

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 30 August 2017 at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr I Astley, Cllr P Breese, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr R Davies, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Pemberton, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr D Collington, Cllr E Thomas (arrived 8.35pm).

Clerk Sophie Palmer.

Three trustees of Shiloh Clatter Graveyard Trust

1. **Apologies:** Cllr L George, Cllr N Francis (not present).
2. **Declaration of interests of any items on the agenda** *Declarations of interest, whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion of any items for discussion.* None given.
3. **Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 26 July 2017 were proposed as a true account by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr D Collington.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 1. **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard Trust:** Trustees attended following a request previously sent in writing asking if Caersws Community Council would be willing to take over the maintenance of the graveyard as the trustees are unable to continue looking after it and there is no one to take over. Issues regarding taking over finances of the trust as it is a charity. Trustees to speak to charities commission regarding if/how funds can be transferred from the trust to CCC.
* Trustees left the meeting at 7.45pm.
All Cllrs present agreed that Caersws Community Council should take over the maintenance of the graveyard. The maintenance can be taken over from January 2018 after the precept for the next financial year has been set.
 2. **Station parking (Cllr L George):** Cllr L George not in attendance but forwarded
 3. **Beacon for WW1 commemoration** (Cllrs L George & N Francis). Neither Cllrs present but Cllr I Astley knows of someone he could ask.
 4. **Bus shelter maintenance:** completed by David Wigley. Invoice received and added to financial items for cheque to be raised.
 5. **Issue of drainage coming from Caersws W/C,** affecting residents drains: no update at present. Clerk to chase up Severn Trent.
 6. **Bin next to public convenience:** bin is not emptied frequently enough and is often overflowing. PCC have confirmed a review across Montgomeryshire. Clerk to chase for more information.
 7. **Burial fees at Llanwnog Cemetery:** breakdown and comparison of other cemetery fees sent to Cllrs prior to meeting. All Cllrs in agreement to raise the current fees by 50% as of January 2018 and set a review for January 2019.
 8. **Maes y Dre play area,** quotes for discussion: 3 quotations received from different companies. Cllrs preferred the timber/natural equipment and would like to explore this more with the others. Clerk to get confirm agreement with PCC and get more information and altered quotes for equipment by next meeting.
 9. **Hedge cutting at Recreation Ground** & correspondence from Recreation Association: Hedge along chapel side of recreation ground has been cut as requested by Rec. Association who has also requested this be arranged annually by CCC. Cllrs agreed to this and suggested this could be done in line with the grass cutting in the area. Clerk to get quotation for this.
 10. **Hedge in garden behind the Spar** in Caersws requires cutting back to improve access: Owner of the property where the hedge is has given CCC permission to cut back the hedge and anything else needed to allow safer access. Cllrs to meet to survey the hedge and cut it back. Issue of car park spaces also raised. Potential for more parking spaces at the car park next to public convenience. Cllrs will also look at this when meeting about the hedge.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a) **Caersws Village Club & Delma Thomas:** Letters requesting financial or other assistance to improve the facilities available. Clerk to contact Caersws Village Club and ask for more details regarding a specific project/s and what costs would be involved. Clerk to invite members to the next CCC meeting to provide information and answer questions.
 - b) **PCC:** Local Business Links, request for local businesses contact details. No action to be taken.
 - c) **Andrew Evans:** Hedge cuttings left on field and a lot of rubbish as well. Cuttings from hedges have been left at the Recreation Ground and are rotting, Cllr I Astley will remove these. Report of rubbish at the ground will be forwarded onto the Recreation Association.

- d) **One Voice Wales:** Upcoming training sessions available. Noted and confirmed that Cllr P Pemberton will be attending the New Councillor Training.
- e) **Public Services Board:** Powys Well-Being Plan, request to discuss vision, objectives and feedback of the survey done so far (info sent prior to meeting).
- f) **Mark Astley:** Traffic travelling too fast on Main Street. Resident has stated that there needs to be a change to the speed limit down Main Street as traffic travels way too fast in this area of the village. Cllrs agreed and added that there should also be something at the Carno Road on entering the village as well. Clerk to contact PCC about putting flashing speed limit signs in these areas. Cllr P Pemberton also mentioned that Speed Watch are looking for more volunteers. Once there are more people the police will start doing some training with them. Clerk to forward this info to Mr Astley.
- g) **Welsh Government:** Consultation on Electoral Reform. Info forwarded to Cllrs to respond as individuals if they wish.
- h) **PCC:** Details of Grant Scheme available for projects to help increase the use of the Welsh language. CCC has no such projects but info has been put up on CCC website and Facebook page.
- i) **Llanidloes Town Council:** Thank you letter for donation towards Day Centre. Noted
- j) **PCC:** Standards Sub-Committee Town & Community Council representatives. Noted
- k) **SARPA:** August Newsletter. Noted and Cllr D Collington confirmed sending notes from August meeting to Clerk – Clerk to forward notes on to Cllrs. Cllrs D Collington and Cllr A Wallbank to aim to attend all railway related meetings between them.
Cllr P Breese raised the issue of passengers being given different information regarding which carriages to be on when boarding the trains in order to be in the correct section when the train splits further down the line. Clerk to contact Arriva Trains Wales.
Cllr A Wallbank also raised the issue of the ticket machines showing messages threatening fines if tickets are not bought before boarding the train. One issue with this is that the machine does not always sell the cheapest option. Clerk to contact Arriva Trains Wales.
- l) **Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth Railway Liaison Committee:** Agenda for meeting 6th October 2017. Noted.

6. Reports None

- 7. **Risk Assessment:** Cllr I Astley (August 2017) There are a few weeds which need spraying and the hedges need a trim. There is still a headstone which needs straightening which Cllrs will have a look at some time.

8. Planning Applications

Ref : P/2017/0368

Grid Ref: 302041.71 293811.08 for Outline : Proposed residential development of up to 5 dwellings, formation of vehicular access and access road and all associated works (all matters reserved) at Land adj Church House Farm Llanwnog Caersws Powys

Comments to forward to PCC: There is an issue of there being a pinch point where traffic will be funnelled at busy times. A 30mph speed limit should be introduced in this area for this planning to go ahead.

Application Ref: P/2017/0907

Grid Ref: 303457.87/291474.23 for Full: Formation of a hardcore parking area to serve established use of events and showground at Development at Maesmawr Field Off A470 Caersws Powys

Comments to forward to PCC: There have been issues of flooding in this area which raises concerns of further flooding if hard standing is put down. Grass screed would be a better surface for car parking as it would look better and would not add to the risk of flooding as much as hard core.

9. Finances

Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses	£680.03
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C (3 weeks)	£144.00
Carl Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C (1 week)	£48.00
Border janitorial supplies	Supplies for Caersws W/C	£93.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting (August 2017)	£264.00
SSE Southern Electric	Electricity @ Caersws W/C (Paid by Direct Debit)	£38.97
David Wigley	Bus Shelter Maintenance	£170.00

All Cllrs present agreed the bills to be paid and cheques prepared were signed.

Revenue received

W/C revenue	28 June – 13 July	£146.90
W/C revenue	14 July – 26 July	£137.05
M Jones & Sons Funeral Director	Memorial inscription	£47.00
M Jones & Sons Funeral Director	Burial fee	£174.00
R G Peate Funeral services	Burial fee (out of area)	£348.00

Accounts and budget forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting to be discussed and approved.

All Cllrs present had received and checked through the accounts and budget prior to the meeting. No queries were raised and all Cllrs present agreed they were happy with the accounts and budget for the year so far.

10. W/C

Further information or updates: No further details or updates at this time

11. Bank balance

Current Account balance = £17,158.82 (as of 28 July 2017)
Reserve Account balance = £18,219.22 (as of 30 June 2017)
Account balances noted.

12. Councillors Comments:

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Sign for The Red Lion pub is still causing obstruction to drivers coming out of the Main Street side of the cross roads. Clerk to contact the pub to see if this can be moved.

Cllr L Gethin: It has been a good month for the W/C revenue. Money has been collected for the month and passed on to Clerk to confirm amount at the next meeting.

Cllr R Davies: Booking for the One Voice Wales Conference needs to be done. Cllr R Davies will be attending on 30th Sept.

Cllr L George: Passed notes to Clerk prior to meeting proposing that Clerk writes to Mr R Wainwright on behalf of CCC to thank him for putting himself forward as a candidate for co option. All Cllrs present in agreement.

13. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.