

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely at **Clatter Community Hall** on **Wednesday 29th September 2021** at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Vice Chair Cllr M Harding, Cllr L George, Cllr D Collington, Cllr P Breese, Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, Local resident, David Evans

1. **Apologies:** Cllr E Thomas, Cllr I Astley, Cllr R Davies, Cllr B O'Sullivan, Cllr M Cheshire
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 any discussions relating to the poultry farms
Cllr D Collington declared an interest in agenda item 10a
Cllr L George declared an interest in agenda item 10

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

Local resident, Mr David Evans wanted to raise the below with the council:

- He reported that he has experienced very very bad odours from the poultry units. He has been in contact with environmental health and will be recording the odours over the next 3 weeks. Clerk asked if Mr Evans could keep her updated as and when he has any further information following this and she will pass it on to the Council.
- Crematorium: have there been discussions of road improvements at Foxes Pitch in line with the crematorium? It was confirmed that nothing specific has been discussed but that if the proposed application is approved then there should be benefits to the community such as road improvement schemes especially to areas that are a concern to local residents and road users such as foxes pitch.

Mr Evans left the meeting after this item and thanked Cllrs for their time. Cllrs thanked Mr Evans for attending and raising the above points.

4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 25th August 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr D Collington.

5. Cllr Les George Report:

- TCT met with Callum Carr, Rights of Way Officer for PCC. A local resident who walks a lot locally provided a lot of detailed information about many local footpaths. TCT will utilise the money offered which will improve the footpaths in the area.
- Local residents have asked why we do not have any EV charger points in Caersws. Clerk confirmed that someone has been out to the toilets to survey it and give CCC some costings for installing chargers. Clerk has not received any details from them so will chase up and also look to get other suppliers out to quote for the same.
- The trees up a Maes y Dre which have been causing a problem for many years are now being dealt with.
- Toilets; drainage problems. Cllr Les George has been in contact with Cllr Heulwen Hulme has stated that she will be in touch with the Highways Manager in Newtown to meet on site and will also ask Severn Trent to attend as well

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas raised the query of the parking issue at the school and whether there is an update about this at all. Cllr L George confirmed that the school yard has been opened up for parents to use in the afternoon but not the morning. Cllr L George also confirmed that he has made a suggestion to make some changes to create more space for more cars. Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas stated that it is gridlocked in the mornings for cars dropping off at the school in the mornings still.

6. Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:

- a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** Clerk has asked for a site meeting this Friday which Kevin Price (Welsh Government) is unable to do. Due to various commitments of Cllrs a new date the week beginning 18th October. Clerk will keep in touch with Cllrs regarding the date arranged.
- b) **Caersws bridge:** Clerk has received and forwarded information from Welsh Gov regarding the Bridge investigations which have shown that the bridge is stronger than first thought. There are still concerns about other parts of the bridge where they want to keep the load reduced so the lights will remain up for the time being.
- c) **Pavement widening between Premier Shop and car park:** Waiting for site meeting as mentioned above.
- d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** Clerk has not yet heard anything about this, she will continue to chase this up.
- e) **Place Plan:** Cllr M Harding confirmed she will be happy to join the committee for the Place Plan and a date of Tuesday 12th October at 7pm. Clerk to look into whether the meeting room at the Village Club in Caersws will be available for this meeting.

- f) **EV Charging points** Clerk has been in contact with Seasons Café who have planning permission for EV chargers to find out what type of chargers and supplier they are using but they are yet to finalise this information and it is for CCC to decide what type of charger is needed. Clerk to get more quotes and information from other providers and report back.

7. Highway Matters:

- a) **Hedge Cutting:** Hedge alongside car park at Caersws WC. This has been done.

8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Defibrillators; Llanwnnog & Caersws x 2:** Clerk to chase up getting the Llanwnnog kiosk painted green. Cllrs discussed the funding available and whether there is more available. Cllrs agreed unanimously to order the two defibs for Caersws as soon as possible.
- b) **Dog Fouling:** Clerk to chase up new posters to be put up and whether stickers can be added to waste bins making people aware that dog waste can be put in the normal waste bins. Clerk to ask about whether a dog fouling station could be attached to the fence at Caersws Village Hall instead of on a plinth.
- c) **Speed Check Group:** No interest shown so far, the information has been added to Facebook.
- d) **Regulations for Hybrid meetings** and information regarding internet at halls used for meetings. Clerk confirmed that the main thing is for CCC is to try to ensure that its meetings are as accessible for people to attend as possible. One issue at present is the lack of internet available at Clatter Hall. Cllr A Wallbank is in discussion with someone from the Clatter Hall Committee regarding getting this provision. Cllrs confirmed that they would be happy for CCC to help get this in place and felt that the meeting room fees could then be increased to reflect the availability of internet.
- e) **PCC: footpath proposal, Caersws to Pontdolgoch.** Cllrs discussed this at the previous meeting and suggested a different route for a footpath. The Trunk Road will not look into the suggested route as it is not on a Trunk Road. Cllrs feel that a footpath to Pontdolgoch is not really required and walking under the rail bridge is dangerous due to the narrow road and tight corner. The money would be better spent towards getting the foot bridge built in Caersws. Clerk to respond.

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas wanted to raise something in Matter Arising from the previous meeting regarding the issue of people parking on the pavement on Chapel Street. The general issue has been reported to the Police by Cllr P Breese. He will email PCSO Mair Davies at Llanidloes again about this matter

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

- a) **Powys Action on the Climate Emergency (PACE):** Request to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. Cllrs feel that should they support or oppose such a group they would be predetermined on other such issues that would come up in the future.
- b) **Repair Café Wales:** Do you want a Repair Café in your Community? This is a very good idea and CCC would support any groups who would wish to set one up and run it. Clerk to share the information.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Shaping Wales' Future. Information noted, no action.
- d) **Local Resident:** Concern over another road traffic accident on B4568. The information shared showed that the Police concluded that the incident was driver error and therefore cannot be used as evidence that the road needs to be altered. Full information noted, no further action.
- e) **Swansea Bay University Health Board:** Changing for the Future
- f) **PAVO:** Llanidloes Groups Meet up. This came through regarding a meeting for groups in Lanidloes and was shared by PAVO but Clerk suggested that it might be worth finding out whether PAVO facilitated this meeting as something similar might be beneficial in Caersws. Clerk to contact PAVO to find out.
- g) **CHC:** Living Healthier, Staying Well, Strategy Refresh. Information noted, no action.
- h) **Local Resident:** Local Planning and Environmental Issues. Cllrs have been forwarded a detailed email from a local resident which raises some important issues, many of which will be dealt with within the Place Plan.
- i) **Local Resident:** Removal of Hedge netting at proposed crematorium site. Clerk forwarded local resident's emails on to Cllrs. This issue is not relevant currently as birds are not nesting currently plus the hedge netting will
- j) **Boundary Commission for Wales:** Initial proposals published. Cllrs discussed and would like to look into it further so will add to the next meeting agenda as the deadline is 3rd November.

10. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 21/1617/FUL** Grid Reference: **E:301028 N: 292274** Proposal: New domestic extension, highway access, construction of a double garage and extension of curtilage Site Address: Gate Farm, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5RE
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no objections to the proposal.

The below planning application was received after the agenda was posted but Cllrs decided to discuss it as they are not due to meet again prior to the deadline for comments.

- b) Application Reference: 21/1345/LBC** Grid Reference: **E:302175 N: 293840** Proposal: Replacement of existing boiler and flue Site Address: Gwyn Eira , Llanwnog, Caersws, Powys SY17 5JG

Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no objections to the proposal.

- 11. Caersws Public Conveniences:** Cllr L George and Clerk have been in touch with Heulwen Hulme who is looking to arrange a meeting in relation to the drainage issues at the toilets in Caersws.

12. Cemeteries:

- a) Risk Assessments:** Cllr D Collington has completed the risk assessment and has noted some grave stones that are looking worse.
- b) Llanwnog Cemetery:** Clerk has been in contact with Nick Evans regarding the plinth on Yr Ynys about repointing. He has given a price for repointing it but made a suggestion of a concrete plinth instead. Clerk has asked for more details and a price.
- c) Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Ian Hughes has still not had time to visit the graveyard. There are still concerns here and we need to clarify what works are required to make the area safe before confirming fully taking it on.

13. Finances:

a) Bank Balances:

Current Account = £27,658.99

Reserve Account = £20,598.36

b) Bills to be Paid

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (Sept 2021)	£734.39
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (Sept 2021)	£34.25
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £6.97, mileage = £28.67 (63.7 miles))</i>		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (Sept 2021)	£32.76
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (July 2021)	£192.00
Andrew Evans	Grass cutting – Caersws (Sept)	£340.80

Cllrs agreed the bills to be paid and Cllr P Breese proposed them for payment and Cllr D Collington seconded this.

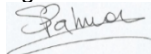
14. Councillor Comments:

Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas: Caersws Village Hall and Recreation Association would like to have a public meeting for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Clerk to look into whether Caersws Village Hall is available Mid November. Following the meeting Chair Cllr A Wallbank contacted the Clerk and felt that this matter should be discussed fully at a meeting after being on the agenda. Clerk will look into availability of the hall in the mean time and add this as an agenda item to the October meeting agenda.

Cllr A Wallbank: Cllr M Cheshire mentioned problem with bins overflowing by bus stop. There is an issue here due to bins having been put at the play area but PCC will not empty them. This has led to the bin outside the play area by the bus stop overflowing. Clerk to ask PCC whether it is possible for them to empty at least one bin in the play area.

- 15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)