

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Present: Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan, Vice chair Cllr D Collington, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr L George, Cllr P Breese, Cllr R Davies, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr M Harding, Cllr I Astley.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

Members of the public present: 6 members of the public were present in total including members of the Caersws Concerned Residents Group.

This meeting is being held in order to discuss and construct a response to the Planning Application detailed within the agenda below.

1. **Apologies:** Michael Cheshire
2. **New Councillor Co-option:** Mr Michael Cheshire was unable to attend this extraordinary meeting so he will be co-opted at the next meeting he is able to attend.
3. **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 5a.
4. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
6 members of the public were present, 5 from the Caersws Concerned Residents and 1 other local resident

Caersws Concerned Residents Group:

The spokesperson for the group reiterated the concerns which the group have that have not changed with the amended plans. They made the following points:

- Would like CCC to ask for site visit for the village
- Sewerage is an issue across the village and would like this to be highlighted
- The owners of The Firs have NOT given consent to the developer or PCC to utilise the piece of land owned by them which is included in the development
- PCC or developer should be liable if problems occur if the development goes ahead

Caersws resident:

This local resident wanted to come to clarify her objection to this planning application which included the following points:

- New to the area and highlighted what a warm and welcoming place Caersws is with a strong community feel with the Community Council at the heart.
- Not opposed to development in Caersws or surrounding area but is opposed to this development which puts the heart of the village at risk of devastation. Increase in risk of flooding in Manthrig Brook – no longer seasonal flooding. Can evidence that over the last two years. Frequency of flooding, height of flooding and speed of the flood water. A number of factors that affect the flooding of the brook.
- There are elderly and vulnerable people as well as people with children. There is an increased risk to public safety due to increased risk of flooding with this development.
- Has been in touch with police in regards to public safety to close the road when it is flooded. People put themselves at risk when flooding is occurring. People also try to drive through the flood which puts peoples' homes at risk by pushing the flood water towards and into the nearby properties.
- This should be opposed for the overall survival of Caersws.

5. **Planning:**

- a) **AMENDED PROPOSALS CONSULTATION Application Reference: Reference: P/2017/0754.**
Grid Reference: **E:** 302533 **N:** 292267. Proposal: Outline: Proposed housing development for 43 residential units, sheltered housing proposal and construction of a bus layby Site Address: Land At Penyborfa, Carno Road, Caersws, Powys SY17 5JA

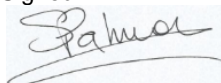
Draft National Development Framework Response:

Councillors raised the issue of the National Development Framework and although previously decided not to send a response, it was felt that the council should send a general response to the draft NDF as a whole but not go through and answer the specific questions raised within the consultation response document.

Councillors discussed the points that were felt to be the most significant to comment on and why. Clerk confirmed the stance and comments made by Russell George AM and CPRW which Councillors were in agreement with. It was agreed that the Clerk would construct a draft response for Councillors to agree at the next meeting at the end of October in order to respond to the consultation by 1st November.

6. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)