

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mr L George (Contacted Chairman), Cllr Mr A Wallbank arrived 7.40pm
2. **Present:** Cllrs Mr N Francis, Mr I Astley, Mrs T P Calvin-Thomas, Mr B O'Sullivan, Mrs E Thomas, Mrs M Woosnam, Mrs R Davies, Mr R Burrows, Mr D Collington, Mr A Wallbank, Mr P Breese.
3. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 26th October 2016 were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Mrs E Thomas and Mr I Astley
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Financial Regulations:** CCC Financial Regulations confirmed and accepted by Councillors. Clerk to check with PCC regarding the use of icloud storage for paperwork, are there any data protection issues?
 - **Public Convenience:** Update regarding ideas for refurbishment (Cllr Mr R Burrows), costs, revenue & option of purchase. All in favour that toilets must be kept and refurbishment to be decided once quotes received.
 - **Centenary Fields Application:** Application needs to be completed with various info which Clerk will request details from members of the Council who would be able to confirm this information so application can be sent.
 - **Clatter Hall deed of surrender:** signed by two trustees, clerk to send back to Powys solicitor.
 - **Trade waste at cemetery:** Clerk confirmed cheaper option for trade waste disposal by using bags instead of the wheelie bin as not much waste is produced but CCC is paying for a fortnightly collection. Clerk to put up signs stating that waste will no longer be collected after March 2017. Bags will also be purchased for any waste that may still need to be collected.
 - **Gravestone repair for stone with no one to maintain:** funeral directors have asked whether they have come across Councils paying for repairs to stones when no family is left. Comments received was that this isn't the norm and the cost would be close to £1000. Decision was made to ask other Community Councils if they have ever paid for repairs and get prices for other types of stones/plaques.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a) **British Gas:** Confirmation of bill for outstanding payments, will be paid by Direct Debit.
 - b) **Jim Metcalfe (Network Rail):** Update regarding previous communication that no work has been carried out to improve signage and road markings at Weig Lane crossing. Chairman received a letter from a member of the community regarding an incident at Caersws level crossing. Clerk to pass this onto Network Rail and PCC and reply to the person who sent the letter.
This also raised the query about what is happening next to the station in Caersws. Someone is doing building work but not sure who. PCC are trying to find out who it is as they state the work is unauthorised.
 - c) **SARPA:** Request for unpaid subscription fee for 2016. Agreed by all to pay this years subscription and next years also.
 - d) **Russell George AM:** Correspondence following meeting re: Caersws bridge.
 - e) **SARPA:** Newsletter
 - f) **One Voice Wales:** Confirmation of training for Clerk & Cllr Mr R Burrows. This has since been cancelled due to lack of interest.
 - g) **Welsh Government via OVW:** Call for events programme 2017. No events to send on.
 - h) **One Voice Wales:** Innovative Practice Awards. Nothing to send on.
6. **Risk Assessment:** Cllr Mr A Wallbank (November)

Roadway isn't in desperate need of attention
Benches that are broken are still there. Cllr Mr L George will remove them once the people coming for the remaining plaque have taken it.
Broken headstone discussed earlier in meeting.
Two headstones are loose, could be pushed over, they may need some attention to make safe.

7. Planning Applications

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

No new planning applications to discuss

One letter received regarding proposal for a planning application for a large housing development of 50 houses in Caersws. Councillors agree that this would be a good thing for the community. Cllrs would also like to know what the highlighted patch on the other side of the road to the development is. Clerk to respond to the developers with these comments.

8. Bills for payment

Healthmatic	W.C Maintenance (August & September)	£1,018.76
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*this final payment covers the last two months of contract minus £294 for loss of earnings and costs for removing a blockage (Metro Rod) **Cheque was not drawn up so will be added to next agenda.**

Metro Rod	Drainage clearing at W/C	£84.00
Mrs Eiddwen Thomas	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	£17.00
SARPA	Subscription for 2016 & 2017	£16.00
Border Janitorial Supplies	Supplies for Caersws W/C (Oct & Nov)	£41.93
Hugh Jones	Cleaning @ Caersws W/C (Oct & Nov)	£336.00
British Gas	Bill since account opening July 2015 *paid by DD	£451.44

Cllr Mr R Burrows would like to discuss the rates with British Gas. Cllrs happy with this, Clerk to contact BG to give permission for Cllr Mr R Burrows to discuss the account.

Clerks salary & Expenses	November 2016	£645.22
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All bills agreed by Cllrs.

9. W/C Revenue

Revenue for Month of November = £214.50

10. Any other business

Clerk: To discuss potential of additional Clerks job with members. Cllrs happy for Clerk to apply for additional job.

Cllr Mrs M Woosnam left meeting at 8.45pm

Clerk: Dates for 2017 meetings proposed and agreed by all Cllrs present. Clerk to check July date in case of a clash with the Royal Welsh show.

Clerk: A letter has been received since producing the agenda from Glyn Davies regarding a second meeting about the Constituency boundaries. Cllrs Mr A Wallbank, Mrs R Davies and Mrs E Thomas would like to attend. It was also previously requested that Cllr Mr A Wallbank write a letter in regards to this which he has agreed to do. The Council is in agreement that they do not want Montgomeryshire to be split up.

Cllr Mr A Wallbank: Speedwatch notice shown to council. Also maps of local service areas (North Powys) allocated for solar/wind farms show to council. The consultation on this has passed however. Cllr Mr A Wallbank has also resigned from Clatter Hall Committee. No one else is interested in joining at this time.

Cllr Mr T P Calvin-Thomas: The bungalow mentioned at previous meeting is still empty. Cllr Mrs R Davies was told it had been emptied but apparently it is not. Cllr Mrs R Davies will ask PCC again.

Cllr Mr B O'Sullivan: Caersws station is very dark and the ticket machine is also not lit in places so very difficult to use when there is no natural light. Clerk to contact Network Rail regarding this.

Cllr Mrs E Thomas: A gentleman in the village who uses a mobility scooter is concerned that he cannot use the walkways as so many drivers are parking on the pavements all around Caersws. He stated that he has had to turn back once going between the Green and the Post Office as he could not get there safely. He also stated that it happens near Maes yr Dre also. Clerk to report this to PCC.

Cllr Mrs R Davies: attended a meeting last night regarding the proposed closure of the day centres. The proposal is to keep Welshpool open but close the others at the end of March 2017. Lots of good ideas were put forward at the meeting. A meeting will be held at County Hall on 20th December and a proposal was made to have a protest. Mayor of Llanidloes has promised to provide buses to take people there that wish to take part. Clerk to let Cllrs know when any information about meeting on 20th December is confirmed.

Clerk: Went through finances which were previously sent through to all councillors. Full budget information however was not sent through so although no issues raised, full details would need to be provided next time to allow Cllrs to make a more informed decision/comments etc.

11. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be the Precept meeting on Wednesday 4th January 2017 in Clatter at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm