

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held at **Clatter Community Hall** on **Wednesday 30th March 2022** at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Breese, Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr L George, Cllr M Cheshire.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr D Collington, Cllr R Davies, Cllr T P Calvin-Thomas, Cllr M Harding (resigned).
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.
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
No members of the public in attendance
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 23rd February 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr M Cheshire and seconded by Cllr P Breese.
5. **Cllr Les George Report**
 - **Jubilee Celebration:** The previous meeting was successful and it was decided to change the street party to the Saturday instead of the Sunday. Next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday 5th April. A programme of events will be agreed and published for the weekend of the celebrations. Different people will be appointed to different jobs etc.
 - **Caersws bridge:** The works are still waiting to be completed and hopefully once that is completed the traffic lights will be removed.
 - **Roadway to the cemetery:** Has spoken again to Powys CC who have said they will get back to Cllr L George. He will follow up with Cllr Heulwen Hulme to ask the job to be added in with the work at Foxes Pitch and invoice to be sent to CCC.
 - **Trees:** new trees requested for Recreation area, cemetery and playground. Clerk to look into schemes for trees for the jubilee.
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:**
 - b) **Caersws bridge:** Correspondence received from Russell George stating that there will be a review on the need for the roundabout in Caersws and footbridge which leads to the possibility of these schemes being cancelled
 - c) **Pavement widening between Premier Shop and car park:** It is understood that the owner of the property is in the process of selling the property. This will lead to the proposed scheme to be proposed again to the new owners.
 - d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No updates received from TRA, Clerk to continue to chase.
 - e) **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:**
 - 1) **Caersws street party:** Street party changed to the Saturday from the Sunday. The road closure has been agreed/confirmed by Powys CC.
 - 2) **Clatter celebrations:** Clatter Committee received info regarding the celebrations being planned and that the cost will be £500. Cllrs agreed to cover the full cost, proposed by Cllr C Woosnam and seconded by Cllr A Wallbank.
 - 3) **Mugs:** Cheque to be drawn for the order for 252 mugs to be ordered for Caersws celebrations as per bills to be paid. Proposed by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr C Woosnam.
 - 4) **Beacon:** The people who bought the land that was used last time for a beacon are happy to have one there again. They would however require help organising this. Some other residents have offered help with this.
 - f) **Manthrig Brook Flooding issues:** Clerk has drafted and sent an email to Cllrs to check to be sent to PCC officer and copy in Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Dr Caroline Turner and Russell George SM. Cllrs are happy for this to be sent to
 - g) **Local Development Plan (LDP):** Cllr A Wallbank is struggling to work through the documentation for the LDP consultations. Clerk to continue to add the issue to the PCC agenda's with Town & Community Centres that the consultation is inaccessible. Cllr M Cheshire suggested writing a letter to the Head Planning Officer Peter Morris to request help with deciphering the new LDP and copy in Cllr Beverley Baynham. All Cllrs present were in agreement. Clerk to send email in relation to this matter and request a response by a specific date.
7. **Place Plan Committee Update:** amount for printing 250 questionnaires of £48.75 was agreed. Place Plan Committee matters and survey will be delayed until after the election now.
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Dog Fouling:** Dog fouling station not yet received, Clerk is chasing delivery of this.
 - b) **Speed Check Group:** The group were going to meet today but the PCSO who was going to attend has Covid so it was unable to go ahead. This will be rearranged at the earliest convenience.

- c) **Signal box at station:** Clerk is chasing a response, no communication received. Clerk to also request for the electrical fault to be repaired, which stopped the Friends of Caersws Station using the tap to water the plants and therefore stopped them maintaining the station.
- d) **Upcoming election:** Cllrs have discussed any queries on the papers to be completed with the Clerk. All happy with what is required. Nomination papers to be handed in to Powys CC by 6th April 2022.
- e) **Overgrown hedge near vicarage in Llanwnnog:** Cllr A Wallbank has been in contact with the relevant people regarding sorting out the overgrown hedge. Cllr A Wallbank to contact the agents again to try and get through to the relevant person.
- f) **Severn Basin Consultation:** Local resident has confirmed that she will not be responding to this consultation. Cllrs agreed to leave this one
- g) **Street light by Caersws Village Hall:** Reported to PCC, Clerk is chasing for a response as to whether a light can be added/switched on here.

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

- a) **Green Lane Association:** Countryside Access. Information noted, no action.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** Membership for 2022/23. £271 for 2022/23 membership was agreed by Cllrs present. Payment for membership was proposed by Cllr P Breese and seconded by Cllr L George. Clerk to add to this months bills to be paid.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Call for case studies (taking action on the climate emergency). Information noted, no action.
- d) **Local Resident:** Sustainable development around Caersws, various issues. These issues relate to and are linked to the LDP. Cllr A Wallbank will respond to the resident to clarify that we are requesting help from PCC with the LDP consultation. The Crematorium application mentioned is currently called-in by the Welsh Government so there is nothing further that can be done in relation to this at this time.
- e) **One Voice Wales:** Innovation Strategy for Wales – have your say. Information noted, no action.
- f) **Local resident:** Christmas tree lights have been removed by the resident as they had started coming off. Clerk to collect these from them. Cllrs agreed
- g) **Cllr M Harding:** Resignation from the Council correspondence. Cllr M Harding has unfortunately decided to resign from the Council. Clerk to send a letter on behalf of the Council thanking her for her service on the Council.
- h) **Caersws Recreation Association:** Request for the Lottery plaque to be installed on the back of the bus shelter. Cllrs were in agreement for this.

10. **Planning:**

- a) **Application Reference: 22/0357/FUL** Grid Reference: E:303137 N: 291570 Proposal: Installation of a new all weather surfacing onto existing tennis courts and construction of 6 new additional hardstanding areas Site Address: Recreation Ground, Caersws, Powys.

11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) **Lights repair:** Work on the lights has been done but further work suggested which Clerk has requested to be completed as soon as possible.
- b) **New doors:** Clerk has requested some quotes for heavier, vandal proof doors to be fitted.

12. **Cemeteries:**

- a) **Risk Assessments:** Cllr A Wallbank has completed the risk assessment and confirmed that not much is changed, no new issues to report. Graves need levelling still, roadway is still an issues which was raised earlier in the meeting. Cllr A Wallbank will fit a non-return valve on the tap at some point. 3 new benches look good that have been placed there. Head stones; some that still need attention. Clerk to try and find family members to maintain the stones.
- b) **LLanwnnog Cemetery:**
 - i. Request for gates to be able to be held open and for them to open into the cemetery instead of out towards the road. The gate would need to be raised also. Leave on the agenda to be sorted once the roadway has been resurfaced.
- c) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** Clerk has been in contact with one of the Trustees and has been told that the Charity Commission owns the ground of the graveyard. Clerk to contact solicitor Hanratty to ask for some advice on how to ensure no liability is left with Caersws CC.

13. **Finances:**

- a) **Bank Balances:**
 - Current Account = £17,040.56
 - Reserve Account = £41,948.19
- b) **Bills to be Paid:**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (Mar 22)	£743.39
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (Mar 2022)	£46.28
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £7.97, mileage = £28.31 (62.9 miles))</i>		

Sophie Palmer	Clerks Salary backdated salary change	£159.10
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (Mar 2022)	£23.76
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (Mar 2022)	£192.00
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Mugs for Jubilee x 252	£958.32
Clatter Community Centre Ltd	Room hire for 2022	£75.00
Clatter Community Centre Ltd	Jubilee Celebration Contribution	£500.00

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr C Woosnam and seconded by Cllr M Cheshire.

Clerk asked whether anyone else would be happy to be added as a signatory along with Cllr M Cheshire. Cllr C Woosnam and Cllr P Breese are happy to be added as a signatories. Clerk to arrange the paperwork.

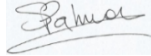
14. Councillor Comments:

Cllr L George: Meeting completed within the allotted 2hr time scale. CCC's meetings should run to time especially as new people may be coming onto the council and we don't want them to be put off by very long meetings. Council meetings should be no longer than 2 hours.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Cllr A Wallbank thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)