

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Present: Chair Cllr R Davies, Cllr P Breese, Cllr I Astley, Cllr L George, Cllr N Francis, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr P Pemberton, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Vice-chair Cllr L Gethin (arrived 7.35pm).

In attendance: 11 members of the public, Claire Williams, Cambrian Railway Partnership Development Officer, Clerk S Palmer.

1. Apologies: Cllr D Collington

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.*

Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest for agenda items 8c and 9b.

Cllr E Thomas declared an interest for agenda item 12b.

Cllr I Astley declared an interest for agenda item 8c.

Cllr L George declared an interest for agenda items 8c and 11b.

Cllr N Francis declared an interest for agenda item 11b.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr A Wallbank.

4. County Cllr Les George, PCC report (originally agenda item 5 but brought forward):

- Reference agenda item 9g; PCC have felled a tree in Clatter that the residents did not want to be removed and are upset about the removal. Cllr L George and Cllr P Breese feel that the tree should be replaced with a mature tree. All Cllrs present in agreement. Clerk to write a letter to PCC to strongly suggest this resolution.
- The roads in Llanwnnog were being patched recently and Cllr L George spoke to the company undertaking the work to ask if they are able to do the cemetery road up to the shed. The company confirmed that they would not have time this time around but would be back in the summer and the request to carry out the extra work would need to come from PCC. Clerk to write to PCC to request for this to be added to the jobs list for Llanwnnog.
- Reference agenda item 8e; Cllr L George has been to look at the situation with these trees behind residents' properties which are owned by PCC. The trees are very big and there would be a great deal of work involved to clear the area prior to being able to fell the trees. Therefore, asking someone to fell the trees in exchange for keeping the wood would not be possible as there would be too much involved. It was agreed to leave the matter with Cllr L George for the time being.
- PCC recently repainted the lines in the car park in Caersws. The lines on the road outside residents' properties (opposite Welsh Oak and next to the workshops) have not been done and require a single white line. Clerk to contact PCC about this.
- The traffic on Main Street in Caersws is too fast and one of the drains on the road is loose and has sunk, making it very loud when cars etc drive over it. It is near to Glyn Villas. Clerk to contact PCC to look at the drain.

5. Introduction from Claire Williams; Cambrian Railway Partnership Development Officer:

Claire Williams introduced herself as the new Cambrian Railway Partnership Development Officer. She confirmed that she is a Dementia Friends Organisation and would like the Cambrian Railway the first Dementia Friendly rail line in Wales by implementing a 5 year plan which looks at changing things such as lighting and signage. Claire is happy to speak to and help anyone looking to become a Dementia Friend. Keolis Amey is the new franchise operator for the line and is very community focused. Claire noted certain issues faced as follows:

- More trains are needed and more frequently. New carriages have been ordered and more will be on the way.
- The car parking for the station is an issue especially as people have taken to parking very close to the barriers which creates a hazard and there are often near misses. The Police should be more accountable for what is being allowed to happen here.

Claire is willing to help CCC with plans and ideas to alleviate the car parking issues in the village.

- There is still a lot of sand and bits of track which has been left at the track side (opposite side to the platform) for years now. Claire is trying to get this removed and tidied up. Claire will copy the Clerk into correspondence relating to this.
- Cllr P Pemberton stated that the buses need to work alongside the train times, this would also help alleviate the parking issue if some could get a bus instead of driving to Caersws for the train. Claire asked if the Clerk could pass her details onto Llanidloes Town Council to look into this.
- Cllr I Astley asked what the chances of Carno station being reopened as this would also alleviate some pressure from Caersws in terms of car parking. Claire confirmed that Bow Street station will be reopening but this took 10 years to come to fruition. One of the main things that aided Bow Street was the fact that it was in the LDP. If Carno station is not in the LDP then it is unlikely to happen until the LDP is updated again and the station added into it. Carno station is on the Welsh Governments preferred station list which is very positive but the LDP is also a big factor.

Claire Williams thanked the Council and the residents present for listening and the Chair thanked Claire for her attendance and confirmed that her support will be very welcome. Claire left at 8.05pm.

Cllr P Pemberton had to leave the meeting as previously stated; 8.05pm

**11 members of the public were present at the meeting so following Claire Williams presentation, Chair Cllr R Davies asked the members of public whether they wished to speak about a certain agenda item. All 11 members of public were in attendance in relation to agenda items 11 a and b.

Cllr N Francis and Cllr L George both left the meeting as they had declared an interest in the following discussion.

Chair Cllr R Davies invited the members of the public to speak if they wished to in relation to agenda items 11a and 11b. Members of the public spoke in detail about their concerns over the poultry farms that are already in the area along with others such as P/2018/0393.

It should be noted that Cllr P Pemberton came back into the meeting in order to listen to the discussion.

Following lengthy representation by the members of the public and discussion amongst the Community Councillors, a vote was taken by all members present who were eligible to vote (7 members) and the result was unanimous amongst members to put forward an objection to planning application P/2018/0393 and a separate comment to PCC that CCC feels that no further poultry farms should be given planning consent until the affect of the present ones is known. See below for the details of the objection sent to PCC which was confirmed following the meeting;

Caersws Community Council discussed the above planning application this evening, Wednesday 30th May 2018. The Community Council welcomed input and opinions from local residents, many of whom also attended the meeting. The community council were unanimous in their decision to object to the above planning application on the basis of the points listed below.

Situation

The proposed planning application is situated within the boundary of the village of Llanwnnog. It is a concern how close to residents homes this unit will be and the impact on them and the village as a whole due to its proximity. The application falls within an area of 'high historic landscape sensitivity' as detailed in the response from Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) as it lies within the Caersws Basin Registered Historic Landscape and the component Llanwnnog Historic Landscape Character Area. Neither are mentioned in the application which will undoubtedly have an impact on the registered historic landscape. The Council feels this should be acknowledged and detailed within the application.

Accumulative Effect

Caersws Community Council, along with the residents of Llanwnnog are concerned about the number of poultry units in such close proximity to each other and feel that the effect of those already built is not yet known and we

believe that two out of three are not yet operational or if they are, only very recently. Councillors feel that the effects of the units currently built should be felt and assessed before any further units are given consent within this area.

Water Course

Many residents have concerns over the surrounding water courses and the effect that the application will have on them as Natural Resources Wales has stated that the drainage plan requires more detail. There are already issues with the Manthrig Brook which runs through Caersws and floods on a regular basis. The concern is that the proposed unit may contaminate the Brook causing further flooding and contamination within Caersws.

Environmental Concerns

The Community Council has concerns over the environmental impact of this planning application as it feels that this is unknown at this time and the information provided is not sufficient to reassure the Council or local residents that there will be no adverse environmental effects. These concerns range from the effect of the dust and manure to the visual impact, smells, noise and increased heavy goods traffic.

Insufficient, inaccurate or missing information

Caersws Community Council are concerned about the amount of information which appears to be insufficient, inaccurate or missing from the application making it impossible to fully respond until all required information is provided, as follows:

- CPAT has stated that a plan must be produced in relation to the fact that the unit will be within an area of 'high historic landscape sensitivity' and the impact that the application will have. This plan must be provided before a decision on the application can be made.
- CPAT state that there is insufficient information about the archaeological impact for the planning authority to make a balanced decision. This information must be provided before a decision can be made.
- Natural Resources Wales has confirmed that it has 'significant concerns' with the application and requests that unless a SCAIL Report, recalculated Manure Management Plan and amended drainage plan are produced that it would object to the application. The reports/plans stated are either insufficient, inaccurate or not present. Caersws Community Council believes that these details are required before any decisions can be made.
- The ecology report relates to a property in Machynlleth. There needs to be a full and relevant ecology report produced before a decision can be made.

In conclusion Caersws Community Councillors object to this planning application on the grounds that the impact of those already built is not yet known and until such a time the impact is known, no more poultry units should be granted permission. The application should not be approved also on the basis that it is within the village boundary and that insufficient information has been produced to clarify the impact it would have on the beautiful village of Llanwnnog and the residents who reside there.

Cllr P Pemberton left the meeting at 8.35pm.

Members of the public left the meeting at 8.35pm.

6. Data Protection Regulations: Clerk confirmed that she attended GDPR training run by PCC the previous evening. The training clarified and confirmed the main points to be aware of and comply with for councils. It was also confirmed that the ICO has stated that all Data Controllers must register with them. Clerk confirmed that she has registered Caersws Community Council with the ICO which will cost of £40 reduced to £35 if paid by Direct Debit. Clerk also stated that it was confirmed that individual Cllrs are Data Controllers in their own right, however it hasn't been confirmed either way whether each Cllr also has to register with the ICO and pay the annual fee. Clerk to update the Council as and when any further information is received.

7. Projects:

- a) Maes y Dre Play Area:** The new equipment has now been installed in the play area which is looking really good and a number of Cllrs have been to see the new equipment. Cllr B O'Sullivan asked about the black matting which is installed under one of the play items. Clerk will request these details from Sunshine Playgrounds. He also asked if we can ask PCC how often risk assessments are carried out and stated that the gate to the play area was open as it wasn't closing properly recently and is a very heavy gate. Clerk to ask PCC for details of their risk assessments for the play area. It was also mentioned that PCC had originally stated that they would replace the gate and fencing when the equipment was updated, Clerk will chase this up.
- b) War Memorial Refurbishment:** Clerk now has a second quotation for refurbishment works. Cllrs went through the details of both and confirmed which they would like to

proceed with. Clerk to contact them and complete all necessary details for the funding.

- c) **Village Plan:** there are no further update as yet for this item. Clerk to add to next month's agenda.
- d) **Electric Car Charging Point for Caersws:** Clerk has been on contact with someone that we believed may have been able to help with some details about funding but they confirmed that there would be no assistance available for funding a car charger in our community at this time. It was however suggested that PCC are currently looking into the possibility of car chargers in various places throughout Powys. Cllrs agreed to wait for information to be received from PCC and to leave the item off the agenda for the time being.
- e) **Beacon for WW1 Commemoration:** Clerk read out some details relating to the beacons that are available which clarify that although a beacon can be used multiple times it would need to be signed off by a gas engineer as safe prior to each use. The Clerk also confirmed that when she attended the Joint SLCC & One Voice Wales Conference there was a company there that make benches, flower baskets, plaques etc and they have some commemorative items which the Clerk showed the Cllrs some examples of. Cllrs agreed to hold off on the purchase of a beacon for the time being and consider a commemorative item instead or as well as the beacon. Clerk to send further info and details to Cllrs.

8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Narrow pavement** from car park to corner by Spar. Clerk has not yet had a response from the land owner, although they have stated that they consider. Clerk to chase up prior to the next meeting and keep in contact with the Trunk Road Agent.
- b) **Consultation on Electoral Boundaries Proposal:** Clerk confirmed that the response from CCC was sent to the Boundary Commission and acknowledged. No further info received at this time.
- c) **Clatter Community Centre:** Request for funding towards repairs. Cllrs raised the queries as to what will the Hall Committee do in the future when further works are required and do they have a plan for the future of the hall. Clerk confirmed that she has and will continue to forward any details of funding which she comes across that could be accessed for the Committees needs. Cllrs present agreed for the Clerk to ask the Hall Committee to send a representative to a future CCC meeting in order to further discuss this.
- d) **Caersws Village Club:** Project for repairs. Cllrs present agreed that as an amount of funding was agreed and precept for by CCC some funds should be passed onto the Village Club. It was further proposed that receipts for works completed should be received prior to drawing any cheques, this was agreed unanimously by all Cllrs present.
- e) **Trees at rear of residents' properties:** this item was covered in Cllr L George's report (agenda item 4).
- f) **Speed through Caersws & Llanwnog:** Cllr A Wallbank noted that the Clerk has forwarded some information received relating to flashing speed limit signs which can be purchased. Could this be an option for the Council? Cllrs discussed that this will need further discussion and decisions would need to be made in terms of where signs are needed, how many would be required, how much it would cost and whether planning would be required or some other form of permission. This is something which could also be added to a village plan. Clerk to gather details.
- g) **Independent Review of Town & Community Councils:** pop-in session was run in conjunction to the TCT Roman Event. The Clerk attended and Cllr L Gethin helped 'man' the CCC table and other Cllrs were also present at the event. Clerk confirmed that a number of forms were completed by members of the public which will be sent to the Independent Review Panel.

9. Correspondence:

- a) **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Update on Future Fit Programme. Cllrs briefly discussed this consultation and it was mentioned that there is also another called 'NHS, 'Our Big Change''. Due to the meeting so far taking longer than anticipated and

the fact that there is still plenty of time left in order to comment on both consultations, it was decided to add both consultations to the June agenda for full discussion.

- b) **Local Resident:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch. A resident has written stating that a poultry unit which is said to have had requirements for the entrance which have not been met has raised the issue. Clerk has raised this with PCC but is yet to receive a response. Clerk will chase this.
- c) **Local resident:** Grass cutting in Caersws has been criticised by a local resident due to the cut grass not being collected and the field therefore having a lot of loose, dried grass left on it during the Roman Event held by TCT. It was confirmed that when the first contract was originally agreed with the contractors, the decision was made to go ahead with the option of leaving the grass cuttings in situ. There have not been any other complaints since the grass cutting has been done by this company and it was noted that the grass was very long prior to the first cut so it is expected that there would be more grass than usual left behind. It was agreed by all Cllrs present that the contract for grass cutting would not be altered but as this was raised due to there being a Roman Event which used the field, in future if an event is taking place an extra, earlier cut could be considered which may result in less loose grass on the field.
- d) **Powys CC:** LDP Consultation Survey. Cllr A Wallbank raised the query that usually during a consultation for LDP or similar there are presentations and events that the public can attend but there was no memory of this having happened for the latest LDP consultation. Cllr A Wallbank stated that he would take a look at the survey and report back to the council if he feels that a response should be made. Cllrs present were in agreement with this.
- e) **Recreation Association updates:** The Recreation Association are still fund raising for the play area opposite The Buck Inn. There is currently a Calor Fund in place that anyone can vote for the RA to receive funding. Clerk will share this information on the website and social media. It was suggested that CCC may be able to help the project with funding but would wait and see what they still require nearer the end of the year and consider at the precept meeting.
- f) **PAVO:** Volunteer of the Year Award. The nominee put forward by CCC has been shortlisted for an award.
- g) **Local Residents:** Tree removed in Clatter: this item was covered in Cllr L George's report (agenda item 4).
- h) **Local Resident:** A request was sent via the council asking if there was anyone in the community who could help with rolling/harrowing. Cllr P Breese stated that he is willing to speak to the person and find out what is required. Clerk has passed his contact details on.
- i) **Local Resident:** Syringe found at WC. A resident living close to the public conveniences contacted the Clerk to report that a syringe had been found near to the toilets and was pushed into the drain. Clerk to contact the cleaner and find out if items like this have been found before.

10. Risk Assessment: Cllr N Francis (May 2018)

Some graves will need filling at some point but otherwise everything is in good order.

11. Planning Applications:

Agenda items 11a & 11b were brought earlier in the meeting as members of the public were in attendance in order to put their representations forward to the Council.

- a. **Local Residents concerns over planning applications for more poultry farms.**
- b. **Application Ref: P/2018/0393**
Grid Ref: 302786/293568 for Full: Erection of a poultry unit with feed bins, formation of vehicular access and all associated works at Tynyrwtra, Llanwnog, Caersws, Powys.
- c. **Application Ref: P2018 0366** Grid Ref: 305793.8/293131.22 for LBC: Renovation and conversion of Rhydlydan Mill to form a dwelling and holiday cottage. Erection of garage and

all associated works. Provision of septic tank or biodisc. General groundworks to form entrance and parking. at Rhydydan Mill, Aberhafesp Newtown Powys
Cllrs present agreed unanimously that they had no objections to this application.

Cllr A Wallbank made a general comment that there is too much literature to be able to go through within a short period of time and that an executive summary should be a requirement.

12. Finances

1. Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary	£532.33
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (May 18)	£65.42
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £6.66, stationery & postage = £23.21, mileage = £35.55 (79 miles))</i>		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£0
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£192.00
Ian Jones	Electrical testing at Caersws W/C	No Invoice
SLCC	Joint OVW & SLCC Conference & books	£35.95
Llandrindod Wells Town Council	GDPR Training (29 May 18)	£4.00
Border Janitorial	W/C supplies	£63.00
Martin Obbard	Repairs at Caersws WC	£43.00
Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd	Grass cutting (Apr & May 18)	£528.00
Sunshine Playgrounds Ltd	New play equipment (Maes y Dre)	£12,388.08
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£40.84

Clerk confirmed that invoices were received for Andrew Evans and Sunshine Playgrounds following the posting of the agenda. It was agreed by all present and at Chair's discretion to draw these cheques for payment.

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr I Astley and seconded by Cllr L George.

2. S137/S142 Payments to be discussed

Cllrs discussed each funding request and the following decisions were agreed unanimously by all Cllrs present:

- i. **Tenovus Cancer Care:** £125 donation agreed
- ii. **Eisteddfod Powys Bro Hafren:** No donation
- iii. **Children's Wales Air Ambulance:** No donation
- iv. **Welsh Hearts:** No donation
- v. **British Red Cross:** No donation
- vi. **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution:** No donation
- vii. **Ladybirds Toddler Group, Trefeglwys:** No donation
- viii. **Citizens Advice Bureau:** No donation
- ix. **Montgomery County Music Festival:** No donation
- x. **Llangollen Festival:** No donation
- xi. **Marie Curie:** £125 donation agreed
- xii. **TCT:** £200 donation agreed
- xiii. **Ambulance Service Union:** No donation
- xiv. **Friendship Hour:** £200 donation agreed
- xv. **Cwtsh Caersws at school:** £200 donation agreed
- xvi. **Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Wales:** No donation

Donations above were agreed to be paid at the June meeting and were proposed by Cllr L Gethin and seconded by Cllr T.P Calvin-Thomas.

Revenue received

W/C revenue	28 Mar 18 – 25 Apr 18	£237.45
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13. Bank balances:

Current Acc = £22,144.65 (Statement up to 27.04.18)
 Reserve Acc = £18,223.41 (Statement up to 29.03.18)

14. W/C Report:

Report of loose slabs was mentioned at the previous meeting (AGM). It was agreed to add this to the next agenda for discussion.

15. Councillors Comments:

Cllr A Wallbank: Confirmed that the Clerks salary review is due but as the meeting had already taken a considerable time and it was not on the agenda it was decided for this matter to be deferred to the June meeting.

Cllr suggested that CCC confirm support for Claire Williams and the Dementia Friendly work that she mentioned. All Cllrs were in agreement for Clerk to confirm support of the Council. It was confirmed some time ago that yellow lines and a yellow box would be painted near to the railway crossing in Caersws. Clerk to chase this up and also send details of the matter and previous correspondence to Claire Williams so she is aware.

Cllr P Breese: has come across paperwork such as copies of deeds for the cemetery which have been passed on to the Clerk to file.

There are still issues with Weig Lane crossing. The relining and signage that CCC were told would be done has still not happened. Clerk to chase this up.

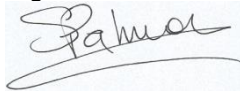
Cllr I Astley: meant to thank Cllr E Thomas earlier for the tea/coffee and biscuits at the meetings.

Cllr R Davies: confirmed thanks to Cllr I Astley as the outgoing Chairman and the Clerk and congratulated Cllr L George for completing his first year in office as a County Cllr.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th June 2018 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Chair Cllr R Davies thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.50pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)