

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, local resident; D Thomas.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr I Astley, Cllr R Davies, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas
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 10 due to being on the Planning Committee.
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
A local resident was present but wanted to listen to the meeting and did not have anything specific to raise or ask Cllrs.
4. **Minutes** of meeting on 28th April 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr B O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr P Breese.
5. **Cllr Les George Report:**
Cllr L George confirmed that the Planning Committee meeting went ahead as planned last week and the Crematorium application was discussed in the event that Welsh Government does not call it in. Cllr L George stated that he feels that CCC has done as much as it can by submitting comments and concerns over the application along with requesting a Welsh Government call in. Some of the information within the plans is incorrect as details such as traffic movements are based on 1 cremation per day, 3 or 4 days per week which does not make the proposal financially viable.
Cllr L George feels that if this proposal is to go ahead then Caersws should receive some community benefits from the project such as improvement to the dangerous foxes pitch crossing nearby
Cllrs agreed for Clerk to draft a letter to send on to Julie James MS insisting that conditions of planning should be imposed with improvements to foxes pitch junction. Clerk to draft letter and forward to Cllr L George, Chair Cllr A Wallbank and Vice Chair Cllr M Harding to confirm prior to sending on.
6. **Council Insurance:** Last year CCC agreed a 3 year insurance agreement, the premium for this year has been quoted at £374.71, it was £387.24 last year. Cllrs present were happy to agree this premium for the 2021/22 year. Clerk to action and cheque to be drawn at this meeting.
7. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** TRA have agreed to have a site meeting some time.
 - b) **No Through Road Signs request:** Reported to highways to request signs to be put up.
 - c) **Timber lorries through Caersws** Clerk has spoken to someone at timber yard office asking whether it might be possible for the lorries not to travel through the village in groups as this would help with congestion through the village. Clerk is expecting a call back.
 - d) **Pavement widening between Premier (previously Spar) and car park:** No updates received, Clerk continues to chase.
 - e) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No updates received, Clerk continues to chase.
 - f) **Signs for 'No Through Road':** These have been requested from PCC. Clerk to chase up.
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Benches:** Picnic bench will be sent out on delivery once payment is sent.
 - b) **Defibrillators (Caersws & Llanwnog):** CCC can get funding for £250 towards the defib from Calon Hearts if we purchase it through them. The total cost (including the finding) would be £1,284.00. Clerk will look into other possible funding streams.
NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021: Clerk will share information relating to this nearer the time.
 - c) **Dog Fouling:** Clerk is chasing this up still as staff at PCC have changed.
 - d) **Place Planning:** I have asked One Voice Wales if they are aware of the company that has approached CCC and confirmed that full funding can be provided but they have not come across them. Clerk will look into this more as it is not clear who this organisation is. Cllrs agreed that once restrictions are lifted a committee should be set up to look at the Place Plan.
 - e) **Ownership of War Memorial:** Clerk has passed on that CCC are happy to leave ownership of the memorial with St Gwynog's Church, this will be passed on to the committee and they will get back to the Clerk.
 - f) **Electric Car Charging in Caersws:** Clerk has details of funding from the windfarm but details of chargers are needed before applying. Cllr B O'Sullivan has confirmed that EV chargers are not something that Cost Cutter will be looking at currently.
 - g) **Speed Check Group:** No reply has been sent to the Clerk from the residents who were interested in setting up a group previously. Cllr M Cheshire stated that he is willing to help and be

a contact for anyone willing to be part of a group. Clerk to put together a poster for the noticeboards etc with his details as a contact for anyone interested.

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

- a) **Powys CC:** Consultation Report on change of language category of Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. Information noted, no action.
- b) **Hywel Dda University Health Board:** Building a Healthier Future after COVID-19: Have your say. Information noted and shared by Clerk.
- c) **Knighton Open Forum:** NHS Dental provision in Wales
- d) **Local resident:** Query regarding burial of cremated remains A local resident has contacted the Clerk and
- e) **One Voice Wales:** Information shared regarding HSBC safeguarding reviews. Information noted, no action.

10. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 20/2087/FUL** Crematorium: Discussed during Cllr L George report.
- b) **Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009.** Reference: 21/0956/DECC Grid Ref: E: 298406 N: 293747 Proposal: Application under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to upgrade an existing overhead powerline from single phase to three-phase at Garthpwt Clatter Site Address: Overhead Power Line At Garthbwt, Clatter, Caersws Powys SY17 5NR
Cllrs have no objections to this application.
- c) **Application Reference: 21/1110/FUL** Grid Reference: E:303259 N: 292010 Proposal: Erection of field shelter Site Address: Tybrith , Main Street, Caersws, SY17 5EL
The above was not on the agenda as the details were received after the agenda was posted but it was discussed at the discretion of the Chair. Cllr agreed that they have no objections.

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Blockages and leaks in both gents and ladies:** The drains are still getting blocked, Clerk is arranging for someone to come and look into it and unblock everything.
- b) **Issues with drains:** Neighbour to the toilets has been in touch asking when the gents door will be fixed at the gents; Clerk has explained that we have had to wait for someone to come out and look at it and then order parts and then come back to fit; this should be getting done this week, clerk will chase.

12. Cemeteries:

- a) **Risk Assessments:** Cllr D Collington carried out the risk assessments. No changes tpo Shiloh since meeting there. Llanwnog: shed needs some attention, roadway still needs resurfacing some time or at least potholes filling in. some loose headstones and subsistence but no immediate danger. Weeds coming through on Yr Ynys, which Cllr L George has said he will spray soon.
- b) **Yr Ynys Island: Improvement works to be carried out** no further update from as to when this will be completed.
- c) **Llanwnog: signage for taking away own rubbish:** Clerk has ordered a sign to discourage people leaving their rubbish here.
- d) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:**
 - 1) **Transferring from Trust to CCC:** On hold until CCC have more info about the graveyard and what work might be required to get it to standard and safe.
 - 2) **Concern over safety at the graveyard and works to be carried out:** There are concerns about the safety of the graveyard and what might be required

Cllr C Woosnam left the meeting at 9.05pm.

13. Finances:

- a) **Bank Balances:**
 - Current Account = £4,265.08
 - Reserve Account = £39,923.99
- b) **End of year accounts and audit:** Audit paperwork is being collated and will be sent to the internal auditor as soon as possible. Account information was also sent to all Cllrs prior to the meeting which were discussed and agreed during the AGM.
- c) **Bills to be Paid:**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (May 2021)	£676.22
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (May 2021)	£30.80
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £6.66, stationery & postage = £8.16, mileage = £15.98 (35.5 miles)</i>		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (May 2021)	£13.20
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (May 2021)	£192.80
Second Life Products Wales	Recycled Plastic Bench for Pastures	£576.00
Business Service at CAS Ltd	Council Insurance (2021/22)	£374.71

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

14. Councillor Comments:

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Spoke to the Clerk prior to the meeting and reported that the verges need cutting at foxes pitch junction as the visibility is really bad there currently. Clerk has reported to PCC.

Cllr M Harding: there is a property with a very overgrown hedge which is causing some issues for drivers. Details will be sent to the Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr E Thomas: Recreation Association has asked whether signs for the playground can be put on the bus shelter. Cllrs agreed this will be fine.

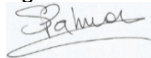
Cllr P Breese: Buses for the rail replacement service which pick up and drop off by The Unicorn are blocking the road regularly especially with the lights in place over the bridge. Why is CCC not informed about the rail replacement? Clerk to ask Cambrian Rail.

Local resident D Thomas was asked if she had anything to add at all. She confirmed that she didn't have anything to report but stated that she walks over the bridge daily and currently feels much safer with the lights in place.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.30pm. Clerk has stated that this will hopefully be able to be held at Clatter Hall and will confirm this nearer the time.

Chair Cllr A Wallbank thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.39pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)