

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr D Collington, Vice Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Breese, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr R Davies, Cllr L George, Cllr M Harding, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr E Thomas (joined at 7.43pm).

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, Sion Thomas (Carno III), Alan Southerby (Powys Crematorium proposal), 7 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr I Astley, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr M Harding
- 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 11b
Cllr L George declared an interest in agenda item 11 due to being on the PCC Planning Committee
- 3. Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
Members of the public present were asked whether they had any questions to pose prior to any further items or discussions.

Queries / concerns raised by members of the public present and/or read out by the Clerk following email correspondence were as follows:

CARNO III TRANSPORT ROUTE

Local residents are unhappy about the extra height proposed for the turbines and therefore feel that the planning application for this and the transport route should be refused. They feel that the larger turbines would have a significant and negative impact on the landscape of the Severn valley. They are also concerned over the disruption locally during the transportation of the turbines. The residents feels that tourism will also be negatively affected.

CREMATORIUM DEVELOPMENT

Is this the right place for the development, there are other sites locally that would be better for this? Can the local roadways take the extra traffic expected?

The consultation has not been carried out widely enough as this is a major development and a wider area should have been notified.

- 4. Sion Thomas** was invited to meeting in order to clarify queries relating to the **Carno III transport route**. Questions were put directly to Sion Thomas by Cllrs and members of the public present, these covered the following:

Q: Are the works on the bridge in Caersws related to planning for the wind farm?

A: The current investigation on the bridge is not related to the wind farm at all.

Q: What will the impact of the extra weight/size of the turbines and parts being transported have on the bridge in Caersws?

A: No impact as the weight on lorries per axel is not allowed to go over a certain limit so the weight would be spread evenly and the axels would not hold any more weight than a normal sized lorry.

Sion Thomas confirmed that the journey from port to the site has to be very carefully planned and considered. There are no major problems from the port until Carno Road hence the new transport route being required. There would be a police escort for the full route and the impact through Caersws is expected to take no longer than 10mins. The impact of the journey through Caersws has been carefully planned to ensure as little negative impact on residents and other road users as possible. They are not allowed to move the turbines during holidays or peak times.

Sion Thomas was thanked for his attendance and input and left the meeting following the above discussion (7.58pm).

Alan Southerby was invited to meeting in order to clarify queries relating to the proposal for a **crematorium** in Caersws. Questions were put directly to Alan Southerby by Cllrs and members of the public present, these covered the following:

In relation to the point that the consultation has not been carried out widely enough, Mr Southerby confirmed that the consultation has been carried out as per the requirements and beyond as they plan to also carry out telephone surveys across the local area.

Q: Is there a need for a crematorium in this area?

A: A full needs assessment has been carried out which has confirmed that there is a need in the area for such a development.

Q: Have other areas been considered for this development? Maybe a more industrial area rather than a green site such as this.

A: A green site is the right choice for this development considering why people would be visiting. It is also sympathetically and well designed.

Q: Have Cadw been consulted?

A: Yes, no response received as yet.

Q: There are major concerns over the flow of traffic on the B road where this is planned. Is there sufficient parking onsite for the potential 200 cars.

A: There is an overflow car park in the plans and the amount of parking has been carefully worked out on the basis of estimated cremations per day etc. The concerns over the highways will be considered and PCC Highways and the Trunk Road Agent will be consulted as part of the process.

Alan Southerby was thanked for his attendance and input and left the meeting following the above discussion.

5. Minutes of decisions made on 28th October 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr M Cheshire.

6. Cllr Les George Report:

- Interviews have been held for the position of Head Teacher at Caersws Primary school.
- Caersws Primary School received a School Performance Support Visit attended by Cllr L George, Eurig Towns (PCC), Carol Rowlands and Sarah Corbett (Head Teacher).
- Cllr L George attended a number of PCC meetings including, Mandatory Development meeting x 2, Changing from Teams to Zoom meeting and a Planning Committee meeting which was unusual as only 1 planning application to consider.
- Council Business Meeting, visit from Craig Williams MP to discuss local issues.
- Police & Crime Panel: Three day Annual Police Conference including presentations and thematic policy seminars.

Due to the number of items on the agenda and the need to give members of the Council and Public the opportunity to direct questions at the two visitors regarding local planning matters the above was provided as a summary.

7. Highway Matters:

- a) **Logs blocking culvert, Main Street** Clerk confirmed that nothing further has been received from PCC relating to this matter. Clerk has previously asked whether a guard could be installed at the culvert to stop debris getting into it. This has been passed on but no further response received as yet. Clerk to chase up prior to January meeting.
- b) **Double yellow line markings near level crossing, toilets and throughout the village:** PCC have confirmed that they are looking to put double yellow lines along Station Road. Cllrs are concerned about this and as previously stated they feel that double yellow lines on this road would create a problem for those living on the road with no parking, the businesses who rely on their deliveries and customers being able to park on the road. As there is already a lack of parking throughout Caersws the worry is that this will only exacerbate the issue. Clerk to draft a letter detailing these concerns to Powys CC Highways.
- c) **Footbridge on Manthrig Lane, slippy** Powys CC have confirmed that they will rectify this but it may take some time.
- d) **Signage at Manthrig Lane:** It has been reported that there is no visible signage regarding Manthrig Lane being one way. Clerk has reported to PCC Highways, no response as yet.
- e) **Dropped kerb outside Spar in Caersws** As the addition of a dropped kerb would also require double yellow lines, Cllrs feel that a dropped kerb should not be installed, as per the discussion during agenda item 8b.

8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Benches:** Clerk has apologised as she has not yet ordered the benches. These will be ordered and delivered to Cllr P Breese.
- b) **Ownership of Caersws War Memorial** This item was left on the agenda in error.
- c) **Defibrillator (Llanwnog)** Waiting for the electrician to confirm when he can install this, Clerk to follow up.
- d) **Welsh Government:** National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales: Information noted, no action.
- e) **Welsh Government:** Policy announcement regarding Compulsory Purchase: Information noted, no action.
- f) **Welsh Government:** Consultation to establish Corporate Joint Committees: Information noted, no action.
- g) **PCC:** Consultation to establish Town & Country Planning Regulations 2021: Information noted, no action.

9. Correspondence:

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

- a) **Powys County Council Regeneration Team:** Letter regarding Broadband Pilot Project. Cllrs felt this was worth sending an expression of interest for as many areas have connection problems. Clerk to action.
- b) **Local business / resident:** correspondence relating to use of car park near workshops and double yellow lines on Station Road. This matter was covered during discussion of agenda item 8b.
- c) **Refill Wales information:** Info noted, Clerk to share.

- d) **Local Resident:** query about Christmas and businesses in Caersws. Query as to whether CCC will be doing anything to promote local businesses over Christmas. Cllrs discussed and confirmed that there isn't anything really which can be done considering advice is not to gather / meet / make unnecessary journeys. Any local businesses which wish to promote their good online will be fully supported and shared by CCC.

10. Planning

a) Planning Applications:

1. **Application Reference: 20/1744/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:305794 N: 293131** Proposal: Conversion of a barn to form 2 dwellings, installation of a septic tank, alterations to access and associated works Site Address: Barn At Rhydlydan, Aberhafesp, Newtown, Powys SY16 3HP
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.
2. **Application Reference: 20/1759/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:303401 N: 291514** Proposal: Change of use of land to form site for 10 no. touring pitches for caravan / mobile home /camping, formation of roadway, 3 no. electric vehicle charging points, siting of mobile WC/shower unit and associated works Site Address: Land At Maesmawr Field Of A470, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5DZ
Cllrs discussed the above application and would like more clarification and information relating to sewerage at this site. Clerk to action.
3. **Application Reference: 20/1762/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:302415 N: 293969** Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse with integral garage and all associated works Site Address: 4 Maes Y Cwm, Llanwnog, Caersws, Powys SY17 5JL
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.
4. **Application Reference: 20/1719/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:304647 N: 293161** Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to holiday park amenity area in conjunction with proposed holiday park (subject to separate application) Site Address: Land At Ael Y Bryn, Aberhafesp, Newtown, SY16 3HR
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections to the change of use request.

b) Issues/Queries:

1. **Poultry Unit issues & Concerns:** In relation to Pertheirin it was noted that although there are regulations regarding numbers, some of these can be side stepped by carrying out development in stages.
2. **Objection to discharge of conditions 18/00626/FUL –** Communication from local resident. Correspondence was received from a local resident in relation to a planning application close to but not within the Caersws ward. There was a query related to a discharge of part of the application. It ended up that there was a misunderstanding as to what the discharge meant and therefore no matter for concern.

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Ongoing issues with blockages at toilets.** The toilets were unblocked recently as two ladies cubicles were blocked. MetroRod has suggested some further works that could be completed that may help. Cllrs would like a second opinion on this before making a decision. Clerk to action.

12. Cemeteries:

- a) **Yr Ynys Island:** Improvement works to be carried out. No update at present.
- b) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Transferring from Trust to CCC. Funds have been received from the Trust. No further communication has been received from the solicitor. Clerk to chase progress from the solicitor.

13. Finances:

a) Bank Balances:

Current account = £6,077.66
Reserve account = £38,882.07

b) Accounts and Budget review in preparation for precept setting for 2021-22

Cllrs decided that discussion of the precept would be postponed until the next meeting due to be held in December.

c) Bills to be Paid:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary <i>plus backdated pay for changes to pay scale</i> (Nov 2020) & expenses	£725.13
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (Nov 2020)	£6.60
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Nov 20)	£192.00
John Griffiths	Grass cutting etc at Shiloh Clatter Graveyard	£1,760.00

Money received:

WC Revenue	24.10.2020 – 24.11.2020	£140.00
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14. Items with no progress at this time:

- a) Electric Car Charging

Clerk received some last minute updates on the below:

- b) Pavement widening between Spar and car park:** other matters have taken priority so this has not moved on much. Clerk to continue to request updates on this.
- c) Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** TRA confirmed that they will order the sign needed for the village side of Weig Lane. The solid white line extended where it is currently a solid and dashed line to give double solid white lines as far as the double line goes. This will leave it 120m or so short of the junction but until a new surface goes here that is the best that can happen for now. TRA are hoping to get some money in the last quarter that will allow this to happen.

15. Councillor Comments:

Cllr A Wallbank: In Clatter on the main road on the corner by Shiloh graveyard the lines in the middle of the road are worn away. Clerk to report to TRA.

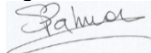
Cllr C Woosnam: Would it be possible to look into the option of a cloud based system to save documents for everyone to access rather than everything being emailed out? It was agreed to look into the options for this. Clerk will look into options prior to the next meeting and ask PAVO and One Voice Wales what they suggest as well.

Cllr R Davies: Derrick Pugh has asked whether any of the information that he sent through was of interest. Cllrs agreed that it was. Mr Pugh had forwarded some articles etc regarding poultry units.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

Chairman Cllr D Collington thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.38pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)