

CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Precept meeting Wednesday 4th January 2017
Clatter Community Centre 7.30pm

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

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr: Mr I Astley (contacted Cllr Mr L George)
- 2. Precept and budget for 2016/2017:** All financial information (receipts and payments, bank account balances) and previous precept details and budgets sent to all Councillors prior to this meeting. All details were fully discussed and individual amounts for each area concerned were agreed on by all members of the council present.
A figure of £21,000 was agreed upon. This figure takes into account the amount of money already in the account along with spending required to keep a level of standard at both the cemetery, play area and public conveniences along with all other parts of the ward and community.

3. Planning Applications

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

Ref : P/2010/ 0890

Grid Ref: 306701.05 303409.4 for Windfarm development comprising 19 wind turbines (installed capacity of), anemometer mast, substation & control building, site entrance, new & improved access tracks and all associated building and engineering operations and landscaping together with highway improvements at Land at Esgair Cwmowen Nr Carno Powys

Not within the ward of Caersws, also there was far too much information received. An executive summary should have been sent for this amount of detail as it leaves the Council unable to comment. Clerk to forward these comments and request a response.

Application Ref: **P/2016/1290**

Grid Ref: 304242.74/294166.88 for Erection of storage building and associated works at Trecastell Wood Llanwnog Caersws Powys

CCC comments are the same as the last time this planning was submitted. Clerk to forward these comments.

Application Ref: **P/2016/1247**

Grid Ref: 300751.57/293479.68 for Erection of a free range egg production unit including silos and all associated works at Land at Pertheirin Pontdolgoch Caersws Powys

An executive summary should have been sent as there is so much information. Main concerns are that proper access must be provided. Clerk to forward these comments.

Proposed planning application at Henblas, Pontdolgoch, Caersws Powys SY17 5JE. For a free range egg production unit.

Concerns over access only at this stage. Clerk to forward these comments.

4. Bills for Payment

Healthmatic	W.C. maintenance Aug & Sept (chq not drawn up last month)	£1,018.76
P G Wainwright	Cemetery hedge cutting 2016	£192.00
Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses (Dec 2016)	£595.89
H Jones	Cleaning @ Caersws WC (Oct-Nov 16)	£288.00
Wales Audit Office	External audit fee (2015/16 accounts)	£231.00
Border Janitorial Supplies	Cleaning supplies for Caersws WC (No-Dec 16)	£71.72

British Gas Direct Debit to be set up again as it was previously cancelled by bank prior to payment being made – signatories to sign Direct Debit request.

All bills agreed upon by all Councillors. New Direct Debit mandate signed by two signatories along with letter to transfer funds from reserve account to current account.

5. Any Other Urgent Business

Clerk: went through meeting dates for the rest of the year, July's date clashes with The Royal Welsh Show but decision made to leave the usual date in place.

Clerk: Kris George has been in touch to ask whether the Friends of Caersws Station could use CCC bank account for fund as they do not have their own. This was agreed. Clerk to pass info on.

Clerk: There will be Local Government elections in May 2017. Clerk to pass further info on as and when received.

Cllr Mr A Wallbank: There are due to be meetings with the rail companies regarding bidding for the new Wales & Borders Franchise this Friday and the following Monday (Clerk emailed the info to Cllrs on 03.01.2017. Cllrs Mrs E Thomas and Mrs R Davies will attend Monday 9th January and Cllr Mr L George will attend both days.

Cllr Mr B O'Sullivan: Christmas lights on the tree in Caersws were being temperamental but now seem to be working. All Cllrs in agreement that they should be tested by an electrician before they go up again at the end of the year (2017).

Cllr Mr R Burrows: Residential bins were not emptied on Trefelgwys Road for the second year over Christmas. There is an understanding that days may change over Christmas but these were not emptied at all and if anything over Christmas this service should be more frequent not less. Clerk to speak to PCC.

Cllr Mrs R Davies: There are terrible potholes in Caersws by the Cross and also by Black Barns, these have been reported to PCC so will hopefully be dealt with.

Also, following the meetings attended by various members for the discussion about closing day centres across Powys, a decision has been made to keep them open for a further 2 years.

6. Next meeting is Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 9.50pm.