

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr D Collington, Vice Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Breese, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr L George, Cllr M Harding, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr E Thomas.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, Representative from Powys Crematorium Ltd, members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr R Davies, 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 L George declared an interest in agenda item 4 due to being on the Powys CC Planning Committee.
Cllr A Wallbank declared an interest in agenda item 6b in relation to precept and funding for Clatter Hall.

3. Public Speaking Session (15 minutes maximum time allocated)

Members of the public were present. Some information was read out that had been sent by residents with concerns over the crematorium development. These concerns queried the impact on the roadways with extra traffic through Caersws which already struggles at times with heavy traffic. The height of the chimney is a concern along with emissions from the facility.

Abbie Barrett from Powys Crematorium responded to queries as follows:

More telephone surveys will be carried out across a number of local communities. This will be a random selection of people. The results of the survey will be used in development of the project. Cllr L George asked whether CCC could be provided with the results of the survey. Miss Barrett confirmed that this would be possible.

Cllr C Woosnam stated that the school has not been contacted and due to the proximity to the development, they should be contacted for their views. Miss Barrett confirmed that the school will be contacted and appreciates that it is a sensitive development which has been designed sympathetically and well screened. Miss Barrett was also asked whether other sites have been considered to which she confirmed they had but this site was the best one.

Cllr M Harding reported that a local resident told her that they received a call for the survey and it was very good and they were able to give their views.

Cllr A Wallbank asked how many jobs this will create. Miss Barrett answered that this will depend on exactly how the development goes forward from planning but they would be looking at roughly 7 full time jobs and some part time positions also.

Cllr M Cheshire enquired as to the issue of mercury from hips etc and the impact on the local area and emissions. Miss Barrett confirmed that there are very strict regulations which came into force last year which will be followed so this should not be a concern.

Miss Barrett was thanked for her attendance and input at the meeting and she thanked the Council for inviting her to attend. Miss Barrett then left the meeting.

4. Planning

a) Planning Applications:

1. Pre-planning consultation: Powys Crematorium

Cllrs discussed further the overall concerns of this application at the pre-planning stage and concluded that the main concerns for the Council and residents who have been in contact are the traffic and highways impact and increase and that the consultation should have been across Clatter and LLanwnog as well as Aberhafesp and Caersws.

2. Application Reference: 20/1920/FUL Grid Reference: **E:303401 N: 291514** Proposal: Installation of 3no. electric vehicle charging points Site Address: Land At Maesmawr Field, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5DZ

Cllrs do not have any objections but would like to have more information regarding the sewerage here. Clerk to send query.

3. Application Reference: 20/1614/FUL Grid Ref: **E: 301102 N: 293437** Proposal: Construction of an access track across agricultural land for use by abnormal indivisible loads at land south of Pontdolgoch, Caersws, Powys and further modifications along public and private road from Carno Village to Carno III Wind Farm at land west of Carno, Powys Location: Land Near Caersws (grid Ref 301259 293178) And Carno, (grid Ref 295013 296971), Powys

The above application was on the agenda in error.

4. Application Reference: 20/1510/HH Grid Reference: **E:302296 N: 293906** Proposal: retrospective application for the erection of a shed Site Address: 6 Maes-Yr-Eglwys, Llanwnog, Caersws, SY17 5LA
Cllrs discuss the above and agreed they have no objections.

5. Correspondence:

- a) **Natural England** Countryside Code Review. Cllrs did not feel there was any need to comment on the update.
- b) **Powys Community Health Council** Questionnaire for Stakeholders Survey. Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council.

6. Finances:

a) Account Balances:

Current account = £2,070.39
Reserve account = £38,882.07

Clerk requested that £10,000 should be transferred from the reserve account into the current account. Cllrs unanimously agreed. Clerk to draft a transfer letter to the bank and get signed as and when the cheques are signed.

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

Clerk sent all accounts and budget information to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Each item was worked through to confirm how much Cllrs wished to precept based on the projected/budgeted costs for 2021/22. Cllrs were happy with all information presented and following discussion it was agreed to set a precept of £32,021.19. Clerk to complete the relevant paperwork for PCC. It was also agreed to discuss and confirm S137 payments during the January meeting. Cllrs also requested that the Clerk enquire as to why the grant for the toilets has not been received this year as this would be very useful in trying to sort out the issue with the drains blocking.

c) Bills to be Paid:

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (Dec 2020) & Expenses	£711.55
<i>(monthly salary minus Dec and Nov PAYE as Clerk realised she had not subtracted the PAYE from last months salary amount in error)</i>		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (Dec 2020)	£6.80
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Dec 20)	£117.00

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr B O'Sullivan.

7. Councillor Comments:

Cllr A Wallbank: proposed that Clerk writes to Network Rail in order to ask them to sort out the electricity and water at the station which is currently not in working order. Clerk to action.

Cllr C Woosnam: Proposed inviting the head teacher of Caersws Primary school to the meeting in January

Cllr L George: asked whether the Clerk has spoken to Dilys (Shiloh Graveyard Trust) as she was concerned that the cheque be paid in for the funds left from the Trust and that things are moved on in order to pass responsibility onto CCC from the trust. Clerk confirmed that she has spoken with Dilys and will chase up the solicitor regarding the legalities for the trust.

Cllr M Cheshire: Cllr feels that it is Cllrs duty to remind people locally to keep safe and encourage everyone to follow the rules and do the right thing.

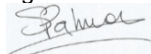
Cllr P Breese: asked whether the Clerk could send a list of local groups/organisations that the Council may wish to make donations to so that this can be considered prior to the January meeting when the S137 payments will be discussed. Clerk to action.

Clerk & Cllr B O'Sullivan: Confirmed that some lights were purchased for the tree in Caersws but they were not sufficient so will need to be returned. Cllrs agreed to leave the lights that are currently on the tree and look to source some in the new year.

8. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th January 2021.

Chairman Cllr D Collington thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)