

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 28th November 2018 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Present: Chair Cllr L Gethin, Vice-chair Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr N Francis, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr L George, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr I Astley, Cllr R Davies, Cllr D Collington, Cllr P Breese (arrived 8.10pm).

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

Chair Cllr L Gethin started the meeting by thanking Cllrs B O'Sullivan and P Breese for clearing the area, removing the old bench and installing the new commemorative bench in place by the noticeboard and cenotaph in Caersws. Cllr L Gethin also proposed sending a thank you to the land owners who very kindly used their land for the commemorative beacon/bonfire on 11th November and worked very hard to enable it to happen and it was a great success.

1. **Apologies:** None
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 in agenda item 10c.
Cllr I Astley declared an interest in agenda item 10c.
Cllr R Davies declared an interest in agenda item 4 in relation to caersws Village Hall.
3. **Minutes** of meeting held on 31st October 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L George.
4. **Accounts & Budget for review and precept setting for 2019/2020:** Cllrs were sent the current accounts information. Cllrs discussed the full budget for the next financial year with consideration to intended spending, donations and spending within this and previous financial years. Precept amount was agreed and Clerk will send the precept request to Powys CC.
5. **2019 Meeting Dates:** Clerk went through the meeting dates for 2019. Clerk asked whether the July meeting could be moved from the last Wednesday of the month to the week prior (Wednesday 17th July) as she will be away on holiday. Cllrs were in agreement to alter this date and agreed all other dates as well. Clerk to publish the dates and book meeting rooms for 2019.
6. **County Cllr Les George: Report**
 - Caersws School – Network Rail want to be involved with the local community. Cllr L George has pointed them towards speaking to the school. Clerk to send Network Rail contact details for the Recreation Association to see whether they have any funding available.
 - Maesmawr Farm Resort plans are still pushing ahead which will be a great asset to the community.
 - There are rumours of PCC selling off assets such as small holdings. Cllr L George is strongly against this idea and will fight against this happening.
7. **Council Vacancy:** Clerk confirmed that two people have shown interest in the position of Councillor to fill the vacant seat. A secret ballot was conducted. Of a total of 11 votes, Mary Harding gained 6 and Roger Wainwright gained 5. Clerk to contact both candidates and Mary Harding will be invited to attend the next meeting in order to be officially co-opted onto the Council.
8. **Projects:**
 - a) **War Memorial Refurbishment:** Clerk has received confirmation from the monumental masons that the work will commence early January 2019.
 - b) **Village Plan:** Clerk hasn't been in contact with other councils yet but need some feedback from others. Cllr A Wallbank stated that he believes that in England it is statutory that councils have to have a village plan. Cllr D Collington stated that if

using the village plan for funding it would need to be in an approved format. Clerk to look into this to gather information.

- c) **Toilets refurbishment:** Clerk has not got quotations as yet but will look to do so in the New Year. One of the toilets has a blockage and is backing up two of the toilets now. Cllrs unanimously agreed to approve Clerk to contact Metro Rod who cleared the drains last time to get the issue sorted. Clerk to action.

9. Matters Arising:

- a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** Clerk has chased up the land owner about this matter but is yet to have a response. Nothing further can be done until a response is received one way or another.
- b) **Planning issue:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch. PCC have responded that they are in touch with the agent and developer and has requested a response from the agent on this matter within 14 days. Clerk will keep putting pressure on for a response as this entrance is causing a massive hazard in this area. Clerk to also ask who the original planning officer was for this application.
- c) **Powys CC:** Public Protection Orders. PCC have confirmed that the only piece of land that the Public Protection Orders would apply to would be the play area next to the school in Caersws. Cllrs agreed that as this is used as a thoroughfare it would not be appropriate to ban dogs and there have been no issues of dog fouling reported in the play area anyway.
- d) **Hedge cutting at playing field in Caersws:** Recreation Association had the hedge cut by a local person who cut it free of charge. CCC would like to suggest that the Recreation Association ask this person if they would be willing to do it again next year.

10. Correspondence:

- a) **Contact via website:** 5g Space Appeal. Details received from a local resident in relation to 5g which the report states is very dangerous to people and the environment. CCC feel that they do not know of or understand the matter enough to make an educated response.
- b) **Llandrindod Town Council Clerk:** Proposed relocation of Ariel Lift Platform (ALP) from Llandrindod Wells Fire Station. Nothing stating why the authorities are suggesting to move it, no information as to when last used etc. Clerk to ask these questions.
- c) **Clatter Community Centre:** Financial support request. Discussed and confirmed these details during precept discussion.
- d) **Powys CC:** Complaint regarding illegal parking in Caersws. PCC forwarded a complaint from a local resident about issues with parking along the road on Trefeglwys side of the rail crossing. Cllrs feel that the areas stated for double yellow lines are good but wish to request that they are not taken as far down the road from the crossing towards the junction onto the Carno Road. Clerk to confirm preferred yellow line options to PCC to prevent further parking issues.
- e) **Resident:** Lighting at Plas Maldwyn. Resident emailed stating that he was told by the previous Clerk that PCC would be putting street lighting at Plas Maldwyn. PCC have confirmed that this road has not been adopted by them and is privately owned so it is a matter between the residents and developer. Clerk to respond to resident.
- f) **Keep Britain Tidy:** dog fouling signage packages. Cllrs feel that these are too expensive for signs that will not last until next winter. Clerk to put together posters to put up around Caersws and on the website and Facebook page making people aware of the unanimous reporting facility on the PCC website.
- g) **Clerk to ABERMULE & Llandyssil Community Council:** Support request relating to Abermule proposed recycling facility. The Community Council feel that PCC are not listening to the local residents or Community Councillors relating to the opposition of the recycling facility in Abermule. CCC Cllrs feel that they have not been informed with enough details from all angles to be able to make an informed response.
- h) **Planning Aid Wales:** Available training relating to planning training. Cllr A Wallbank has asked whether some of these training sessions would be beneficial to the Council if one or more Cllrs were to attend. Cllr L George feels that planning is so complex

and PCC have the experts in the planning department so learning some small bits of information will not necessarily be useful so not worth the expense. No action.

- i) **Powys CC:** Expressions of interest for Healthy, Active & Outdoors Project. Clerk to put on the website and Facebook page.
- j) **Powys CC:** Kerbside Garden Waste Collection Service. Individuals can complete the survey. No action.

11. Planning Applications: *Please note that Caersws Community Council is invited to make comments on planning applications as a consultee and is not a decision maker.*

a) Application Reference: 18/0839/FUL Grid Reference: **E: N:**

Proposal: Full: Erection of new processing/storage unit

Site address: Old Moat Lane Junction, Old Moat Lane, Caersws, Powys SY17 5SE

Cllrs decided to support this project but the highways should be looked at more closely to accommodate the project as it is a very narrow road. Clerk to send response to PCC.

12. Shiloh Clatter Graveyard updates: Clerk has not yet received details back relating to how the maintenance will work long term.

13. Risk Assessment, Llanwnog Cemetery: Cllr A Wallbank (November 2018) Confirm Cllr I Astley for December and Cllr N Francis for January 2019.

Roadway needs attention as previously discussed. Clerk to get quotations and look to have the work done in the Spring. Some headstones are slightly loose but nothing too dangerous. There are some weeds on Yr Ynys. Cllr L George has confirmed that he will spray these. Cllr P Breese has taken the bench to the cemetery.

14. Finances

1. Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (Nov & Dec 2018) & expenses (Nov 18)	£1,176.85
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£0
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£240.00
St John's Ambulance	Defibrillator for Clatter	£1,633.80
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£31.12

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr B O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr I Astley.

2. Revenue Received

W/C revenue	27 Sept 18 – 30 October 2018	£272.35
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3. Bank Balances

Current Account	= £2,507.56
Reserve Account	= £37,095.28

15. Councillors Comments:

Cllr A Wallbank: Has a map from Cllr P Breese's father. It's an old map which shows boundaries and footpaths etc. Clerk to keep with all Council documents and filing.

At the level crossing the length of time that the barriers are down before the train arrives is as much as 7 minutes. This should be 2-3 minutes before the train arrives. Clerk to contact Network Rail to query the barrier timings.

Cllr P Breese: There has been a large gold van parked in the disabled place facing the fence for a long time at the car park on Bridge Street. Clerk to report to PCC

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Asked whether a letter has been sent to the resident who is continuing to not pick up dog fouling. Clerk confirmed that she reported it to PCC but not written a letter to the resident. Clerk to write letter to send direct to the resident in question as it is still going on.

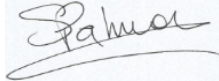
Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas also mentioned earlier in the meeting that parking outside the Buck Inn is still an issue. Lines are needed on the road here to stop cars parking and blocking the pavement. Clerk to chase up this request.

Cllr B O'Sullivan: The lights for the Christmas tree in Caersws go through the wringer each year and CCC may need to look at replacing them. Clerk to look into the cost for a new set of lights and add to the next agenda.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Chair Cllr L Gethin thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.34pm.

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)