

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Present: Chairman Cllr I Astley, Vice-chair Cllr R Davies Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr P Pemberton, Cllr D Collington, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr P Breese, Cllr L George (arrived 8.47pm).
Clerk S Palmer.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr A Wallbank, 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 made.
- 3. Confirmation of minutes** of meeting held on 27 September 2017 proposed by Cllr R Davies and seconded by Cllr D Collington.

4. Matters Arising:

- 1. Station parking update** (Cllr L George): Item delayed until Cllr L George's arrival.
- 2. Tree Charter Legacy Tree received.** Cllrs present agreed that the tree received should be planted at Llanwnog cemetery. Clerk to also ask if it would be possible to receive two more trees in order to be able to plant within the other two wards also (Clatter and Caersws).
- 3. Maes Y Dre Playground:** Following the information that PCC wouldn't accept installation of equipment from Discovery Timber Play due to the lack of a kite mark or the standards which PCC require. Cllrs looked again at details from Sunshine Playgrounds (Kompan). Clerk to contact Sunshine Playgrounds to request more detailed information regarding the guarantee on specific parts of the main play unit and whether there are any play areas locally with Kompan equipment that the Cllrs could visit. Clerk to follow up.
- 4. Centenary Fields** – information still required re: land owners. In order to complete an application, information from the relevant land owners. Chairman Cllr I Astley to contact Bob Wright regarding Clatter. Clerk to contact Recreation Association again to chase information.
- 5. Powys War Memorials Project:** information needed. Information required regarding who owns the memorial. All Cllrs will try and find some information.
Details of Remembrance Service for Sunday 12th November confirmed. Chairman Cllr I Astley to lay remembrance wreath.
- 6. Powys County Council – Matters Arising Changes to LDP:** No comments to make
- 7. Narrow pavement on corner between car park and Spar:** No update at this time.

5. Correspondence:

- 1. Mr Vivers:** issue of lights on pedestrian crossing outside his home. Item delayed until Cllr L George's arrival.
- 2. Powys Teaching Health Board:** Stakeholder Reference Group. Cllr D Collington confirmed that there are on-going discussions relating to this and the health board and Community Health Council are expecting further discussion.
- 3. Carol Green:** speed limit in Llanwnog. Email received from local resident who feels that the speed limit through Llanwnog needs reducing to 30mph. Cllrs present agreed with the points made. Clerk to forward Ms Greens letter to PCC Highways and mention the recent planning application which should have a 106 agreement to lower the speed limit if the application is granted.
- 4. Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service:** Draft corporate plan 2018-2023 consultation. Cllrs to respond as individuals.
- 5. Independent Remuneration Panel:** Draft annual report. Cllrs agreed that CCC must ensure compliance once the details are confirmed. Cllrs are concerned that this consultation suggests that individual names must be declared relating to who claims money through the Council. This declaration of potentially sensitive information could shame those who need to claim payments in order to be able to carry out duties as Town/Community Councillors. Clerk to send comments by 29th November.
- 6. PCC:** Waste & recycling collection rounds to be improved. Information noted.

- 7. National Assembly of Wales:** Consultation on Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill. Cllrs to respond as individuals.
- 8. One Voice Wales:** Working together in Clusters or Groups. Information noted.
- 9. Recreation Association:** dog fouling. Email received regarding issue of dog fouling at recreation ground. Clerk to contact Recreation Association and ask if they require further signage and/or bins which CCC can request from PCC. Also mention what others do to prevent dog fouling such as using biodegradable spray to highlight the dog mess.
- 10. One Voice Wales:** Burial charges for children. All Cllrs in full support not to charge burials for those under the age of 18. Clerk to respond to show support. CCC to look at updating cemetery regulations.
- 11. Boundary Commission for Wales:** Revised proposals report 2018 review. Clerk to forward original response relating to these proposals.
- 12. Welsh Government:** Independent Review Panel, Call to Evidence. Further information expected, Clerk to forward to Cllrs as and when received for further discussion.
- 13. Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales:** Guidance for principal councils on the review of communities. Cllrs feel that within rural communities such as Caersws, the geography and identity is extremely important, more so than the mathematics. Clerk to forward these comments to the consultation.
- 14. SP Energy Networks:** Trusted partner network & information sharing. Cllrs agreed that information sharing such as this is important but have concerns over certain people in the community such as the older generation as they may not be connected to social media or the internet. Clerk to show support but ask whether such people will miss out on receiving information if only available through the use of the internet.
- 15. North and Mid Wales Association of Councils:** NMW Meeting information. Information noted, no action.

6. Reports

Cllr R Davies & Cllr E Thomas attended the One Voice Wales conference. They confirmed that the five resolutions made all went through. Membership will be increased by 5%.

7. Risk Assessment: Cllr L George (October 2017)

All fine at the cemetery although the pot holes are holding water. Cllr L George has confirmed that PCC has a new machine for filling potholes. Clerk to contact PCC to ask if hiring the machine is a possibility and if so can they provide a quotation.

8. Planning Applications

Application Ref: **P/2017/1086**

Grid Ref: 300044.56/293067.74 for Full: Change of use of land for the siting of 3 no mobile holiday chalets, upgrade of access, installation of sewerage treatment plant and associated works at Glascoed Caersws Powys

Cllrs stated that the access to the highway, Trefeglwys Road, needs to be sufficient for this application to go ahead. Clerk to forward these comments to PCC.

9. Finances

Bills for payment

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses	£577.46
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£144.00
Wales Audit Office	Invoice for external audit fee	£243.00
One Voice Wales	Training x 1 Cllr, 2 x Cllrs OVW Conference & AGM	£190.00
Southern Electric	Electricity for W/C June-Oct	£102.39

(This amount will be taken on 03.11.2017. DD was never set up – bills will be debited monthly after November.)

Additional payment of £17 to Kath Gethin was approved at the discretion of Chairman Cllr I Astley and cheque drawn up.

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr R Davies and seconded by Cllr D Collington.

Revenue received

W/C revenue	28 September – 6 October	= 82.75
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(More to be counted)

Reserve Account Interest	June – Sept	= £0.44
M.E & A Hughes (Monumental Masons)	New memorial (Elizabeth Mary Jones)	= £70.00
Revenue received noted.		

10. Caersws Public Convenience

1. Lights in ladies W/C not working. Works carried out to repair. Electrician Ian Jones attended the public conveniences in order to fix the lighting in the women's toilets. The issue was not able to be fixed without replacing the lighting in the womens toilets which Ian Jones carried out straight away. Invoice to be received. Electrical testing is also required at the Public Conveniences. Clerk to contact Ian Jones to ask if he can carry this out.

11. Bank balance

Current Account balance = £18,727.50 (as of 29 September 2017)
Reserve Account balance = £18,219.66 (as of 29 September 2017)
Account balances noted.

12. Councillors Comments:

Cllr E Thomas: Mrs Gethin at 19 Maes yr Dre has complained that there is a tree with branches overhanging her garden from neighbouring land and she is concerned about the possibility of one of them falling onto her land, The housing Dept at PCC should cut them back. Cllr R Davies will contact Clerk to confirm details of the relevant person at PCC to contact regarding this. Clerk to contact PCC once she has this information.

Cllr D Collington: Regarding the updated Data Protection Legislation, there shouldn't be too much that will affect CCC but the Council will need to ensure compliance. Clerk to ask One Voice Wales if there is a model for CCC to follow relating Data Protection.

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Asked whether the Clerk has spoken to the Red Lion Pub in Caersws regarding moving the sign for the pub which local residents have complained is obstructing the view for drivers at the crossing. Clerk confirmed that she has spoken to the landlord who has said he will move the sign although he doesn't feel that an obstruction has been caused.

Cllr L George – Station parking update: As long as all are in agreement that something needs to be done to alleviate the issue of parking for the station then the process can be started. There is a lot that will need to be done for the planning of this. There are major concerns over the risk of flooding. Archaeological surveys would be required as well as flood assessment etc. The flooding issue isn't from the river but from the water table. Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas stated that test holes were done on the field and it was deemed unfit for building on.

Cllr P Pemberton stated that the details of this plan is important and needs to be sympathetic. A better bus service providing links to Caersws station from places such as Llanidloes which would lessen the need for people to drive to Caersws to use the train would be beneficial. In line with the planning the 'gateways' to Caersws should be looked as to how you welcome people into the area.

Cllr L George confirmed that there will be a meeting with cabinet and the committee on 6th November.

Chairman Cllr I Astley said that the relevant assessments will need to be done.

Cllr L George – Mr Vivers, issue with LED lights at crossing: Cllr L George has spoken to PCC but it is an issue for the Trunk Road Agent. Clerk to contact them regarding this issue.

Cllr L George – Caersws Footbridge traffic lights trial: Cllr L George has had some information and a questionnaire is expected to be sent out. All Cllrs should aim to gather information from local residents.

13. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Cllrs agreed to bring the next meeting forward to 7pm in order to go through the precept for 2018/19 at the start of the meeting.