

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Chair Cllr B O'Sullivan, Vice Chair Cllr D Collington, Cllr P Breese, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr R Davies, Cllr L George (arrived at 8.04pm), Cllr M Harding (was present but lost connection near the start).

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

1. **Apologies** Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, 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.*  
Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest in Agenda Item 9b
3. **Minutes** of decisions made on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were agreed and proposed by Cllr D Collington and seconded by Cllr M Cheshire.

*This item was swapped with Agenda Item 5 due to Cllr L George not being logged on yet.*

4. **Cllr Les George Report:**
5. **Councillor Vacancy:** Only one person wrote to the Clerk showing interest in the vacancy. Cllrs discussed and unanimously agreed to invite Mr Colin Woosnam to join the council. Clerk to contact him and send relevant details and invite Mr Woosnam to the next meeting to be officially co-opted onto the council.
6. **Highway Matters:**
  - a) **Logs blocking culvert, Main Street** PCC have removed the logs due to the flooding risk but have clarified that next time it would need to be the land owners' responsibility. Cllrs confirmed that there is still some debris near the culvert as the water level rose again and it looks like the waterway needs dredging. Clerk to go back to PCC to confirm whose responsibility this is.

## 7. Matters Arising:

- a) **Benches:** Cllrs agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting
- b) **Caersws CC Logo:** The logo has been updated. Cllrs discussed and unanimously agreed that they are happy to use it. Clerk to action.
- c) **Ownership of Caersws War Memorial** Waiting for confirmation of the ownership of the land that the war memorial is on. Cllrs stated that the church is waiting to hear from the Clerk so there may have been messages gone astray. Clerk to contact the Church and confirm that CCC are awaiting confirmation of ownership.
- d) **Flooding issues** Update from Russell George confirming that there was due to be a site meeting in Caersws with PCC, NRW etc to look at and discuss the flooding issue in Caersws. This has been delayed due to COVID-19. Clerk to chase up any update on this.
- e) **PCC:** Virtual meeting with Town & Community Councils 15.10.2020. Clerk asked Cllrs whether there are any queries that they wish to be brought up at the virtual meeting. Cllrs suggested that the items mentioned at the previous meeting should be raised. The IPU's are a prominent item at present in the National as well as local news so PCC should be asked about this issue.

## 8. Correspondence:

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

- a) **Local Resident:** Men's Shed Zoom presentations: Information noted and shared
- b) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Free Community sessions available Information noted
- c) **Mid Wales Arts:** Online 'Open' Exhibition Information noted and shared
- d) **PCC:** Licensing Consultation Information noted, no action
- e) **SARPA:** Rail Franchising info received from SARPA noted, no action
- f) **Protest Against Poultry Farms information:** Information noted, Clerk to look into regarding whether the Council can share support
- g) **One Voice Wales:** Online training available Information noted, no action

## 9. Planning

### a) Planning Applications:

1. **Application Reference: 20/1359/OUT** Grid Reference: **E:302167 N: 293819** Proposal: Outline application for erection of 3 dwellings, upgrading of existing vehicular and pedestrian access with some matters reserved - (appearance and landscaping only reserved) and associated works Site Address: Land At Post Office Field, Llanwnog, Caersws, Powys SY17 5JG  
**Cllrs discussed the above application and would like to see a more sympathetic design which would be more in keeping with the village.**

**b) Issues/Queries:**

- 1. Poultry Unit issues** – Pertheirin expansion application & wider area. There is one new document on the planning portal added on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept from the Welsh Government stating that the application should not be granted until outstanding works required on the highway are completed in line with the original application. Cllrs were surprised that only Highways should have an issue with this application as this is an ongoing concern.

**10. Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) Ongoing issues with blockages at toilets** There is now a blockage in one of the ladies cubicles. Cllrs confirmed they are happy for Clerk to get the blockage cleared. Clerk also confirmed that she would look to put up more signs and also look into the costs for sanitary bin emptying to ensure that no items are being flushed that shouldn't be.
- b) Blocked coin slot at Mens' toilet** The coin slot on the mens' toilets was blocked as someone had used copper coins. Clerk unblocked it.

**11. Cemeteries:**

- a) Yr Ynys Island:** Improvement works to be carried out and weeding needed. Clerk has asked Mr Evans when he might be able to carry out the work and will chase up for this info prior to the next meeting.  
Cllr E Thomas cleared the island of weeds over two days and Cllr M Harding collected the remaining bags of green waste.
- b) Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Transferring from Trust to CCC Clerk has received no information from the solicitor for some time regarding this. Clerk to continue to chase this up.

**12. Finances:**

- a) Bank Balances:**  
Current Account = £8,830.84  
Reserve Account = £27,841.27

**b) Bills to be Paid**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary & expenses (September 2020)	£690.83
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (Sept 2020)	None to pay
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Sept 20)	£288.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting at Caersws and Clatter (June/July)	£340.80
Andrew Evans	Outstanding amount	£125.60
W W Wainwright	Repairs to cemetery shed	£415.68
SLCC	Clerks Annual Membership	£53.66

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr M Cheshire.

**Money received:**

WC Revenue	21.08.2020 – 21.09.2020	£217.45
I B Williams & Son	Additional Inscription	£105.75
Leach & Son	New Memorial	£157.50

**13. Items with no progress at this time:** *the below items will continue to be chased up by the Clerk for a later meeting*

- a)** Defibrillator (Llanwnnog)
- b)** Electric Car Charging
- c)** Pavement widening between Spar and car park
- d)** Road markings at Weig Lane crossing
- e)** Dropped kerb outside Spar in Caersws

**14. Councillor Comments:**

**Clerk** suggested that it may be worth holding the AGM next month in order to not wait too long as it is clear that meetings will be held remotely for some time. Cllrs were in favour of holding the AGM prior to the ordinary meeting in October.

**Cllr D Collington:** asked whether people who are eligible for the flu vaccination have received an invitation to attend their GP surgery as some people have not received this. If people are in the 'at risk' group, they should get a vaccination and should contact their local surgery if they are unsure. Clerk to look into sharing this information online.

**15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

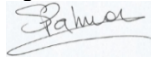
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**Closed Meeting: Confidential Matters:**

*Council will go into closed session for discussion of confidential matters. The Council has determined that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business*

Chairman Cllr B O'Sullivan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.06pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sophie Palmer', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)