

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

MEETING CANCELLED ON 28TH FEBRUARY DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER – RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH

Present: Chairman Cllr I Astley, Vice-chair Cllr R Davies, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr D Collington, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr L George, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Breese Cllr N Francis, Cllr E Thomas.

In attendance: Clerk S Palmer. Two members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr P Pemberton.
- 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.*

Chairman Cllr I Astley declared an interest in agenda item 7a, Cllr N Francis declared an interest in Agenda item 7a, Cllr P Breese declared an interest in agenda item 7c and Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest in relation to the concerns voiced by the residents in attendance at the end of the meeting due to being a neighbour.

- 3. Minutes** of meeting held on 31st January 2018 were proposed as a true account and proposed as such by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr N Francis.

Prior to continuing onto the next agenda item Chairman Cllr I Astley thanked Cllr L George for allowing the Council to use a room at The Mill for last months' meeting due to Clatter Community Centre being double booked.

4. Matters Arising:

- a) Tree Charter Legacy Tree:** All Cllrs present agreed that the tree will be planted at Llanwnnog Cemetery as soon as practical. It will be situated in the same place as the fallen tree which will be removed. Clerk also confirmed that no signatures have so far been added to the Tree Charter. All present signed the Tree Charter and decided to take it to various groups and events locally to obtain signatures rather than leaving it in various places as people seem unsure what it is for.
- b) Station Parking:** Cllr L George stated that he believed the next step was to put forward an expression of interest for an asset transfer of the land in question. Clerk to complete this with the help of Cllr L George and send to PCC.
- c) Powys War Memorials Project:** Clerk confirmed that she has still received no information as to the ownership of the war memorial so will continue to chase this up. An initial quote has been received for restoration of the memorial. Clerk will aim to receive two more quotes if possible.
- d) Review of Community & Town Council Sector:** An engagement event due to take place on 1st March was postponed due to the adverse weather and rescheduled for 19th March. Cllr A Wallbank and the Clerk would aim to attend this.
- e) Matters in hand with Powys Housing & jobs list for Caersws school:** Cllr L George confirmed that he has spoken to the relevant people again at PCC who have stated that after inspecting it, they do not feel that the branches are interfering with the property. No more that CCC can do at this stage.
In relation to the jobs required at Caersws School, Cllr L George confirmed that over the period of adverse weather last week a major pipe burst at the school. PCC will be repairing this which should rectify the previous issues also.
- f) Hedge by Spar & narrow pavement:** The width of the pathway from the car park leading round the corner to the Spar is a safety issue as it is too narrow. Clerk is waiting for Andrew Jones of the Trunk Road Agent as to whether they are willing to widen the pavement in this area. Clerk to chase up. Cllr A Wallbank confirmed that he has previously witnessed someone falling off this section of pavement and into the road. There could be a bad accident here if the pavement is not widened.
- g) Laptop for Clerk:** Clerk confirmed that the laptop previously confirmed by the Council was no longer available. PC-Q have made a different suggestion which all Cllrs present agreed for the Clerk to purchase. If necessary it was agreed that a cheque could be drawn up and signed prior to the next meeting.

- h) **General Data Protection Regulations:** Clerk confirmed newest information that has been sent through. Cllr D Collington is helping another local organisation to draft something for this and will be able to liaise with the Clerk to draw up a procedure for CCC.
- i) **Community Resilience Guidance:** Following the last meeting the Clerk contacted PCC and One Voice Wales to ask whether they had any suggestions as to how CCC could draw up something in line with this guidance. One Voice Wales confirmed that they would add it to the discussion for their next regional meetings.
- j) **Consultation on Planning Law in Wales:** The deadline for this consultation has now ended but Clerk confirmed that the points raised at the last meeting by Cllr A Wallbank regarding general issues with planning have been forwarded on for consideration.
- k) **Consultation Document on Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities - Local Toilets Strategies:** Clerk confirmed that this guidance is relevant mainly to PCC but she will have a look if a more basic guidance relevant to CCC should be drawn up.
- l) **Car park, redrawing lines:** All Cllrs present agreed to ask PCC for details of redrawing the lines as they are as they are very faint and although there are two disabled spaces only one is properly visible. The disabled space next to the entrance is not recognisable as a disabled space. Clerk to contact PCC again.
- m) **Resident complaint: Street lighting at crossing:** Resident who brought up an issue with the brightness of the pedestrian crossing lights on Carno Road has confirmed that PCC have been out but he is still unhappy with how bright they are. Clerk to forward this information onto PCC.

5. Correspondence:

- a) **One Voice Wales: Review of the Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development Plan (2007-2022):** Noted, no action.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** Public sector watchdog seeks feedback from general public and key stakeholders on a revised code for auditors. Clerk confirmed that she feels that this information is clear and states the important duties of the Auditors. No further comments to add. No action.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Well-Being of Futures Generations Act development of Future Generations Framework. Information noted. Clerk confirmed that this will need to be taken into account when carrying out future projects such as the station car park.
- d) **PAVO:** Powys Volunteer of the Year. Cllrs discussed this and Cllr L Gethin proposed nominating Mrs Beryl Calvin-Thomas for an award due to her extensive and long standing voluntary work within the local community with different organisations. Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas abstained from commenting due to having a personal interest as a relation. All other Cllrs present were in agreement with this nomination. Clerk to complete nomination following consent from Mrs Calvin-Thomas.
- e) **One Voice Wales:** Membership for 2018/19. Clerk confirmed the details for membership for the coming year with One Voice Wales. All Cllrs present were in agreement with continuing the membership.
- f) **PCC:** Change to bin collection days. Information noted, this has already been actioned by PCC.
- g) **One Voice Wales: Women's Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme:** CCC are not holding any events that this would be relevant to but it was agreed that Cllr R Davies would pass the information of the scheme onto the WI.
- h) **PAVO:** Powys 'COVERED' event. Details noted.

- 6. **Risk Assessment:** Cllr L George (February 2018) confirmed that the cemetery is looking tidy but he will spray the weeds when the weather improves. The fallen tree is putting some stress on the fence. Cllrs agreed to get the tree removed as soon as possible. Cllr A Wallbank to carry out next months' risk assessment.

7. Planning Applications

- a) **Pre Consultation – Proposed Poultry Rearing Unit and all associated works at Tynyrwtra, Llanwnog, Caersws SY17 5JG.**

Due to declaring an interest Chairman Cllr I Astley and Cllr N Francis left the room and Vice-Chair Cllr R Davies took the Chair to discuss the above pre-consultation. All Cllrs present agreed that they had no comments to make at this stage of the process.

Chairman Cllr I Astley and Cllr N Francis returned to the meeting and Chairman Cllr I Astley took back the Chair.

- b) Application Ref: **VAR/2018/0004** Grid Ref: 303163.77/294587.63 for VAR: Application to discharge S106 agreement relating to planning approval M24209 (occupancy restriction) at Nant Yr Eos Llanwnog Caersws Powys
All Cllrs present agreed that they had objections to the removal of the S106 agreement on the basis that they feel there is still local need for this property. Clerk to forward comments to PCC.
- c) Application Ref: **P/2018/0140**
Grid Ref: 303019.62/292099.87 for Householder: Erection of a two storey extension and all associated works at Maenicochion, Carno Road, Caersws, Powys.
Cllrs had no comments to make on the above planning application.

8. Finances

- i. **Accounts and Budget Review:** Cllrs sent accounts and budget details prior to the meeting. The accounts were discussed and comment was noted that the toilets are currently breaking even. Also noted was that the costs for the cemetery are high and revenue relatively low hence the increase in burial fees at the start of 2018 which will be reviewed again at the end of 2018 with view to a possible further increase at the start of 2019.

2. Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenss (Feb 18)	£589.65
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C (5 weeks)	£240.00
Ian Jones	Electrical testing at Caersws W/C	No invoice received
Southern Electric	Electricity @ W/C (Direct Debit)	£55.41

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr P Breese.

Revenue received

W/C revenue 4 Jan – 30 Jan 18 £133.90

Clerk added that following discussions regarding the overflowing bins at the W/C and Spar, she, Chairman Cllr I Astley and Cllr L George met with P Wozencraft of PCC for a site meeting who has agreed to look at removing the bin from outside the Spar to put next to the W/C as an additional bin and to put a larger bin outside the Spar.

9. Bank balance

Current Account balance = £19,544.70 (up to 29 Jan 2018)
Reserve Account balance = £18,221.17 (as of 29 December 2017)
Account balances noted.

10. Councillors Comments:

Clerk confirmed items which Cllr P Pemberton had intended raising at this meeting but was unable to attend the rescheduled date.

Cambrian Mountains Initiative: Cllr P Pemberton has spoken to someone involved in this initiative who has stated that they are open to bringing areas currently outside the current border of the initiative in to join it if they wish. Cllr P Pemberton feels that there are benefits to Caersws being part of the initiative and has suggested that the person she has been in contact with could come and speak to the Council in more details about these benefits and what being part of the initiative would entail. Cllrs confirmed that they would welcome further information regarding this scheme and for the Clerk to invite him to a future meeting.

Village Plan: Cllr P Pemberton feels that having a specific plan of future projects for the whole community would be of benefit and to combine all organisations to put a plan together

and help each other in regards to fundraising etc. Cllrs think this could be worth looking into. Clerk to add to the next agenda.

Electric car charging point for Caersws: This is something which was raised previously but there are now funding opportunities which could help fund this project. Cllrs in favour of trying to get a charging point for Caersws. Clerk to add to the next agenda.

Cllr L George: On-going issue between two PCC owned properties in Caersws which share a fence which has rotted and the posts are just sticking up. Cllr L George has raised this with PCC Housing who have stated that their policy has changed and therefore this is now the residents responsibility. Cllr L George is not in agreement and is trying to get this sorted out.

Local residents in attendance asked if it would be possible to speak about an issue they are facing with a neighbours dispute. Chairman Cllr I Astley invited them to raise this with the Council. Residents stated that they have neighbours who are in breach of planning laws in several ways which is affecting local relationships and seems wrong that nothing has been done to deal with these breaches as other follow the planning process and it seems unfair that when there is a breach the planning regulations are not enforced. Clerk to contact PCC to ask what will be done about these breaches.

Cllr A Wallbank proposed that Arriva Trains Wales are contacted to ask them to put a lockable door on the waiting room so that it can be used at times when the platform is in use. Clerk to contact Arriva Trains Wales.

Cllr P Breese noticed that there was an item stated on the weekly planning list that stated that it did not require planning. Cllr P Breese is wondering why this is as he feels that it should have come to the Council for comments. Clerk to contact PCC to ask why this would not require planning permission.

Cllr L Gethin: Raised an issue with the pot holes on Manthrig Lane and stated that it is also very dark. Clerk to contact PCC.

Chairman Cllr I Astley confirmed that as they are aware of Caersws Village Hall trying to raise funds for Caersws Village Hall roof, the Vintage Club are choosing to donate money raised to their cause.

Chairman Cllr I Astley also gave his apologies for next months meeting and asked if Vice-Chair Cllr R Davies would be able to chair the meeting in his absence which Cllr R Davies agreed to.

Clerk confirmed that details have been received relating to the latest proposal for the Electoral Boundary changes which will be on the next agenda for discussion. Cllrs suggested asking Carno for their thoughts on the proposal as they are no longer within the same boundary as Caersws within this proposal. Clerk to ask them prior to the next meeting.

- 11. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chairman Cllr Astley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)