

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK THE COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

**Present:** Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan, Vice chair Cllr D Collington, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Breese, Cllr M Harding (was present but lost connection near the start for the meeting).

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr R Davies, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr L Gethin, Cllr L George.
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.*  
Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest in agenda item 7a3.
3. **Minutes** of remote meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr A Wallbank and seconded by Cllr D Collington.
4. **Highway Matters:** As there is no update for the below items Cllr D Collington suggested that such items are left at the bottom of the agenda so that time is not wasted during the meeting going over these matters which have not progressed. Clerk to action.
  - a) **Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** This is still in the hands of the Trunk Road Agent. Clerk will continue to chase for an update.
  - b) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No update
  - c) **Roundabout on Long Length:** Cllr L George may have an update at the next meeting.
  - d) **Caersws footbridge** Cllr L George may have an update at the next meeting.

## 5. Matters Arising:

- a) **Defibrillator (Llanwnnog)** No update
- b) **Caersws CC Logo:** a request has been passed on following the last meeting for the stone work of the bridge to be shown on the logo. No further update.
- c) **Benches** the benches purchased previously cost £890 (plus vat) for two. Clerk to confirm whether further discount is available if purchasing more be
- d) **Dog Fouling** Cllr P Breese mentioned issues at Bwlch y Frydd lakes and will forward the details to the Clerk to look into.
- e) **Flood Consequences Assessment** Clerk has received no response from the Planning Officers regarding this, Clerk to keep chasing and send the request to someone more senior.
- f) **Electric Car Charging** no response received from Bradleys
- g) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Climate Change Questionnaire. A poll has been added to Facebook to ask local residents whether they feel CCC should declare a climate emergency. The results will be discussed at the August meeting.
- h) **PCC:** Consultation on home to school/college transport policy. Cllrs discussed and felt that this should be objected to due to the issue that some students have no choice but to travel out of county for the course they wish to study and some may live closer to a college over the border than one in their own county. Clerk to respond.
- i) **Train Issues:** Newtown ticket office closure and discouragement to use trains. People will be starting to use trains more as work places and shops etc are gradually reopening.

## 6. Correspondence:

*All correspondence relating to COVID-19 has been forwarded to Cllrs and shared online where necessary*

- a) **PCC:** Engagement relating to ALN/SEN provision across Powys. Cllr felt that this must be supported. Clerk to respond.
- b) **Cllr L Gethin:** Resignation letter. Cllr L Gethin has decided to leave the council as he had intended only to be on it for around 3 years and feels that he can let someone new and possibly younger come onto the council. Cllrs confirmed their disappointment in him leaving. Cllr E Thomas (prior to the meeting) proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr L Gethin. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Les Gethin and action the notice of vacancy.
- c) **PCC:** Virtual meeting with Town & Community Councils Clerk attended a remote meeting hosted by PCC with Town & Community Councils. Although there was nothing discussed which was specifically relevant to CCC the Clerk felt that this was a useful engagement exercise and will be a good way to put queries to PCC and the senior members of the council as and when these meetings are held.

## 7. Planning

### a) Planning Applications:

- i. **Application Reference: 20/1034/RES** Grid Reference: **E:300677 N: 294133** Proposal: Reserved matters application in relation to planning approval P/2017/0969 for the

erection of 2x dwellings, formation of vehicular access, access road and all associated works. Site Address: Land Opp Cefn Y Wern, Pontdolgoch, Caersws, SY17 5NJ  
**Cllr had no objections to the above application.**

- ii. **Pre-application consultation:** Cwm Hafren Field, Aelybryn, Aberhafesp, Newtown Powys SY16 3HR. Proposed development for a holiday park.  
**Cllrs have some concerns over the access for this development due to the road being quite dangerous. Clerk to put these concerns to the applicant.**
- iii. **Application Reference: 20/0942/HH** Grid Reference: **E:304112 N: 295536** Proposal: Demolition of existing side & rear extension and erection of a detached garage, single storey side extension and two storey rear extension Site Address: Waen, Bwlch-y-ffridd, Newtown, Powys SY16 3JF  
**Due to Cllr A Wallbank declaring an interest in this application, the Council was not quorate to discuss this.**

**b) Issues/Queries:**

- i. **Gateways in Caersws (Unicorn)** Comments have been made by Cllr L George and the Welsh Government on the planning portal which echo the concerns of CCC. Clerk to confirm this direct to the planning Dept
- ii. **Poultry Unit issues** – Llanwnnog & wider area. This is a developing issue and the Clerk has been in contact with CPRW regarding how CCC can support the action that they are taking and whether there is anything CCC can do. Clerk is waiting on more information but is sending on details from local resident who is spending a lot of time going through application information and various regulations etc. Keep on the agenda.
- iii. **Planning Dept:** Reasons for Refusal Planning information. PCC have confirmed that there is no such document. Clerk has requested that a planning officer attend a CCC meeting to discuss how CCC can effectively respond to planning.

**8. Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) Blockage at men's toilets No update at present
- b) No Parking notices Notices have been purchased to give to the neighbour to put up outside her property to stop people blocking her gates.

**9. Cemeteries:**

- a) **Yr Ynys Island:** Improvement works to be carried out No information received yet regarding timings or costs.
- b) **Mole Hills:** Update regarding mole issue Mole Catcher left traps there for a few days but did not catch any. He said that the moles must have moved on somewhere else but he will put traps down again if it comes back

**10. Finances:**

- a) Bank Balances:  
Current Acc = £13,034.08  
Reserve Acc = £16,794.43

**b) Bills to be Paid:**

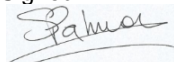
Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (July 2020)	£655.03
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HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (June 2020)	None to pay
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (July 20)	£192.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting at Caersws and Clatter (June/July)	£340.80
CAS	Council Insurance (annual)	£381.24

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed by Cllr D Collington and seconded by Cllr P Breese.

11. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. It is yet to be decided whether this will be held remotely or in person.

Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked Cllrs for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)