spar is being filled with business waste and is always full so members of the public are unable to use it. Clerk to contact PCC about this and maybe request that another bin be provided or more regular collections.

Cllr Mr D Collington: There is a consultation being held regarding whether or not to keep open the Potters Recycling Yards in Newtown and Welshpool. Can CCC get involved with this consultation? Clerk to look into this and find out.

Cllr Mrs R Davies: Went to the consultation last week regarding the boundary commission changes. Cllr Mrs R Davies suggested that CCC should write a letter regarding why this would be negative and detrimental. All were in agreement and Clerk will speak to Cllr Mr A Wallbank to ask if he would be willing to put a letter together as he had done so previously.

Cllr Mrs E Thomas: Caersws station has been shortlisted for the Best Kept Unmanned station. The winner will be announced on 21st November.

Also, the wreath for Remembrance Sunday was passed onto Chairman Mr N Francis.

Cllr Mr N Francis: Went to the Best Kept Village Awards and was given bulbs to plant at the station. These will be passed onto Friends of Caersws Station.

Cllr Mrs M Woosnam: Has put together an Expenses Policy for the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk could stay in the meeting room as this is a standard policy whoever the Clerk is. Some details need to be clarified by the Clerk and others are standard rates as set out by HMRC. Details will be added and confirmed. Clerk will also produce a mileage claim form at each meeting to clarify the miles covered and for what purposes.

10. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm.