

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held remotely at **Clatter Community Hall** on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at 7.30pm.

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

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr E Thomas, Cllr R Davies, Cllr I Astley, 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 P Breese declared an interest in item 10a**
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)  
No members of the public present
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr L George.
5. **Cllr Les George Report:**
  - **Trees** near Maes yr Dre bungalows have now been removed. All residents have been surveyed and are very happy. Much lighter and more of a view from the properties.
  - **Toilets drainage issues:** Cllr L George has been in contact with Cllr Heulwen Hulme regarding the site meeting to discuss these issues. This has been held up but there will hopefully be a date arranged soon.
  - **PCC legal dept:** Cllr L George has been trying to get hold of someone in order to discuss the issue of the graveyard at Shiloh, Clatter. No contact yet but he will continue to chase.
  - **The Recreation Association** has asked Cllr L George to chair a meeting with local organisations on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 in order to discuss the celebrations
  - **Heating at Caersws CP School:** part of the building has no heating since before the summer. A quote is being arranged.
  - **Caersws Bridge:** a number of residents have showed concerns over the reported works and road closures associated with the work required on the bridge before the lights can be removed. Trunk Road Agent have been in touch and confirmed that the order to close the road is in place so that it is there when needed but this does NOT mean that the road will be closed from this time. It will only be closed for a few nights once required. Clerk to ensure this information is shared and added to Facebook to make clear to residents.
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
  - a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** This is something that TRA and Welsh Government will look into. There is specific criteria that needs to be met for certain types of crossing.
  - b) **Caersws bridge:** As confirmed at the site meeting, there are some works to be done on the parapet walls of the bridge which will require night time closures for a few days. Not to the extent of what was detailed in the County Times whose report has caused concern for a number of residents. PCC confirmed at the site meeting that they would hope for the works to be completed and the lights to be removed by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Clerk has received communication confirming that it is unlikely for any works and therefore any closures to happen until the New Year. Clerk to ensure that this information is made clear for local residents.
  - c) **Pavement widening between Premier Shop and car park:** This is still ongoing and was raised at the site meeting at the start of Nov. TRA are following up to move the project forward.
  - d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** Still being chased up with Welsh Government by TRA who are unsure whether double white lines will be permitted here. Clerk has stated that the double white lines are the main thing that Cllrs would like to see here due to the dangers of the junction.
  - e) **EV Charging points:** At the last meeting Cllrs agreed to remove this item from the agenda as PCC had confirmed that they would not allow CCC to install any chargers as the car park and toilets are owned by them. This will be removed but EV chargers will be considered in line with the Place Plan.
  - f) **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** There will be a meeting held for groups in Caersws which Cllr L George will chair on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Cllrs discussed and agreed an amount to precept in anticipation of some community events next year.
  - g) **Manthrig Brook Flooding issues:** PCC are due to speak with land owners who are responsible for the most problematic parts of the brook. Clerk to report back once information received
7. **Place Plan Committee Report:**

Clerk confirmed that she had an online meeting with Powys CC

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8. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Defibrillators:** Clerk has received the

- b) **Dog Fouling:** Waiting for PCC to confirm whether we need their permission for us to put the station on the railings at the Village Hall. Paul has hopefully asked the Hall if they would be happy for the station to be put on their railings
- c) **Speed Check Group** Now have enough people to make a group which is now looking to be trained by Police to then be able to start
- d) **Hybrid Meetings** Info sent through from Welsh Government which confirms the requirements for hybrid meetings
- e) **Netting on hedges at proposed crematorium site:** Powys Crematorium has confirmed they are awaiting a date from the contractor who will be brushing the hedges and will then remove the netting in time for that. Cllrs decided not to pursue this further at this point.

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

- a) **Local Resident:** Report about the state of the station, mainly signal box. Cllrs discussed and suggested that the Clerk contact Network Rail to ask them to paint the roof of the signal box and check any other repairs and maintenance. Clerk to keep this on the agenda for the next meeting.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** Local Elections Rules. Chair Cllr A Wallbank would like to clarify the details of declaring interests and political parties. Clerk to contact Election Dept at Powys CC.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Response to consultation on local taxes for holiday homes, second homes and self-catering. Left on in error, no action.
- d) **One Voice Wales:** Draft Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2022 consultation. Information noted, no action.
- e) **Boundary Commission for Wales:** Public Hearings regarding the proposed changes. Information noted, no action.
- f) **Llanfihangel Rhydithon CP School (Dolau School):** Request for support in opposing school closure. The deadline has passed for this but Cllrs feel that a letter of support should be sent
- g) **Trefglwys CC:** Letter regarding hybrid meetings. Information noted, no action.
- h) **Criccieth Town Council:** Criccieth Creadigol Creative Criccieth shortlisted for Prestigious 2021 Creative Lives Awards. Information noted, no action.

10. **Planning:**

- a) **Application Reference: 21/1855/HH** Grid Reference: E:302993 N: 292091 Proposal: Erection of an extension to existing dwelling including change of use of land to form additional residential curtilage Site Address: Hafod , Carno Road, Caersws, SY17 5EF  
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections

*The following planning applications were received after the agenda was posted but due to not having a meeting in December Cllrs decided to consider them at this meeting:*

- b) **Application Reference: 21/2062/FUL** Grid Reference: E:304266 N: 294158 Proposal: Construction of a storage building in connection with woodland management apparatus Site Address: Land Next To Workshop, Trecastell Wood, Llanwnnog, Caersws Powys  
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections
- c) **Application Reference: 21/1966/FUL** Grid Reference: E:302371 N: 293957 Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse with integral garage and all associated works Site Address: Plot 3 , Maes Y Cwm, Llanwnnog, SY17 5JL  
Cllrs discussed and are unable to comment as there is no information on the planning portal. Clerk to comment that Cllrs were unable to reach a conclusion.

11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:** Waiting for a site meeting with Cllr Heulwen Hulme and Clive Jones PCC Highways

12. **Cemeteries:**

- a) **Risk Assessments** Completed by Cllr A Wallbank, there are still some graves that need topping up with soil etc.
- b) **Llanwnnog Cemetery**
- c) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Cllr L George is in touch with PCC and is waiting for someone to get back to him regarding the legal ramifications of the issues with Shiloh. Cllr L George will chase this up.

13. **Finances:**

- a) **Bank Balances:**  
Current Account = £14,981.61  
Reserve account = £31,273.40
- b) **Accounts and budget review and precept discussion** Cllrs discussed the precept for the coming financial year and agreed an amount of £39,085.71. This was proposed for precept by Cllr L George and seconded by Cllr C Woosnam. Clerk to make this request.
- c) **Bills to be Paid**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (November 2021)	£740.79
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (November 2021)	£61.94

(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £8.63, mileage = £28.31 62.9 miles) and Poppy wreath = £15.00

HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (November 2021)	£26.36
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Nov 2021)	£192.00
Gwynne Woosnam	Grass cutting Llanwnnog Cemetery	£2,418.00
Welsh Hearts	Defibs & cabinets (Caersws Village Hall & FC	£2,559.00
Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (December 2021)	£740.79

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

**14. Councillor Comments:**

**Cllr D Collington:** Is now Chair of the Community Health Council in Powys

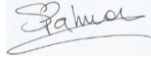
**Cllr B O'Sullivan:** Christmas Tree lights have been put on to test. Cllrs agreed that they could now be left on for Christmas.

**Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas:** Vans are still parked on the pavement on Chapel Street. Cllr P Breese will chase this with PCSO Mair Davies and Clerk to write to Newtown Police station.

**15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chair Cllr A Wallbank thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)