

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr D Collington, Vice Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Breese, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr L George (arrived 7.45pm), Cllr M Harding, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr E Thomas (arrived 7.52pm).

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, members of the public, applicant for agenda item 9a2 Planning Application 20/1716/FUL.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr I Astley, Cllr R Davies, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas. Cllrs unanimously agreed to confirm the apologies for both Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas and Cllr I Astley due to their individual circumstances. Clerk confirmed that they will therefore continue to hold their position of Councillor although they have missed 6 consecutive meetings.
- 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 all Planning matters due to being on the PCC Planning Committee.
- 3. Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)

Sarah Corbett, Caersws Primary School head teacher was invited to the meeting in order to speak to the Council regarding Caersws Primary School. The following information and updates were confirmed:

The school has a total of 58 pupils across two classes along with a great team of teachers, TA's, lunchtime supervisors, clerical etc.
Currently the school has been learning to deal with blended learning due to the Covid pandemic as they have a small number of children in school and the rest are home schooling.
The school are trying to make sure they are supporting all families within the community and have focussed on wellbeing.
The school has been able to spend quite a lot on their outdoor area for the children.
There is a real mixture of children at the school and it is a very happy school.

Cllr M Cheshire extended a Thank You for the lovely message on the noticeboard from the children, it was really lovely to see.

Chair Cllr D Collington thanked Sarah on behalf of the Council for attending and telling Cllrs about the school. The Clerk confirmed that she will send invitations to Sarah to attend future meetings in order to keep a close link with the school and stay up to date with what is happening.

Members of the public present were asked whether they wished to make any comments as this was the point in the meeting when they are able to raise any queries, concerns etc.
No members of the public wished to speak at this point.

- 4. Minutes** of decisions made on 14th January 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr M Cheshire and seconded by Cllr A Wallbank.
- 5. Cllr Les George Report:**
 - The Police have been in contact in order to try and set up a bi-monthly meeting with the council. Cllr L George suggested CCC confirm a representative. Cllr P Breese confirmed that he is the representative for the council for the PACT meetings which no longer take place so he is happy to continue as a link with the Police. Clerk confirmed that she has also received contact from PCSO Daryl McWatt regarding a meeting which she will confirm for all Cllrs.
 - Cllr L George confirmed that he has written to Ken Skates (Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales) regarding the lights on the bridge in Caersws and what is their purpose. He is currently awaiting a response from the Trunk Road Agent Manager.
 - Cllr L George also suggested that we share more information on the Facebook page in order to be more of a presence and engage more with the community.
- 6. Highway Matters:**
 - a) Culvert, Main Street** No response received as to whether a guard might be considered for this culvert. Clerk to chase up.
 - b) Double yellow line markings near level crossing, toilets and throughout the village:** Clerk has received an email from Highways confirming that the double yellow lines are not decided and it would go through consultation prior to going ahead. They have confirmed that brief stops are allowed on double yellow lines so those using the businesses would still be able to stop on the lines. PCC also confirmed that the delivery lorries will still be able to access the timber business through the workshop car park.
 - c) Footbridge on Manthrig Lane, slippy** Grippers have been installed by PCC.

- d) **Signage at Manthrig Lane** Highways have confirmed the signage is appropriate and if anyone sees drivers going the wrong way down the one-way street, it should be reported to the Police.

7. Matters Arising:

- a) **Benches** As agreed these will be delivered to Cllr P Breese's address.
b) **Defibrillator (Llanwnog)** There is an issue with the cabinet that we have. A different type of cabinet is required for fitting in a phone kiosk that does not require earthing. Cllr P Breese said that he will speak with Sion Breese (St John's Ambulance) to see if there's anything he can suggest.

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

- a) **Powys Ramblers**, re pinch points on A470. Information noted, no action.
b) **One Voice Wales:** NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021. This is being suggested for this year. Cllrs feel it would be good to try and do something in the community. Clerk to look into different options.

9. Planning

a) **Planning Applications:**

- 1) **Application Reference: 20/2087/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:304122 N: 293403** Proposal: Construction of an all-new crematorium, including the erection of a crematorium building, change of use of land to provide a green burial site, creation of landscaped grounds to include a garden of remembrance, improved and new access arrangements, car parking area, sewage treatment plant and drainage area and all associated works Site Address: Land Formally Known As Ael Y Bryn , Aberhafesp, Newtown, SY16 3HR
CCC has already sent a letter detailing concerns over this planning application. However, CCC also requested further opinions from local residents via Facebook and discussed the responses received. Cllrs discussed whether to vote on whether the Council was for or against the application but it was agreed that the Community seems to be split and there is no requirement for the Council to either object or support as the main objective is to represent the community as a whole by confirming the positive along with the negative opinions. Cllrs agreed that another letter should be sent to Powys CC confirming the results of the opinion poll. Clerk to action.
- 2) **Application Reference: 20/1716/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:304647 N: 293161** Proposal: Proposed holiday park development comprising 15 no holiday cabins, 20 no. holiday units, shared service and activity building, formation of vehicular access and roadways, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works. Site Address: Land At Ael Y Bryn, Aberhafesp, Newtown, SY16 3HR
CCC responded to this when it was at pre-planning stage and were in support of it as long as the entrance was carefully considered and made as safe as possible due to the stretch of road being dangerous. Cllrs agreed that there is nothing in the full planning to cause concern or objection. Clerk to confirm CCC's support.

10. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Drainage works at toilets to discuss** Local drainage company went to W/C to look at the drains to give a second opinion on the work that MetroRod suggested and found a blockage when they lifted the drain cover. Clerk was contacted at the time when they were on site so asked them to unblock it whilst they were there. Drain was unblocked and they have also confirmed that they agree with the work that MetroRod suggested and has quoted £240.00 to do the same. Cllrs confirmed they are happy for Holley Drainage to complete the work suggested. Clerk to action

11. Cemeteries:

- a) **Risk Assessments:** Risk assessment completed D Collington for Jan 2021 in which he confirms that some work is needed at the cemetery. There is also a sign which needs to be updated. Clerk to look into this.
Cllr L George was confirmed for February risk assessment.
- b) **Yr Ynys Island:** Improvement works to be carried out: Mr Nick Evans has put out stone samples for Cllrs to choose their favourite and has suggested chippings instead of slabs leading up to the plinth. Cllrs discussed and chose the lightest coloured stones. Cllrs also would prefer slabs instead of chippings. Clerk to confirm these details.
- c) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Transferring from Trust to CCC
Clerk forwarded information on to Cllrs from the solicitor regarding the responsibilities that will need to be taken on for the Graveyard Trust at Shiloh. It was also suggested to draft a letter confirming taking over the responsibilities. Clerk to draft a letter as suggested. Clerk also to check that the insurance covers Shiloh and draft a letter thanking Dilys and Ivor for their work to keep the Trust going for as long as possible and for looking after the graveyard so well.

12. Finances:

- a) **Bank Balances:**
Current Account = £9,872.97
Reserve Account = £39,923.00
- b) **Bank Account Options:**

The Clerk has looked into different bank account options as it would be useful to have an account with online banking and authorisation as an option rather than cheque payments or as well as. Some are not available as some banks are not opening any new accounts of a certain type at present and some are chargeable. Clerk is currently opening a new account with one of her other Community Councils so will wait and gather some further information following this prior to making a decision.

c) S137 Donations (list of donations made last year to discuss for this year):

Friendship Hour	S137 Donation	£100.00
TCT (Caersws Tourism)	S137 Donation	£100.00
Recreation Association	S137 Donation	£100.00
Caersws Junior Football Club	S137 Donation	£100.00
Caersws Village Club	S137 Donation	£100.00
Llanwnog Women's Institute	S137 Donation	£100.00
Cwtch Caersws	S137 Donation	£100.00
Friends of Caersws School	S137 Donation	£100.00
Caersws CP School	S137 Donation	£100.00
St John's Ambulance	S137 Donation	£100.00

Councillors agreed the above donations to local groups and for these to be paid this month. Cllr M Cheshire suggested that the donations given are advertised online. Clerk to action.

d) Bills to be Paid

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (Jan 2021)	£676.02
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (Jan 2021)	£6.80
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Jan 2021)	£336.00
MetroRod	Unblocking WC Drains	£135.00
Second Life Products Wales	4 x benches plus delivery	£2,172.00
Holley Drainage & Plumbing Services	Unblocking drains & callout	£130.00

Clerk to also raise cheques for the above donations.

Clerks expenses not collated, this will be added to next months' bills

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr A Wallbank and seconded by Cllr P Breese.

13. Items with no progress at this time:

- a) Electric Car Charging
- b) Pavement widening between Spar and car park
- c) Road markings at Weig Lane crossing

14. Councillor Comments

Clerk: PCSO Daryl McWatt has asked about having a meeting with at least one member of each ward of the Council. He has suggested next Wednesday 3rd Feb. Cllr L George has confirmed that he is happy to attend, and other Cllrs confirmed that they would also aim to attend. Clerk to confirm meeting.

Clerk: Planning for EV charging points near the Seasons Café. A response was received from the applicant via Planning regarding the query about flooding in this area stating that this would be taken into account and would not be an issue for the charging points. Cllrs confirmed they are happy with this proposed application and it will be a benefit to have electric vehicle charging points in the village. Clerk to confirm support.

Clerk: Cllr A Wallbank has sent some info on to all Cllrs regarding the 2021 Census which is 21st March. No action required but Clerk will look to see if there is information that can be shared as not everyone is aware that there is a Census this year.

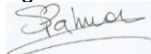
Clerk: Clerk has only recently received the Internal Audit back. The Council needs to sign this off. The Accounts were checked some months ago but Clerk will re-send the info and scan and email the audit paperwork prior to the Feb meeting for Cllrs to sign off for it to then be sent off to the external auditor.

Clerk: The Clerk has recently had to purchase a new printer and has suggested that in order to contribute to the cost of this (as it is required for her work as a Clerk) the Council along with the two other Councils that she is Clerk to could pay a rental for the printer on an annual basis for the next three years by which time the printer may need replacing again but will be used for as long as it can be. Cllrs were happy with the proposal. Clerk to add to the next meeting agenda.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Chair Cllr D Collington thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.08pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)