

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

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: 4 members of the Caersws Concerned Residents Group were present at the meeting

1. **New Councillor Co-option:** Mr Michael Cheshire is out of the country so will aim to attend the next meeting of the council to be officially co-opted.
2. **Apologies:** Mr Michael Cheshire
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.* Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan declared an interest in the matter of the Caersws Christmas Party which although not on the agenda was agreed to be added to the correspondence due to it being time sensitive.
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 25th September 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr L Gethin. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 8th October 2019 were also proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr P Breese.
5. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
No members of the public were present.
6. **County Cllr Les George: Report**
 - Development on the field at the Weig Lane turning. No problem using this for the owners but due to its proximity to the main road and the level crossing there are safety concerns and the correct procedures must be followed in terms of planning etc. CCC has notified PCC about the gateway and they will be looking into it.
 - Clerk now has the name of the PCC Officer who looks after the workshop units in Caersws for future reference.
 - PCC will be looking at the budget for next year in May. The rates and taxes will potentially be raised again. Cllr L George feels that CCC should be voicing more of an opinion on these matters and demanding more for the rises as currently the people of Powys are receiving less services but paying more.
 - Cemetery roadway needs repairing. PCC will be in the area doing the roads soon so Cllr L George is trying to find out if they can do the cemetery driveway at the same time.
 - Flooding recently was very bad. The flood water went further this time than residents have seen it before. Manthrig Lane was at least closed this time when it was flooded which is better for residents.
 - A site visit seems to be in the pipeline for the Carno Road development. Clerk should be given details of the site visit once it is organised.
 - The new playground looks fantastic and being well used.
 - Funding may be available for certain things in the future which CCC should be looking into. There is a drop-in meeting arranged by Russell George AM on 8th November in Welshpool regarding funding.
7. **Projects:**
 - a) **Village Plan:** Community Engagement is needed. Put an open question on FB asking what local residents want and how they would like to be involved in the Village Plan and future plans for Caersws and its wards. Clerk has started looking at Google maps in order to try and create different maps showing different information in and around the Caersws Wards.
8. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** TRA have responded and confirmed that this is on the radar of the Welsh Government at the moment so hopefully we may hear something. This will also include the request for a crossing in Caersws. Clerk to keep chasing this matter for further updates.
 - b) **Parking on pavements at Chapel Street:** Letters have been sent to residents informing them that they have permission to use the Chapel car park between 5pm and 7am in order to try and alleviate the issue of residents parking on pavements.
 - c) **Pelican crossing – Caersws:** see agenda item 8a.
 - d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** Clerk confirmed that she has received no updates regarding this matter and will continue to chase it up.
9. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Planning issues:** Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch; Cllr L George Gateways in Caersws, Bungalow in Caersws. Clerk confirmed that she has passed on all details of the two gateways

and the house in and around Caersws. Clerk will chase up if received no update prior to the next meeting.

- b) **Defibrillator (Llanwnog):** Clerk has spoken with the resident at Llanwnog Barn who would have been happy to have the defibrillator next to his house but not attached to it, plus the electricity supply would be complicated to get to. Clerk confirmed that there is still permission from the church and regarding the phone box, Clerk has confirmed that it is not in use as there is no phone in it but is still trying to get hold of the right people/department at BT in order to ask about adopting it for the purposes of a defibrillator.
- c) **Men's Shed Caersws:** This matter is in hand with those who are trying to set it up. Cllrs confirmed for this item to be removed from the agenda for the time being.
- d) **Caersws CC Logo:** Cllr L George will look into this more and Clerk confirmed that a local resident was going to ask someone, no update on this at present but will chase up before the next meeting.
- e) **Bench plan:** Maps being put together in line with the Village Plan. Cllr E Thomas asked about the benches being stained. Clerk to confirm someone to do this by the next meeting.
- f) **Dog Fouling:** The Recreation Association have asked about how they can enforce no dog fouling at the new playground. Cllrs agreed that dogs should not be allowed at all in this new area which should eliminate the issue.
- g) **PAVO:** Listening to you visit. Due to having precept discussion at the November meeting and no planned December meeting Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to request that PAVO attend a meeting in January or February.
- h) **Draft National Development Framework:** Response drafted by Clerk was sent to Cllrs who unanimously agreed to send the letter. Clerk to action.

10. Correspondence:

- a) **Trefeglwys Community Council:** Support request regarding clinical waste issue. Cllrs were in agreement with TCC regarding the need to send less items which do not biodegrade to landfill and look for a better solution. Clerk to confirm that CCC are in support.
- b) **SSAFA & One Voice Wales:** VE Day 75 Celebrations. Cllrs agreed to look at this more in the New Year.
- c) **Power For People:** Council motion request re national community energy campaign. Cllrs agreed to support this.
- d) **Independent Remuneration Panel:** Draft Annual Report Consultation. Not much detail has altered for CCC. Cllrs noted the details, no action required.
- e) **Welsh Government:** Planning Consultations. Information noted, no action.
- f) **Powys CC:** Powys War Memorial Project Films. Information has been forwarded to all Cllrs. Clerk suggesting adding the link to the film to the website and Facebook page. Clerk to action.
- g) **Llanwnog Community Society:** Looking for help and volunteers to keep the society going. Cllr L George is on the committee but has suggested that many more people would be needed to be able to continue in the way that they want to. Clerk to put the details sent by the Society on Facebook and the website etc.

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment:** Clerk is waiting for builder to contact her about moving forward with the work and when toilets would need to be closed etc.
- b) **Neighbours driveway being blocked on a regular basis:** The owner of the property next to the toilets has had issues with people blocking her driveway. Clerk has contacted PCC who are happy for CCC to put polite signs up asking people not to block neighbour's driveways. Cllrs agreed for two signs to be purchased and put up at the toilets. Clerk to action.

12. Cemeteries:

- a) **Llanwnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr L George did the risk assessment for October and it was reported that a lot of the headstones in the new part of the cemetery have moved quite a lot. It is believed that there may be a regulation that new headstones need to be erected on hard ground. Clerk to speak to Funeral Directors about this and confirm details. Cllr A Wallbank confirmed that he would do the risk assessment for November 2019.
Cllr L George confirmed that the road into the cemetery needs repairing. PCC will be in the area sometime soon and Cllr L George will see if they can do the cemetery at the same time.
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard:** information regarding the Trust has been confirmed by a legal advisor the Clerk met at the OVW conference. Cllrs asked for Clerk to clarify more details such as what costs are involved and confirm with the current trustees if they wish to continue as trustees. Clerk to action.

13. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 19/1528/HH.** Grid Reference: **E:304341 N: 295255.** Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement Site Address: Bronhau, Bwlch-Y-Ffridd, Newtown, SY17 5PB
Cllrs confirmed that they are in support of this application.
- b) **Application Ref: 19/1538/DEM.** Grid Ref: **E: 301453 N: 292441** Proposal: Demolition of agricultural building Location: Weeg, Wig Lane, Caersws Powys SY17 5RE
Cllrs confirmed that they have no objections to this application.

c) Notice of Making of 5 public path Orders, Newtown anomalies and Severn Way improvements

Cllrs confirmed that they have no objections to this application.

14. Finances

a) Bank Balances:

Current Account = £11,222.12
Reserve Account = £35,041.42

b) Bills for payment:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & Expenses (October 2019)	£708.70
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (September 2019)	£23.40
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at Caersws W/C	£192.00
Andrew Evans Landscape Ltd	Grass cutting (Caersws & Clatter)	£456.00
One Voice Wales	Clerk Training	£40.00
Gwynne Woosnam	Grass cutting Llanwnog cemetery	£2,418.00
Caersws Village Hall	Fee for extra meeting	£15.00
Caersws Christmas Party	Donation for Christmas Party 2019	£200.00
K Gethin	Poppy Wreath	£17.00
Caersws Village Hall	Donation towards works completed	£7,000.00

c) Revenue Received

W/C revenue	29 Aug – 25 Sept 19	£229.10
Powys CC	War Memorial Funding	£4,026.00
Leach & Son	New Memorial	£315.00

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr A Wallbank and seconded by Cllr P Calvin-Thomas.

15. Councillors Comments

Cllr L George: do we want to proceed to try and get a car park in Caersws. What do we need to do next? Cllr L George confirmed that PCC have confirmed that CCC could get a transfer and PCC would apply to Welsh Government for a capital grant to complete the work. Add to the agenda for the future.

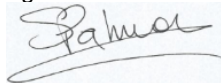
Cllr M Harding: There is a sunken drain on the road where Cllr lives which could cause a lot of damage. Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr P Breese: a drain was put in and the road has sunk either side. Lorries have made the road worse and the water is bypassing the drains and running down the road. Clerk to contact PCC.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.34pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)