

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 27th March 2019 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 M Harding, Cllr P Breese, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr R Davies.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

Members of the public present: None

1. Apologies: Cllr D Collington, Cllr I Astley.

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 were given.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 27th February 2019 were approved as an accurate record and proposed by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L George.

4. County Cllr Les George: Report

- Someone who uses one of the Caersws workshops reported that the doors are in a bad state. Clerk to ask PCC if these will be repaired.
- TCT recently discussed the Rights of Way as some of them in the area have been altered due to some developments. A local resident and avid walker was at the meeting and gave a good account of all the footpaths in the area. TCT is actively promoting the footpaths to attract people into the area.
- Not sure what's happening with the large caravan site planned that is within Llandinam ward. Water gathering in areas which could increase with 100 plus caravans added on higher ground. Not gone to planning yet but Clerk to ask Llandinam CC Clerk to make us aware when the planning application is put in.
- Station car park; work being done there has changed. Cllr L George has spoken to Claire Williams at Cambrian Railway Partnerships, they will be doing the platform but probably over night from the other side of the tracks so won't use the field as previously thought. There could be £100 million to invest in the railways. Cllr L George asked if there will be money for a car park and was told that there will be money for community projects. If CCC had a village plan it could be used to gain match funding etc. Cllr L George suggests that CCC put one together so we have it if something comes up that it could help receive funding for.
- Police meeting in Cardiff attended. Each county elects 3 people to represent on the police panel in order to hold the Police Commissioner to account. Police are working for the community. The Police budget and council tax has risen so Cllr L George would like to make people aware of how the system works so that things that people are unhappy about can be brought direct to the police.
- Powys Lottery is being introduced. This could be worth looking at and may be a good thing for CCC to enter.

5. Clerks Annual Review: *As no members of the public were present this confidential part of the meeting continued within the ordinary meeting.* Clerk left the meeting room in order for Cllrs to discuss her annual review and the new Scale Point from NALC which is effective from 01.04.2019. Clerk was asked to re-join the meeting and details were confirmed. These confidential details are confirmed within a document compiled by Cllr A Wallbank and are filed with the full minutes of the meeting.

6. Annual Web Hosting Contract and anti-virus for 2019/20; Clerk confirmed that PC-Q have been in contact in relation to the support and security cover which they have provided for the previous 12 months. A package covering support and antivirus, anti-malware etc was detailed and information given to Cllrs. Cllrs unanimously agreed that if the Clerk was happy with the service and package provided by PC-Q that they were happy to confirm the package suggested. Proposed by Cllr B O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr P Breese.

Clerk also reported that an invoice has been received for the annual web hosting and domain name for the CCC website. A quotation was also received from PC-Q in order to provide comparison as was discussed in 2018. The web hosting package quoted by PC-Q was a more cost effective option and Cllrs unanimously agreed to change the web hosting to PC-Q for this reason.

Further to the above was the question of the CCC website and whether it should be updated or a new website created. Approximate quotations were provided by the current web site provider and host and PC-Q which were discussed. Cllrs agreed that this is not an urgent matter but should be discussed further. Clerk to contact Cllr D Collington to ask for his views on this matter and add to the next agenda for discussion.

7. Projects:

- a) **War Memorial Refurbishment:** Clerk has received an email confirming that there was a delay to receiving the posts to go around the memorial but these should be received soon and then the work can begin.

- b) **Village Plan:** Further to discussion and suggestion made during agenda item 4, it was agreed that a Village Plan would be started and will develop at each meeting with input from Cllrs and further down the line other local groups and organisations. Clerk to begin putting some basic information together.

8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** Clerk has confirmed the response received from the land owner to the Trunk Road Agent and is awaiting a response as to whether they think any of these costs can be covered by them within the project.
- b) **Planning issue:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch. Clerk is continuing to chase this up on a regular basis but is yet to receive an update.
- c) **Dog Fouling** throughout Caersws. Still ongoing but better than it was. Clerk has chased PCC regarding the request for more bins and signs. Take off agenda next meeting
- d) **Defibrillator for Clatter:** Clerk has chased up the delivery for the defib and cabinet and
- e) **Standing Orders:** Clerk and Cllr A Wallbank will meet to go through these regulations in further detail but Cllrs present agreed to adopt the Standing Orders on the basis that there may be some sections updated at a later date. Proposed by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L George.
- f) **TCT: Change of use for Caersws Workshops:** Cllr R Davies said that it may depend on the European funding which was originally used for the workshops as retail use was not originally allowed. Clerk waiting to hear back from PCC whether this is possible and if so what is the process.
- g) **Grass cutting in Caersws and Clatter:** At the previous meeting Cllrs agreed to continue the contract with Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd. Clerk confirmed that the costs have been increased this year but they are still lower than other quotations received from other companies previously. Cllrs were still happy on this basis to continue the contract as agreed with Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd as they are very happy with the level of service and cost. Clerk to confirm.

9. Correspondence:

- a) **Local resident:** Publishing of Cllr Vacancies on website and Facebook page. All Cllrs present are happy to advertise on the website and Facebook page for any vacancies that arise in the future.
- b) **Local resident:** additional noticeboards outside Caersws Village Hall. Delma Thomas has offered to purchase two new noticeboards to be put on the fence outside Caersws Village Hall and for one of these to be for the use of CCC. Cllrs agreed this was very thoughtful and asked the Clerk to send a letter to Delma to gratefully accept this kind offer. The other board by the cross roads can then be for community use
- c) **Caersws Village Hall:** Thank you letter for funds received.
- d) **Local resident:** Roadworks in Llanwnog. Clerk confirmed that a resident emailed to complain about the roadworks in Llanwnog. Clerk contacted the PCC Highways officer in regards to this after receipt of the email who clarified the reason for the type of roadworks and the reason for not having traffic lights. PCC Officer did agree that the signing could have been better and that he would therefore address that issue with the foreman in charge of the particular job.
- e) **PAVO:** Community Connector has been in contact and asked whether the Council would like her to come to a meeting to introduce herself and confirm her role in the community. Clerk to invite her to the April meeting.
- f) **Caersws Concerned Residents Group** Correspondence. Information noted and discussed by Community Council. Clerk confirmed that the group also requested whether CCC would write to the Doctors surgery to ask whether they have the capacity to take on the extra. Cllrs feel that the group can request this themselves. Cllr L George feels that it is a community problem due to the flooding issue.
- g) **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales:** Review of Electoral Arrangements, Final Recommendations Report. Write to confirm happy with suggestion to keep Caersws and Carno together within a boundary for County Councillor elections.
- h) **Sion Williams:** Website translation service. Cllrs discussed and stated that there are Cllrs and people within the community who could translate the website for the Council. It has highlighted the fact that the website is only in English so this is something that will be discussed further and considered in line with looking at the website and possible changes.
- i) **Jill Evans MEP:** Communication received in regards to the dumping of nuclear waste in Wales. Cllrs agreed that they would not want nuclear waste dumped in this area.

10. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment:** Clerk has not received the quote promised by the plumber she spoke with prior to the Feb meeting so is continuing to chase this up. Clerk has met with a builder who can quote for all works (building, plumbing and electrics) and will give a full breakdown. Clerk has also met with someone from a company who refurbish toilets to create a Changing Places toilet. A quotation will be provided to compare with a straight forward refurbishment. It was mentioned that the toilets in Newtown are currently closed for refurbishment, Clerk to find out who they are using for the works.

- b) **Drains affecting neighbouring property:** Clerk confirmed latest updates from the neighbour to the toilets that Severn Trent have been out to do a dig but since this has been done the drains have been blocked again. Cllrs feel that this is an issue for Severn Trent to rectify.

11. Cemeteries:

- a) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard – stay with John G**
b) **Llanwnog Cemetery Risk Assessment:** Cllr A Wallbank for March 2019, confirm Cllr I Astley for April 2019. Cllr A Wallbank
c) **Llanwnog Cemetery Regulations Review**

12. 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.

1. **Application Reference: 19/0368/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:303148 N: 295344** Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building for the storage of fodder, machinery, housing of livestock and associated works. Site Address: Gwern Y Pwll, Llanwnog, Caersws, SY17 5PA
Caersws Community Council has no objection to this planning application.

13. Finances

a) Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses (Mar 2019)	£618.82
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£0
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£192.00
Border Janitorial	WC Supplies	£37.80
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£54.69

b) Revenue Received

W/C revenue	30 Jan – 27 Feb 19	£193.45
Leach & Son	Burial	£261.00
M E and A Hughes	New Memorial	£105.00

c) Bank Balances:

Clerk was unable to confirm the balances at the meeting but confirmed that these figures would be detailed within the minutes.

Current Account	= £6,838.20
Reserve Account	= £36,542.86

- d) **Bank Transfer letter for signature:** In line with approval at the previous meeting Clerk had drafted a letter requesting a transfer of £10,000 from the reserve account to the current account. This was agreed and signed by two signatories.

14. S137/S142 Donations:

Clerk confirmed the organisations/charities who have requested financial assistance. It was agreed to defer the S137 donation payment discussion to the April meeting as Cllrs felt that they would rather utilise the S137 for local groups and organisations as they feel that this would benefit the local community much more. Clerk to gather details of local groups and organisations for the next meeting.

15. Councillors Comments:

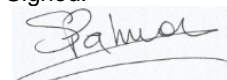
- **Cllr E Thomas:** Regarding the plaque on a tree at the cemetery from WI which fell down, they confirmed that they would like to their plaque to be put on a new tree within the cemetery.
- **Cllr P Breese:** Newtown are having a footbridge, where is ours? It seems that they are getting their project underway much quicker than the footbridge that has been granted for Caersws. Cllr L George confirmed that the money for the footbridge has been allocated and therefore commitment has been made to build it. It will be budgeted in for the next financial year.

16. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

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

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)