

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Mr P Breese, Mrs R Davies, Mrs M Woosnam, Mr N Francis, Mr T P Calvin Thomas, Mr R Burrows, Mr L George, Mrs E Thomas, Mr D Collington, Mr I Astley and Mr A Wallbank (arrived 7.35pm)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mr B O'Sullivan (emailed clerk)

2. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 30th November 2016 & Precept meeting on 4th January 2017 proposed and seconded by Cllrs Mrs E Thomas, Mrs M Woosnam and Mrs R Davies

3. **Matters Arising:**

Update and correspondence following a letter read out from a resident at the last meeting regarding incident at Caersws level crossing. Various emails from Network Rail, Powys CC and Russell George read out by Clerk. Network Rail and PCC have met and put forward an action plan including making the following changes at Caersws Level Crossing:

- Yellow box markings
- Double yellow lines either side of crossing for 100m in each direction
- Rumble strips on down side approach to slow traffic at S bends
- Move downside road signs further away from crossing to give more advanced warning to drivers approaching
- Mirror to improve visibility for drivers approaching from down side and for pedestrians to see if safe to cross the road.

Cllrs are concerned that the rumble strips could create an issue for residents nearby as they create some noise. There is also still an issue of parking space available for rail users which creates problems right throughout the village. Clerk to keep in touch with Network Rail and PCC to track progress with the above.

4. **Correspondence:**

- a) **Pete Dunbar, The Memorial Restoration Company:** Email confirming services provided. Clerk to ask for a quote for repairing the broken headstone.
- b) **Powys CC:** Road Closure of the U2886, Pontdolgoch, near Caersws Feb-March 2017). Read out and noted by the council. Clerk to put information on CCC website.
- c) **Chris Wozencraft** (agent for proposed housing development in Caersws): Email responding to queries of proposed development. Box on the other side of the site location is for school bus use for the housing development. Info read out to all members.
- d) **Powys CC:** Business rates exemption for Public Conveniences confirmed by PCC.
- e) **Powys CC:** Powys Electoral Review, Boundary Commission presentations in March. Cllrs Mr N Francis and Mr A Wallbank hope to attend.
- f) **Powys CC:** Powys County Council and Town/Community Council Liaison Meeting - Tuesday 7th February 2017. Cllr Mr N Francis and Clerk may attend.
- g) **Powys CC:** Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2017. Clerk to forward email and link for survey to all Councillors.
- h) **British Gas:** new DD has been set up. £45 late payment fee will be refunded.
- i) **SARLC:** Agenda for next meeting to be held on 10.02.17. Cllr Mr A Wallbank to attend.

5. **Risk Assessment:** Cllr Mr N Francis (January 2017). All tidy, nothing new to report. Wheelie bin has been removed by PCC and refuse bags have been received from PCC. Cllr Mr L George will be doing the risk assessment for February and will place notices up informing visitors to the cemetery that refuse collections will no longer be taken after March 2017.

6. Planning Applications

Application Ref: **P/2016/1315**

Grid Ref: 302567.77/291765.81 for Application for certificate of lawfulness for an existing use namely use of the flat/annexe adjoining The Willows as a dwellinghouse at Annexe at The Willows Trefeglwys Road Caersws Powys

No comments or objections made.

Application Ref: **P/2016/1287**

Grid Ref: 302872.49/291869.59 for Removal of hedgerow and creation of drop curb at Former Allotment B4569 Trefeglwys Rd Caersws Powys

More information regarding the purpose of the plot/development, how much it will be used and whether or not it is a change of use would be gratefully received.

The cess pit for the station is on this plot, is this known and will the work affect this?

A number of Councillors have noticed that the flood wall has been removed, this is a major concern, will it be replaced?

Application Ref: **P/2017/0018** Grid Ref: 303436.43/291513.13 for Full: Change of use of agricultural field to events / showground and alterations to access at Land Adjacent to A470, adjoining Llwyn-Afon Caersws Powys

This is being used for this purpose already to an extent so no objections.

7. Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses January 2017	£593.06
Hugh Jones	Cleaning & Caersws W/C	£144.00
Powys CC	Refuse sacks	£49.89
Clatter Community Centre	(donation towards works carried out)	£1,345.70

(NB: incorrect amount stated on agenda. Payment being made for 50% of full works carried out)

Letter signed by two signatories to allow £10,000 to be transferred to Current Account.

All bills proposed and seconded by Cllrs.

8. W/C Revenue

Revenue for Month of January = £148.12

9. Any other business

Cllr Mr A Wallbank: Has come across a white foggy plume over the road in Aberhafesp coming from a house which can be distracting and create a sudden blind spot for drivers. It is assumed that this is from the properties heating. Clerk to write to draw this to the owners attention and ask whether it would be possible for it to be redirected away from the road.

Cllr Mr P Breese: Cllr still has some archives from when the previous clerk left the role. Clerk to find out whether these can be stored at County Hall instead with other archives.

Cllr Mr I Astley: Asking about the works at Bryn Derwen. Cllr Mrs R Davies confirmed that the work that has been carried out will need retrospective planning. Planning Officers have visited and stated this.

Cllr Mr L George: Kris George (Friends of Caersws Station) met with David Crunkhorn regarding maintenance at the station such as possibly slating some areas. He also gave a plaque for Best Kept unmanned station. Cllr Mr L George also spoke to David Crunkhorn regarding parking issues at the station. Cllr Mr L George has a few ideas regarding the use of surfacing that would protect the ground underneath which could make possible the use of the site near the fort but will need to speak to CADW regarding this again. The use of land on the other side of the tracks could also be considered and have a footbridge over the road for rail users. Funding could be available. Cllr Mr L George to look into this and inform the clerk of any progress made.

10. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm.