

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Wednesday 27th November 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, Cllr M Cheshire.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

1. **New Councillor Co-option:** Mr Michael Cheshire was welcomed by the Council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in order to confirm him as a Councillor for Caersws Community Council.
2. **Apologies:** None given
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.*
No declarations of interest were given
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 30th October 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr B O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr M Harding.
5. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
No members of the public present
6. **Grass cutting:** Quotations for 2020 grass cutting were received, however Cllrs agreed that a third quotation would be advantageous. Clerk to chase third quote to be discussed and agreed during the January 2020 meeting.
7. **Accounts and Budget review and Precept setting for 2020/21:** Clerk had sent up to date accounts and budget information to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs worked through the different needs and requirements of the council and agreed unanimously on a precept amount of £33,211. Clerk to request this amount from PCC.
8. **Meeting Dates:** Meeting dates for 2020 were discussed and agreed for the last Wednesday of each month apart from July when the meeting will be brought forward and December when no meeting is held.
9. **County Cllr Les George: Report**
 - **Carno CC:** Have increased toilets charge to £1 and have asked if CCC will do the same, Cllrs discussed this briefly but unanimously decided that the charge of 20p would not be increased at this time.
 - **Manthrig Brook:** local resident complained and PCC cleared the Manthrig Brook but it has filled again. The issue is the culvert and not the Brook itself.
 - **Village Plan:** Need to push our interest to have development in appropriate areas such as on elevated land. CCC is not a nimby council and this should be made clear. CCC want development where it is appropriate. Clerk to contact PCC. Look at getting Village Plan onto Supplementary Planning Guidance.
 - **Trees at Maes y Dre:** There have been issues in this area for years. Approach again when there is more chance of a positive outcome with landowner.
 - **Flooding Consultation:** Making changes to the flood risk areas. Caersws Concerned Residents Group have asked CCC to respond to this consultation. Cllr A Wallbank has agreed to speak to Concerned Residents and put a response together which will be sent to the Clerk for her to forward to all Cllrs to approve prior to sending.
 - **Craig Williams** has replaced Glyn Davies as the new MP for the area, he will be in Caersws 10am tomorrow morning to meet with local residents and answer any questions.
 - **Idea for ABC (Able Bodied Carers)** that could potentially be set up as a charity where volunteers help people in their local area with small jobs which they cannot do themselves. Clerk to look into this further.
10. **Projects:**
 - a) **Village Plan:** Clerk to ensure that the planning section within the village plan is made a priority and look into how to get the plan confirmed onto SPG (Supplementary Planning Guidance) within the LDP (Local Development Plan). Plans for development need to be on elevated land. Clerk to contact PCC Planning to find out if and how this can be done.
11. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** Highways officers have been seen at the site and the Trunk Road Agent confirmed that Welsh Government Officers would be coming out to take a look at the site. Clerk will chase the outcome of this before the next meeting.
 - b) **Pelican crossing – Caersws:** No further updates, Clerk to chase.

- c) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** Clerk confirmed that she has forwarded original emails to several people but has received no response. Markings and signage was originally promised but neither have happened. Clerk to continue to chase this.
- d) **Flooding:** Bridge by football ground & Manthrig Lane. Clerk confirmed that she has contacted the train company regarding this issue but has had no response as yet, she will chase up again before the next meeting.

12. Matters Arising:

- a) **Defibrillator (Llanwnog):** Clerk has not yet been able to get details from BT regarding the phone box in Llanwnog and whether or not it has been adopted. Clerk confirmed it is not in use any more as there is no phone in it. Clerk to continue to chase BT.
- b) **Caersws CC Logo:** Cllrs looked at logos designed by someone locally. To be discussed further at the next meeting.
- c) **Bench plan:** Clerk is waiting for someone local to come back with a price for staining the benches as the person previously confirmed has not done it and the Clerk hasn't been able to get in touch with him.
- d) **Dog Fouling:** Cllrs agreed that it would be best for the new play area in Caersws to not allow dogs to prevent an issue with fouling. Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan also confirmed that the dog waste bins are still not being collected at the Football Club, Clerk to chase this up with PCC.
- e) **PAVO:** Listening to you visit. Clerk to confirm PAVO representative attending the Feb meeting.
- f) **Environment Wales Act 2016 Section 6,** plan to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity. Clerk has drafted a plan which was agreed and approved.

13. Correspondence:

- a) **PACT Meeting Dates.** Clerk to request details from the Police in order to confirm these dates for Cllrs and to publicise on the Facebook page and noticeboards.
- b) **Welsh Government:** the need to secure biodiversity enhancement as part of the consideration of development proposals. Details noted, no action.
- c) **Robin Road:** Details of mobile app for councils. Details noted, not relevant to CCC.
- d) **Big Lottery Funding:** Countryside Access. Information noted.
- e) **Board of Community Health Councils in Wales:** Questionnaire. Clerk to liaise with Cllr D Collington and construct a response.
- f) **Powys Community Health Council:** survey
- g) **Welsh Ambulance Service:** Register for defibrillators. Clerk to confirm the details of the defibs already located within the wards.
- h) **Heritage HuB for Mid Wales:** Powys Pioneers Digital Heritage Feasibility & Business Options. Clerk to share the information with Delma Thomas.
- i) **Welsh Government:** Proposed amendments to SuDS. Details noted, no action.
- j) **PCC:** Powys schools vision 2019. Information noted.
- k) **Cinnamon Trust Clatter:** Request to share info. Clerk to share information on noticeboards and online.

14. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment:** Clerk and Chairman have met with the builder due to carry out the work in order to confirm work to be done. He has stated that he won't be able to start the work until the New Year and we will arrange to meet again prior to the date once he can confirm.
- b) **Signage to prevent people parking in front of residents' driveways:** Nothing ordered yet. Clerk will aim to get something ordered and in place by the next meeting.

15. Cemeteries:

- a) **Llanwnog & Shiloh Clatter Cemetery Risk Assessments:** Cllr A Wallbank for November and confirm Cllr I Astley for December 2019 and Cllr David Collington for January 2020. Cllr A Wallbank confirmed that there is a wobbly headstone that could do with being repaired. Shiloh is in good condition
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard:** information regarding the Trust. Clerk has spoken to a trustee who will confirm with the other trustees what they wish to do long term. Clerk is also waiting to confirm with a solicitor the costs involved in transferring the trust across to the Community Council should that be the outcome.

16. Planning:

- a) **Planning Issues/Queries:**
 1. **Entrance to poultry unit in Pontdolgoch:** this has been done.
 2. **Gateways in Caersws:** the two gateways (near to The Unicorn and near Weig Lane crossing) are being looked into by Planning.
 3. **Bungalow in Caersws without planning:** Planning Dept have asked the Clerk to confirm some details and are investigating this as well as the above.
 4. **Penyborfa development updates:** no updates at present. The Concerned Residents Group have been in contact in relation to the consultation which relates to changes to TAN 15. They have asked that CCC respond to this consultation. Cllr A Wallbank said that he has looked at the documentation and had some points to make which all Cllrs present agreed with. Cllr A Wallbank agreed to contact the Concerned Residents Group in regards to their thoughts on the consultation and construct a response for the Welsh Government.

The drafted response will be sent to the Clerk in order to forward to forward to Cllrs for approval prior to sending on.

17. Finances

a) **Letter for transfer of funds between accounts to be signed by two signatories:** approved and signed.

b) **Bank Balances:**

Current Account = £13,542.04
Reserve Account = £35,041.42

c) **Bills for payment:**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & Expenses (November 2019)	£683.14
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (November 2019)	£23.40
Sophie Palmer	Clerks Salary (December 2019) <i>Dated 26.12.19</i>	£631.83
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (December 2019)	£23.20
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Oct-Nov)	£192.00
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Nov – Dec) <i>Dated 15.12.19</i>	£192.00

Discussed and agreed for payment at the Chairmans discretion:
Clatter Community Centre Donation towards works completed £7,000.00

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

d) **Revenue Received**

W/C revenue	26 Sept – 30 Oct 19	£215.00
Hamer Funeral Services	Burial fee	£157.50
I B Williams & Son	New Memorial fee	£263.25
Hamer Funeral Service	Cremation fee	£157.50
Leach & Son	New memorial fee	£157.50

18. Councillors Comments:

Cllr P Calvin-Thomas: Drains at Severn Street; Cllr L George has spoken with PCC and hopefully this will be looked at.

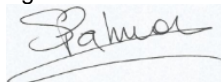
Cllr I Astley: would like PCC Highways to go up the Bwlch y Garreg road to see the state it is in and get it sorted out. Clerk to contact Highways and request this.

Cllr M Harding: There are some very bad potholes and patches of road further up from Llanwnnog farm. Clerk to contact PCC.

19. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. The meeting was closed at 10.09pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)