

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Clerk, S Palmer.

Due to the absence of Chair Cllr R Davies, Vice-Chair Cllr L Gethin took the chair.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr P Pemberton, Chair Cllr R Davies, Cllr B O'Sullivan
- 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.* No declarations of interest.

3. Presentation on the Maesmawr Farm Resort Project: Hughes Architects – Doug Hughes

The proposal is to take advantage of the site and huge tourism potential. It could be compared to a small Center Parcs. It will be part of Caersws, not stand alone. Input is welcomed from the Community Council and local residents. No one knows Caersws like the Cllrs and residents.

Looking at a new entrance nearer the main road with screening from main road. They know that the site floods so looking at that positively and creating lakes etc.

Boutique Resorts – Mark Whitehouse

Holiday parks are changing to be more of an experience. There is huge market for this and it is sustainable. The type of customers using these parks are of all ages, families and young and old couples can have a great experience. It also isn't as seasonal as it used to be as these parks are used all year round. The model is different rather than it being an extension of the current park.

Lodges are being sold to those who then rent them out for the rest of the year when they are not in use by the owners.

Want to educate the guests about what there is to do in the local area as well as using the facilities on site

A range of local jobs will be made available through the growth of the site. The Spa and restaurant will be developed and then be available for someone local to run as a business separate to the park.

Guided walks available locally for guests.

Cllr L George: It is a professional site which will draw in clientele that will enjoy the local area

Cllr P Breese: Will the static units stay there? The rental caravans will go eventually and be replaced by lodges. Caravans are already a smaller part of the site.

The site will enhance what is already there and they are working with an arborist.

Cllr A Wallbank: how much of a problem is the flooding? **Mark Whitehouse:** hoping Cllrs could tell him. Other Cllrs agreed that there has never been bad flooding in that area, more surface water collecting in places. Shouldn't be any major problems with flooding.

Surface water management, porous parking systems will be put in place etc. Have to get the balance right to deal with the issues of the site but not compromise the look of it.

Cllr L George: It was really good to hear from them and be kept in the loop and know what the plans are.

Cllr A Wallbank: asked if they are familiar with the footbridge issue in Caersws, which they are. It would be helpful to have the support of the resort in helping to push forward the footbridge.

Any feedback from Cllrs and local residents will be welcome and will help the architects. Vice Chair Cllr L Gethin thanked Doug and Mark for coming to the meeting and sharing their plans and ideas.

Doug Hughes and Mark Whitehouse left at this point.

4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 25th July 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr N Francis.

5. **County Cllr L George: Report**

- Still putting pressure on for the tree to be replaced in Clatter – needs to be a well-established tree. It should get done but the question is when it will be done.
- Problem with fencing etc at council properties should be sorted now.
- Main Street; drain near Glyn Terrace has still not been repaired. Clerk to contact PCC to chase up.
- Not much to report at present from PCC.

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: There is a flat which is still unoccupied in Caersws. Cllr L George will look into it.

What's happening with development at Penybortha? Cllr L George: nothing seems to be happening at present.

Cllr L George: lots of applications for developments have been made over a period of time when LDP hadn't yet been updated and UDP wasn't in place.

6. **Projects:**

- War Memorial Refurbishment:** Clerk confirmed the amount to cover the remainder of the refurbishment would be £477. Cllrs were unanimously in favour of approving this amount. Clerk to confirm works to be completed.
- Village Plan:** Clerk confirmed some information found so far and some information provided by One Voice Wales.
- WW1 Commemoration:** Item should not have been on the agenda as this was confirmed to be removed from the agenda until October.
- Toilets refurbishment:** Clerk still to put full list of work to be completed together to send to Cllrs. Cllr L Gethin reported that the gents door is still not working properly. Clerk to get quotes for repairing or replacing the door.

7. **Matters Arising:**

- Narrow pavement from car park to corner by Spar:** Response received from landowner who requires information of how much land is required as it will affect the cost of the property. Clerk has various measurements from the Trunk Road Agent today which she will forward to the property owner. Clerk to also ask Trunk Road Agent about whether they or Welsh Government will cover the costs to the landowner due to the safety of this situation.
- Speed through Caersws & Llanwnnog:** Clerk is waiting for Trunk Road Agent and PCC to respond to the query about putting flashing speed signs in the village. Clerk also confirmed an email from resident who has previously visited a CCC meeting who is still concerned about the speed through the village. Clerk has responded to resident confirming what CCC is currently looking to do in the village.
- NHS Future Fit Programme Consultation:** Cllrs discussed Option 1 in more detail which is the option they are in support of. Clerk to put together a more detailed response showing support for this option and confirm with Cllrs prior to 11th September to send prior to the Future Fit deadline.
- Planning:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch. PCC Planning Dept have logged the complaint regarding the entrance not being fit for purpose. PCC will respond with the outcome in due course. Clerk to chase up how long the response will take.
- Benches:** Report on condition plus info re: recycled plastic benches. Cllr E Thomas & Cllr B O'Sullivan have been around the ward to check all of the benches. Agreed that there are 10 benches in total but one does not require any attention. Cllr P Breese has collected some information and prices on recycled plastic benches. A commemorative bench is available as well and can be engraved to say 'Donated by Caersws Community Council'. Cllrs were in unanimous agreement to purchase a commemorative bench and a plain bench, both three seaters. Clerk to go ahead with order and put on next months agenda for cheques to be raised.
- Independent Review Panel:** Findings and recommendations noted by Cllrs. Cllrs are not in agreement with many of the recommendations. Clerk confirmed that no feedback has been requested at this stage.

- g) **Caersws Footbridge:** Cllr A Wallbank has been in contact with AM Russell George regarding Caersws Footbridge and how CCC can keep pressure on for it to be put into place and ensure it goes ahead. Funding has been given in Newtown for a new bridge under the 'Active Travel' scheme. CCC need to ensure to keep pressure on in the right places to keep momentum with this project.
- h) **Defib for Clatter:** Clerk confirmed that CCC precept an amount of £1,350. Clerk to get costs for defibs for next meeting.

8. Correspondence:

- a) **One Voice Wales:** Consultation on Promoting & Supporting the Welsh Language. Cllrs have no comments to make on the consultation but confirm their support for promoting and supporting the Welsh language.
- b) **Wales Audit Office:** Review of the Effectiveness of Social Services in Wales. Information noted, no action.
- c) **Local Resident:** Traffic & speed on Main St, Caersws. This item was covered in discussion of agenda item 7b.
- d) **Powys CC:** Info on eligibility on reduction in Council Tax.

9. Risk Assessment: Cllr I Astley (August 2018) Confirm Cllr N Francis for September Cllr I Astley confirmed that the cemetery is looking very tidy and there are lots of fresh flowers around.

Clerk confirmed that paperwork has been received for Shiloh graveyard in Clatter. Some maintenance work has been completed. Clerk to contact the trust to confirm that they will make payments for maintenance whilst funds are still available.

10. Planning Applications

1. Ref : P2010 0890

Grid Ref: 306701.05 303409.4 for Windfarm development comprising 18 wind turbines (installed capacity of up to 47.5 MW), anemometer mast, substation & control building, site entrance, new & improved access tracks and all associated building and engineering operations and landscaping together with highway improvements at Land at Esgair Cwmowen Nr Carno Powys

No objections.

Clerk to make contact to ask whether Caersws Community Council are able to access the community fund from the wind farm.

11. Finances

1. Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses (August 2018)	£616.07
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£0
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£240.00
Andrew Evans	Grass Cutting (July & August 18)	£528.00
One Voice Wales	Conference & AGM	£170.00
Mr A Richards	Internal Audit Fee	£100.00
Border Janitorial	W/C Supplies (July & August 18)	£102.36
SARPA	Subscription (2018)	£8.00
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£29.37

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr A Wallbank.

2. Revenue Received

W/C revenue	27 June – 24 July 18	£310.80
Powys CC	Contribution towards Maes y Dre play area	£2,250.00

3. Bank Balances

Community Account	= £5,639.12
Reserve Account	= £27,659.48

12. W/C Report: Nothing further to agenda item 6d to report or be discussed.

13. Councillors Comments:

Cllr I Astley: Started gathering timber for the bonfire (WWI Commemoration) other Cllrs will contribute.

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: following the last meeting was near Caersws Village Hall and saw a lady with a large husky type dog which fouled on the pavement. The lady went back to the Spar to get a bag and collected the mess. On another day there were 8 piles of dog fouling noted by Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas who went around the village and collected it all. It is a real problem around the village. Clerk to report to PCC.

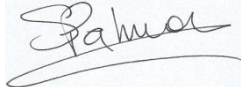
Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Infestation of rats along the Manthrig Lane. Glanynant residents have complained to PCC about this who stated that they cannot do anything as it is no longer their responsibility.

Cllr E Thomas: Cars parked on the pavement on Chapel Street and outside the Buck Inn which stops anyone getting along the pavement. Clerk to ask PCC if white lines can be painted on the road to stop cars parking there.

14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Vice Chair Cllr L Gethin thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Palmer', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)