

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

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, Cllr D Collington, Cllr P Breese.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

Members of the public present: None

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.*
No declarations of interest were made.
3. **Minutes** of ordinary meeting held on 27th March 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr B O'Sullivan.
4. **Claire Powell: PAVO Community Connector:** Claire was originally due to come to the meeting to introduce herself to the Council but unfortunately had to cancel. Claire contacted the Clerk to confirm details of her new role and that someone else called Jessica would be taking over from her when she went on maternity leave. PAVO Community Connectors can provide important help and support to those in the community in a wide range of ways. Clerk has received a poster with contact details and information about the role which she will distribute on the noticeboards, Facebook and the Councils website.
5. **Public Speaking Session (15 minutes maximum time allocated)**
No members of the public were present.
6. **County Cllr Les George: Report**
 - For Cllrs information; there have previously been rumblings in the past that some land and property should be sold off: 140 holdings across Powys, when these come up lots of people want them and apply. Cllr L George and others are against PCC selling off its holdings and land.
 - **Police;** members of the community don't have a connection to the police. It has been suggested that they produce leaflets so people in the community know who is representing them and how to contact them. The leaflet will be circulated throughout communities.
 - Cllr L George went to visit the neighbour to the public conveniences about the continuing issue she is having with the drains. There are other properties sewerage going into her drains other than the public conveniences. Cllr L George doesn't see why a new trench can't be dug to create new drainage to the mains to alleviate the amount of sewerage to her property. The neighbour emailed the Clerk the day after Cllr L George's visit stating that Cllr L George misunderstood what she wanted and did not want him to do anything. Cllr L George proposed for CCC to pursue the idea of having a new drainage line put in from the toilets to the main sewer, this was seconded by Cllr B O'Sullivan. Clerk to send a letter to Severn Trent asking for the drains to be altered in order to prevent these blockages. Clerk confirmed that she has spoken to Severn Trent previously due to the pipes going from large to small and therefore becoming blocked and Severn Trent told her that any work to the drainage requested by CCC would be funded by CCC as they have stated that the drainage system is fit for purpose. Ask Severn Trent for a sewerage plan for the area. Clerk to action.
 - Cllr L George has been able to get the cherry tree planted in Clatter.
 - In relation to the entrance to the poultry unit; the barrier has been moved but no work has been carried out to make the entrance suitable. Clerk to continue to chase PCC as the last email received stated that the officer would be going to the site again to see what has been carried out if anything.
 - A road closure will be enforced at Bwlch y Garreg by the railway bridge. Cllr L George will forward the information to the Clerk to be distributed to all Cllrs and on CCC's Facebook page and website.
 - The Caersws Recreation Association has been successful in gaining the Lottery Funding for the play area of £86,000 which is a great achievement. Cllr L George proposed that the grass cutting paid for by CCC continues but with the cuttings collected. Cllrs present were in favour of this. Clerk will contact Andrew Evans who does the grass cutting and ask him for a new quotation once the new equipment has been installed at the play area.
7. **Website:** PC-Q has provided some information in regards to building a new website and Satch Norton who built CCC's current website has also provided details regarding updating the current website. Clerk to meet with Cllr D Collington to go through some ideas.

8. Projects:

- a) **War Memorial Refurbishment:** There has been no work carried out as yet, Clerk has chased up but received no update.
- b) **Village Plan:** Clerk has received an email from OVV regarding an event being held in June by OVV and Planning Aid Wales in relation to Community & Place Plans. Clerk may be able to attend this event if Cllrs think it would be useful. Andrew propose for Clerk to attend if able, seconded by Cllr L George. *Unfortunately it was not possible for the Clerk to attend this meeting.*
Clerk has made a start creating a document to use as some type of village/community plan. Cllrs had a look and made suggestions as to what other information to add to the plan. Clerk to forward the plan and contact local groups and organisations regarding information to include.

9. Matters Arising:

- a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** Clerk has not received a response as yet from the Trunk Road Agent in relation to widening the pavement. Some one tripped at the crossing recently and hurt themselves. Clerk to ask Trunk Road Agent if a proper pedestrian crossing could be installed as this road is very dangerous to cross. Newtown Bypass will increase the traffic and better measures should be put in place to make the village safer for road users and pedestrians.
- b) **Planning issue:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch. This item was covered in Cllr L Georges report (agenda item 6).
- c) **Defibrillator for Clatter:** Clerk conformed that she has received the defibrillator and passed it on prior to the meeting to a member of the Clatter Community Association so hopefully it will be installed soon. Cllr P Breese suggested to for the Association to paint the phone box green as other communities have done as it makes it stand out as a defibrillator location. It was noted that the defib at Caersws was used recently.
- d) **Standing Orders:** Cllr A Wallbank has been through the Standing Orders and is happy with the contacts. Clerk to forward to all Cllrs.
- e) **Change of use for Caersws Workshops:** Cllr L George noted that PCC planning will be looking to request a sum of money and potentially block plans etc for the planning application to be considered. Cllr L George proposed that PCC are asked to make the alterations to the use of the workshops as it is in the interests of PCC as much as CCC. Cllr L George will speak with PCC Planning Dept and report back to the council.
- f) **Christmas tree Lights:** Cllrs discussed what type of lights would be suitable and decided that LED's would be best and that they should be coloured. Clerk to get costs and the height of the tree should be confirmed.

10. Correspondence:

- a) **Abermule resident:** Poem about issue of recycling facility. Content noted, no action.
- b) **Planning Officers' Society for Wales (POSW):** Town and Community Council Clerks survey. Clerk to complete.
- c) **One Voice Wales & SLCC Joint Conference:** Clerk is aiming to attend this event and asked Cllrs is they would be happy for CCC to cover a third of the costs with her other Councils. All Cllrs present confirmed they are happy for Clerk to attend if she is able to.
- d) **SARPA Newsletter received:** Newsletter has previously been forwarded to Cllrs. Cllr A Wallbank has concerns over a matter regarding the units being upgraded as it is not what was previously confirmed. Ben Davies has suddenly left which suggests that there may be problems. Clerk to ask Claire Williams to attend a meeting to shed some light on what is happening. Cllr L George suggested that we also ask Claire what community projects are going on.

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

1. **Refurbishment:** Clerk still waiting on quotes.
2. **Drains affecting neighbouring property:** This item was covered during Cllr L George's report (agenda item 6).

12. Cemeteries:

1. **Llanwnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr I Astley for April, confirm Cllr N Francis for May 2019.
Cllr I Astley confirmed that Llanwnog is very tidy. The felt is going on the shed so could do with re-felting. Cllr N Francis stated that he knows someone who might do this and will approach him about it.
Cllr I Astley reported that the compost was littered with plastic wreaths etc. Cllr I Astley took it away and will recycle it.
Went to Shiloh which was tidy but around the corner it is a mess. Some expense will need to be spent at some stage as the old graves will need tidying up.
Cllr I Astley suggested doing the risk assessment twice a year as there are no new graves going in and not many members of the public go there. All present were in favour of this.

13. Finances

a) Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses (Apr 2019)	£708.37
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£23.20
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£240.00
Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd	Grass cutting in Caersws & Clatter	£278.40
Satch Norton	Work required to switch web hosting across to PC-Q	£175.00
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£36.28

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr D Collington.

b) Revenue Received

W/C revenue	05 Feb – 26 Mar 19	£173.90
M Jones & Son	Inscription	£105.75
M Jones & Son	New Memorial	£157.50

c) Bank Balances:

Current Account = £9,546.81
Reserve Account = £26,560.43

14. S137/S142 Donations: Local Groups for consideration were discussed and Cllrs agreed on the following amounts for donation to be paid at the next meeting:

Friendship Hour = £100 (Chq to Friendship Hour)

TCT = £100

Caersws Junior Football Club = £100

Caersws Village Club = £100

Women's Institute Llanwnog = £100

Cwtch Caersws (based at Caersws School) = £100

Caersws Friends of the School = £100

Christmas Party for Children = £100

St Johns Ambulance = £100

Cllr E Thomas confirmed that she will be purchasing a bouquet for the local resident who is turning 100 years old. Cllrs wish to contribute towards the cost of the bouquet as individuals.

The Clerk raised the point that The Recreation Association have recently been awarded the Lottery grant they applied for and so the £4,000 precept towards their project is now not required. Cllrs agreed unanimously to keep the £4,000 earmarked for keeping the area maintained e.g. continue grass cutting.

15. Councillors Comments:

Cllr P Breese: campervan at Caersws workshops parked there often. It was confirmed that it is owned by the owners of the Fish & chip shop whose son has a unit there.

Cllr M Harding: The white lines on the side of the road where they widened it have not been repainted. Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr I Astley: Surgery in Caersws, never has any appointments but Llanidloes surgery has lots. Cllr D Collington stated that as Llanidloes is the main practice it will generally have more availability.

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Dog fouling is still an issue. PCC were meant to be putting up more signs. Clerk will continue to chase this as PCC have previously stated that more signs and bins will be provided.

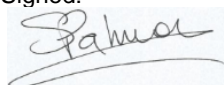
Cllr A Wallbank: What long term plans are there for Moat Lane junction to ensure that traffic can continue to flow when the barriers are closed at the level crossing? Clerk to ask if there are any long-term plans for the junction and make a suggestion that a slip road is introduced at the T-junction to enable traffic to continue to flow from Caersws to Newtown when the level crossing barriers are down.

Cllr B O'Sullivan: Reported that the small gate at the play area near to the primary school is always broken. Clerk to contact PCC.

The trailer full of rubbish is also still parked there. Clerk to write again to the owner to request for it to be removed.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th May 2019 at 7pm for the AGM followed by the ordinary meeting at Caersws Village Hall.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)