

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 28 June 2017 at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: I Astley, N Francis, P Breese, E Thomas, L George, B O'Sullivan and R Davies.

Persons applying for co-option: D Collington, T P Calvin-Thomas, L Gethin.

Chairman Cllr I Astley opened the meeting and thanked Cllr N Francis for his role as chairman the previous year and for chairing the AGM the previous month.

1. **Co-option of new Councillors:** Mr D Collington, Mr T P Calvin-Thomas and Mr L Gethin contacted the Clerk stating an interest in co-opting onto the Council during notice of co-option period. Proposal of co-opting all 3 as co-opted members was made by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr R Davies & Cllr P Breese.
New co-opted members each signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr P Pemberton.
3. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 17 May 2017 were agreed as a true account. Proposed by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr N Francis.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 1. **Appoint members as representatives for committees following AGM:** Committee members appointed as follows:
 - **Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee & SARPA:** Cllr D Collington
 - **Christmas lights:** Cllr B O'Sullivan
 - **Cemetery committee:** Cllrs N Francis, L George, I Astley
 - **Recreation Association:** Cllr B O'Sullivan
 - **Public Conveniences:** Cllr L Gethin
 2. **Station parking update (Clerk):** Results of survey done previously (Oct 2013) have not yet been located by the Clerk. Clerk to make some further enquiries. Also waiting for information from Highways/Planning departments. Cllr L George will draw up area on plan to be requested. People from Carno were doing a survey at Caersws station recently – Clerk to try and find out what this is regarding and if it may be relevant.
 3. **Standing Orders plus other regulations etc need to be confirmed (Regs Committee):** Meeting will be arranged for these to be looked at, at a later date. Regulations Committee not required.
 4. **Beacon for WW1 commemoration (Cllrs L George & N Francis):** No further details at present.
 5. **Caersws level crossing:** No current updates other than a cllr reporting that some new signs have been put up.
 6. **One Voice Wales, motions for the AGM 2017:** No motions to put forward.
 7. **Brambles opposite School in Llanwnog:** Clerk has been in touch with the owners of the old school and they are happy and appreciative of the Councillors sorting out the brambles. Cllrs N Francis & L George will look at sorting this out.
 8. **Caersws footbridge/lights trial update from North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent:** Cllr L George stated that AM Russell George sent an email regarding this to the minister. The Trunk Road Agent has thanked CCC for its comments about the trial and confirmed that it was waiting for details following the trial.
 9. **Grass cutting query (Llanwnog to Newtown):** Clerk confirmed details regarding grass cutting schedule from PCC. Cllrs confirmed that a lot of the verges have now been cut and Manthrig Brook has also been cleared.
 10. **Bus shelter guttering quotes:** Quote for £120 received. Cllrs requested that the Clerk try to find a cheaper quote and discuss with the chairman prior to the next meeting to get the issue sorted.
 11. **Village Halls grant to be discussed:** Clerk confirmed that £1,800 was precept for the 2 village halls. Cllrs voted and agreed to give £1,000 to each Caersws and Clatter.

5. Correspondence:

- a) **Arwystli Medical Practice:** Response to letter sent in March 2017 (rec April 17): Read out. Llanidloes has discussed the same issues recently. Also the pharmacy are now able to prescribe certain medication.
- b) **S Stirrup: Issue of drainage coming from Caersws W/C and affecting this property:** S Stirrup was present at the meeting and asked to speak to the Council regarding the issue. Cllrs agreed that Severn Trent should be chased up to sort out this issue as drainage from the public convenience should not be going through to a domestic property. Also issue of the bin outside the WC overflowing has been raised before with PCC but Clerk will raise it again. Clerk to write to Severn Trent and PowysCC.
- c) **A Wassall: 40mph limit in Llanwnog too high, issue with day time bonfires:** Cllr L George will respond to A Wassall as he has also received correspondence.
- d) **Andrew Wallbank:** Letter to the Boundary Commission, Representative for railway matters, on-going neighbours' dispute & query over burial fees. **Letter to Boundary Commission:** Read out and Cllrs agreed they were happy for it to be sent on. **Railway Committee representative:** Confirmed at start of meeting. **On-going neighbours dispute:** This dispute as raised at an earlier meeting is still on-going but CCC is unable to assist.
- e) **Charter For Trees, Woods & People:** Info received and read out. Book received for collection of signatures. Each signature will result in a tree being planted. Clerk to speak with businesses in Caersws who might be willing to have the book on their premises to leave for people to read and collect signatures.
- f) **Seafarers UK: Fly a Red Flag for Merchant Navy Day:** Info read out.
- g) **Welsh Hearts:** Request for nomination in order for Welsh Hearts to receive the top donation prize. Clerk to place a vote on behalf of CCC.
- h) **One Voice Wales:** Upcoming training sessions confirmed.
- i) **One Voice Wales:** Apply for the Great Place Scheme in Wales. Clerk to pass on to TCT
- j) **Powys CC:** Appointment of Town/Community Councillor to the Powys CC Standards Community Sub-Committee. Cllrs unanimously agreed a vote. Clerk to complete ballot and return to PCC.
- k) **Powys CC:** Notice of Road Closure in September. Details read out and confirmed. Clerk to post on website and Facebook.
- l) **Powys CC:** Request for help in sharing information. Clerk to confirm details of CCC website and Facebook page.
- m) **Donation 'thank you letters':** Received from Wales Air Ambulance, Marie Curie, Citizens Advice Bureau & Ysgol Feithrin Caersws. Read out.
- n) **Russell George:** Invitation to Montgomeryshire Broadband Summit 17 July. Cllr L George will be attending.

6. Reports

PACT meeting attended by Cllr P Breese: Same issues raised as usual such as level of dog fouling and speeding.

Cllr P Breese left the meeting: 9.35pm

7. **Risk Assessment: Cllr L George (June 2017):** Trees may need some attention, Clerk to ask R Wainwright to cut the hedge which was fletched last year. Cllr L George sprayed the roundabout. Grass cutting has been done and looking tidy. 1 headstone is leaning slightly. Clerk to contact PCC to find out if further money can be saved by not having any waste collected from cemetery.

8. Planning Applications

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

Application Ref: **P/2017/0618**

Grid Ref: 300632.83/293967.41 for Outline application for erection of 3 dwellings, formation of vehicular accesses, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works at Land at Pontdolgoch Caersws Powys

No Comments

Application Ref: **P/2017/0669**

Grid Ref: 300406.51/294066.34 for Full: Erection of a replacement workshop on existing site (Use Class B2) (resubmission of P/2016/0974) and associated works at Former Lorry Workshop (Formerly attached to Graig Farm) Pontdolgoch Caersws Powys

No Comments

Application Ref: **P/2017/0522**

Grid Ref: 303243.24/292147.2 for Householder: Extend conservatory to being a victorian design to a P at the rear of the property at 22 Llys Rhufain, Caersws, Powys.

No Comments

9. Finances

Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary	£635.26
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C (6 weeks)	£270.00
Border janitorial supplies	Supplies for Caersws W/C	£30.96
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting (May & June 2017)	£528.00
Llanidloes Town Council	Day Centre Llanidloes	£1,084.50

Bills proposed by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr B O'Sullivan.

Revenue received

PCC	Public Convenience Grant	£5,000.00
W/C revenue	3 May – 16 May	£201.00
W/C Revenue	17 May – 20 June	£355.05
Hamer Funeral Services	Burial fee	£174.00
I Hughes	Fee for ashes interred	£140.00
I B Williams & Son	Re-erection of memorial	£47.00

10. W/C Revenue

Revenue since previous meeting = £355.05

Further information or updates:

- **Sanitary bin emptying:** Clerk to contact PCC to ask if they could collect
- **Air freshener re-filling:** Clerk to confirm the number of air fresheners for next meeting
- **Improvement works to discuss:** Newtown WC have been refurbished recently, Clerk to contact them to ask them for details of what work they had done.

11. Bank balance

Current Account balance (statement 26.05.2017) = £19,672.28

Reserve Account balance (statement 31.03.2017) = £18,218.77

12. Clerks Comments

Clerk to confirm other employments: Clerk has confirmed taking on the role of Clerk for Llangurig Community Council earlier this month.

Clerk on holiday between 17 and 25 July: Clerk will ensure everything as up to date as possible before going away. A message will be put on her answerphone and out of office on the email. Clerk will however be able to pick up emails whilst away and will speak with funeral directors prior to going away in order to request that they contact her via email whilst on holiday regarding any access required at the cemetery during the time she is away. Any such requests will be able to be dealt with by the Clerk whilst away. The next meeting is the day after the Clerk returns, she will be able to put the agenda on the website whilst away but asked whether anyone would be able to put up an agenda on the Caersws noticeboard; Cllr E Thomas has confirmed she will be able to do this 3 clear days before the meeting.

13. Councillors Comments

Cllr I Astley: Powys Teaching Health Board sent through information regarding Dementia Home Care. This is a concern for those who cannot be given the right assistance at home.

Cllr I Astley: Has spoken with the owner of the property near the Spar where the hedge blocks a majority of the walkway. She has confirmed the hedge can be cut down/removed. Clerk to request this in writing in order for CCC to go ahead with this in order to widen the path.

Cllr L George: Proposed changing Caersws and Llanwnnog wards from two separate wards to one ward. Cllrs in agreement and Clerk will contact S Matthews and C Pinney at PCC to suggest idea and ask how to move forward.

Cllr D Collington: There is going to be a 12 week consultation period across Health and Social Care across Wales.

Cllr B O'Sullivan: The Lion pub has tied a sign onto the road sign on the cross roads in Caersws. Some drivers have complained that it restricts the view when turning that way at the cross roads so they struggle to see what's coming. Clerk to contact The Lion.

Cllr E Thomas: Recycling bins have been removed from The Buck car park. Clerk to find out why and whether recycling bins can be put elsewhere such as Severn Street. Clerk to contact PCC to ask.

Cllr N Francis: Put forward his resignation for immediate effect.

Two vacancies are currently available for CCC, 1 for Caersws ward and 1 for Llanwnnog ward. Clerk will put up a new notice of intention to co-opt on noticeboards.

14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 July at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.