

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Present: Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr L George (left 8.10pm), Cllr P Breese, Cllr R Davies, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr N Francis.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

Members of the public present: 1 local resident was present

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Harding, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr D Collington and 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.*
None given
3. **Minutes** of meeting held on 26th June 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr E Thomas and seconded by Cllr L Gethin.
4. **Public Speaking Session (15 minutes maximum time allocated)**
No members of the public wishing to speak were present.

5. County Cllr Les George: Report

Caersws Footbridge: Cllr L George has received an update regarding the footbridge that it is in the system and still in the pipeline.

School Funding: funding is being cut due to a statemented child leaving the school. There is however another child who is still at Caersws school who also requires support but will now not receive it. Cllr L George has been to see the cabinet officer for education and asked about ensuring that the child remaining at the school receives the extra support required. There are concerns about cuts in funding and potential school closures. Cllr L George has grave concerns about the way in which the council is run and the amount of money wasted.

Cemetery Resurfacing: Cllr L George went to see the council about getting the roadway resurfaced when the road was done through Llanwnog. Llanwnog has recently been resurfaced throughout but the cemetery road was not done. Cllr L George has spoken again to PCC about this and they will be resurfacing again in the area so it may be done then.

One Voice Wales: other Town & Community Councils have raised the issue of the County Council not being helpful to the smaller councils. Cllr L George suggests that Community Councils' such as CCC need to do more and take on more in the long term.

Cofio Caersws: Very successful weekend with lots of people in attendance. Issues that were brought up with Cllr L George were flooding in Manthrig and Caersws generally. There should be more development in the village itself. There is a plan for 2025 to build council houses; CCC should be part of the planning process for any such developments. Introduce this into the village plan; pushing to develop the top of the village near the school.

Caersws sewerage: Pumping station by Sunnyside is where the sewerage is for the village, they are attending very often to pump out as the sewerage isn't working properly. There seems to be a serious sewerage situation happening which people aren't aware of. CCC need to keep on top of it and push to get things sorted. Young people are desperate for affordable housing within the village, the infrastructure is in place for development but it needs to be in the right place.

6. Projects:

- a) **War Memorial:** Management and Maintenance Plan: Clerk has drafted this document and will send a final copy out to Cllrs prior to the next meeting to be approved and signed at the next meeting.
- b) **Village Plan:** Clerk has added some more pages to this which cover projects and ideas for the future. An email has been received from the Caersws Concerned Residents Group supporting the Village Plan in the hope that it will be able to have an impact and sway on future developments.
Cllr L George will speak to Martin Wheel at PCC about support for the Village Plan from the County Council.

7. Matters Arising:

- a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park** Still nothing new on this as we are now just waiting for Welsh Government to decide whether they are willing to fund it. Cllrs agreed to leave this on the agenda until a decision has been reached by the Trunk Road Agent/Welsh Government.
- b) **Planning issue:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch Nothing further on this; only the work which was ordered by the Trunk Road Agent has been done and nothing further. PCC have not yet responded to the Clerk. Clerk to chase again from a response before the next meeting.
- c) **Defibrillators (Clatter & Llanwnog):** A quotation has been sent for installing the defibrillator in Clatter. Cllrs discussed and agreed unanimously that they were happy to cover the cost of installation. Clerk to add this to payments to be made at the next meeting.
- d) **Christmas tree Lights** This was discussed at the last meeting and two Cllrs were going to take a look at taking some height off the tree at some point.
- e) **Dog fouling** PCC stated that they would not install another bin at the pastures for dog waste to which the Clerk confirmed that CCC have not asked for an extra bin but just one bin in this area

as a lot of bags full of dog fouling are being thrown over the hedge in this area. PCC have not yet responded to the Clerk. Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas reported that dog fouling in the village is worse again. Clerk will re-publish the poster informing people that they should pick up their dog mess and also that other people can report it and those found to have offended can be fined.

- f) **Men's Shed Caersws** This was discussed at the previous meeting and as discussed, the Clerk has raised the idea of using the waiting room at the station as the Men's Shed. No response received yet.

Cllr L George left the meeting at 8.10pm

- g) **Caersws CC Logo** This is something which we looked at some time ago. The wording for Cyngor Cymuned Caersws is spelled incorrectly on the website but the wording is linked to the logo which is a roman helmet. The former Clerk has been asked about this previously but she doesn't have the original logo anymore so the words cannot just be changed, the whole logo will need to be re-done. Clerk has found some suitable logos online but they cannot be used without paying for them. Cllrs agreed on the font for the wording for the logo which they have agreed to get changed as soon as possible. In the mean-time the Clerk will look into the possibility of someone local within the community drawing a logo for CCC.

8. Correspondence:

- a) **Llanidloes Town Council:** Invitation to meeting on 22.07.19 regarding Llanidloes Hospital. Regarding the future of Llanidloes hospital. Cllr D Collington emailed the Clerk prior to the meeting to say that he will try and make the meeting if no one else can attend. *Following this meeting, the meeting for Llani Hospital was cancelled.*
- b) **Local resident:** Concerns over poultry units in Llanwnnog These emails have all been forwarded to Cllrs when received. The resident has concerns over the poultry units going through the planning process. The last unit to be in the planning process has recently been approved.
- c) **Powys Lotto:** new lottery to help local groups and organisations with funding. The Clerk has shared this info and Cllrs could also spread the word so that local organisations can look to benefit from it as well.
- d) **Welsh Government:** Non-domestic relief rates for public lavatories Confirmation that the Welsh Government are waiving the rates for public toilets. This doesn't affect CCC as Powys CC have always waived these fees but it is a positive thing that the Welsh Government are waiving these fees for all public toilets.
- e) **Local resident:** A local resident has recently asked the Clerk whether there would be some more defib training in Caersws. There will be some training at Clatter once the defib is installed and the Council will look to have further training at some point in the future.

The following items were not originally on the agenda but were added for discussion due to the Clerks upcoming annual leave:

The Recreation Association have asked if the Community Council could have the grass cut just prior to the equipment being installed and collected. Cllrs discussed and agreed that there should not be a need for the grass to be collected but it will be cut prior to the installation of the equipment and cut as short as possible.

Benches: Clerk confirmed that the person who is staining the benches has confirmed that it will be done by the end of August.

9. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment:** Nothing on this until the end of the tender process when there will hopefully be more quotations to compare.
- b) **Drains affecting neighbouring property:** Clerk has not heard anything recently from the neighbour to the toilets. Clerk has confirmed seeing Severn Trent tanks there unblocking the drains on several occasions.
- c) **Coin machine repair:** Since the previous meeting the coin machine at the gents toilets in Caersws has been jammed and needed repair. Clerk looked into other options but had to call out Healthmatic to repair the machine. This has been done and the machine is now working fine. An invoice has been received which is detailed in bills to be paid item on the agenda.

The following item was not on the original agenda but requires discussion prior to the next meeting and the Clerks annual leave:

WC Cleaner has confirmed that he will be on holiday between 22/07/19 and 02/08/19 and has contacted the person who has covered the cleaning previously who is willing and able to cover for this period of time. Clerk to contact both to confirm.

10. Cemeteries:

- a) **Llanwnnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr A Wallbank for July and confirm Cllr I Astley for August 2019 Cllr A Wallbank was unable to attend the meeting and has not yet been able to carry out the risk assessment but will do so when he returns and will present it at the next meeting in August.
- b) **Roadway & signs:** Llanwnnog Cemetery The Clerk will look to start gathering some quotations to re surface the roadway in case PCC do not do this. There are also some faded signs which the Clerk will look to replace.

11. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 19/1043/HH.** Grid Reference: **E:303099 N: 291985.** Proposal: Erection of extensions and conversion of garage to living space. Site Address: Westbourne , Greenlands Lane, Caersws, SY17 5EZ

Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.

- b) **Application Ref: 19/1064/ELE.** Grid Ref: **E:** 300426 **N:** 295194. Proposal: Section 37 application under the Electricity Act 1989 Overhead Lines (exemption). (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 to erect an additional pole. Location: Crossgates, Clatter, Caersws Powys SY17 5NN

Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.

12. Finances

a) Bank Balances: (to 28.06.19)

Current Account = £7,735.73
Reserve Account = £38,300.47

Bank transfer request was signed by two cheque signatories in order to transfer funds from reserve account to current account.

b) Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & Expenses (July 2019)	£688.90
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk	£23.40
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£192.00
Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd	Grass cutting (Caersws & Clatter)	£278.40
ME and A Hughes Ltd	War memorial Refurbishment	£5,368.00
St Johns Cymru	Defibrillator cabinet (Llanwnog)	£539.88
St Johns Ambulance Supplies	Spare defibrillator pads (Caersws)	£111.60
Healthmatic	Coin Machine repair at WC	£328.08
SLCC	Clerks Membership (split between 3 Councils)	£52.00
Southern Electric	W/C Electricity (Direct Debit)	£25.68

c) Revenue Received

W/C revenue	30 May – 25 June 19	£249.71
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13. Councillors Comments:

Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan: Suggested having a plan for the benches across the wards as it would be good to eventually replace all of the wooden benches with the recycled plastic ones which will not deteriorate for a very long time and require no upkeep. Clerk to add to the next agenda for discussion.

Cllr L Gethin: the nettles on the pathway over the Manthrig Brook are still bad, Clerk to chase PCC.

Cllr N Francis: Cllr N Francis confirmed that he will be resigning effective immediately. Cllr stated that something else has come up and he would rather do one thing properly than try and do too much. He thanked Cllrs and Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked him for his long service as a community Councillor in Caersws.

Clerk confirmed that due to the resignation of Cllr N Francis there is now a vacancy on the Council. A notice of vacancy will be posted on Noticeboards, website and Facebook page to confirm that a vacancy has occurred and give the local community the option to request an election. Clerk to action.

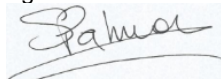
Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: People are often parking their cars on the pavements on Chapel Street. The suggestion was made to ask the Chapel if people can use the chapel car park during the week. Clerk to contact the relevant person.

14. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th August 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.58pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)