

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting held at **Clatter Community Hall** on **Wednesday 18th May 2022** at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr P Breese, Vice Chair Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr L George, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr D Collington

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs S Palmer, 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies:** None
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 11.
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
A member of the public was present who is interested in so-opting onto the Council. He did not wish to raise anything with the Council and just wished to observe the meeting.
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 27th April 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr M Cheshire and seconded by Cllr D Collington.
5. **Election update & co-option:** The Council has 6 vacant seats at present. Clerk confirmed that she can place the notice of co-option up straight away and will check the timings but aim to be able to co-opt any interested people at the next meeting if possible.
6. **Cllr Les George Report:**
 - **Jubilee Celebrations:** can the grass be cut fresh before Jubilee celebrations? Clerk confirmed that she has asked Andrew Evans to do this and will confirm the dates again with him.
 - **Resident had and accident hurting his leg on a pothole:** Cllr L George has sorted this out with Highways who will rectify this.
 - **Pumping system at Green:** The electrics for the new pumping system are still not sorted, Clerk has chased this but will chase again.
 - **Ukrainian family:** a Ukrainian family have been taken in by a lady in Carno and settled into Carno school.
 - **Cemetery Roadway:** Cllr L George looking to get quotes but not had any luck with contacts yet
 - **Cemetery hedge and fence:** Cllr L George has been in contact with the relevant people. The issue should be resolved now.
 - **Jubilee mugs:** These have been delivered and look really great. They will go to the school first and children around the wards then others can be distributed at the celebrations in Clatter and Caersws.
 - **Jubilee Committee:** Last meeting being held on 30th May before the celebrations go ahead. Committee is looking for a cherry picker to be able to put up the bunting.
 - **Agenda item 10c:** there is just a small piece of land which is not in a good state. The deadline is also very close and a complicated undertaking. Overall Cllrs agreed that the land is not right for the Community Council.
7. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a) **Pedestrian crossing in centre of Caersws:** No updates received
 - b) **Caersws bridge:** Works to be carried out and it looks like the lights will be removed when these works are completed.
 - c) **Pavement widening between Premier Shop and car park:** No updates received
 - d) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No updates received
 - e) **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:**
 - 1) **Caersws street party:** everything is organised and ready there is just the bunting left to put up.
 - 2) **Mugs:** delivered this week, covered in agenda item 6.
 - 3) **Beacon:** in hand and will be lit on Thursday 2nd June 9.45pm.
 - f) **Manthrig Brook Flooding issues:** No updates received.
 - g) **Proposed letter to Welsh Government regarding long term issues:** Cllr M Cheshire drafted a letter to be sent to Rebecca Evans and copy to the Leader and CEO of PCC, Russell George SM. Cllrs agreed they were happy for this to be sent on. Clerk to action this and send on, on behalf of CCC. Wait for the next meeting in June.
 - h) **Long term items list:** Clerk has started the list, some items were added and the Clerk will look into the dates of when they were first raised and add a column to show the response received. This list will be sent on to
8. **Place Plan Committee:** Cllrs agreed to wait until we have some more members before setting any more meetings. Cllr D Collington and Clerk to look at survey for next meeting.

9. Matters Arising:

- a) **Dog Fouling:** Artwork for the dog fouling station has been agreed, Clerk to confirm.
- b) **Speed Check Group:** Cllr M Cheshire confirmed that the speed watch group has met and been out to do a speed check. A number of people were found to be speeding and will be sent a letter in due course. Cllrs agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- c) **Signal box at station:** Following response received; "The signal box does require intervention. The box is not operational so the remit would be to ensure that it is safe and refurbished to provide visual and fabric protection, we will be looking to remit this within the next couple of weeks". Clerk to chase up if not done.
- d) **Street light by Caersws Village Hall:** review currently underway, Caersws should be looked at soon. Will keep this on the list and chase up
- e) **Defibrillator maintenance:** Defib has been taken. Clerk to report to Police and put in County Times. Waiting to speak with the electrician regarding looking at this to ensure the electrics are safe.
- f) **Maesawelon car parked long term:** The Clerk has checked the details of the car given and has asked the local PCSO to check this.
- g) **New Clerks Laptop:** Clerk has some options from PC-Q and discussed with Cllr D Collington and made a decision which she will action.

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

- a) **Local Resident:** Alarm sounding at Llanwnog School. This is resolved, remove from the agenda.
- b) **Transport For Wales:** Updates to signalling on the Cambrian Line. Information noted, no action.
- c) **Local resident:** Land for auction in Llanwnog. Covered in agenda item 6.
- d) **One Voice Wales:** Climate Change Newsletter. Information noted, no action.
- e) **One Voice Wales:** Future Wales, the National Plan 2040. Information noted, no action.

11. Planning:

- a) **Application Ref: 22/0561/FUL** Grid Ref: E: 302338 N: 293923 Proposal: Erection of detached garage Location: Plot 1 , Maes Y Cwm, Llanwnnog Caersws Powys
Cllrs discussed this application and it was reported that this has already been built so no comments will be made.

12. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Lights repair:** Waiting for confirmation of this being completed.
- b) **New doors / hinges:** waiting on tradesmen to be able to get there to quote
- c) **Beeping of coin boxes:** Neighbour has asked the cleaner if the beeping can be stopped on the coin boxes because it disturbs her dog. Clerk is awaiting a response from Healthmatic.

13. Cemeteries:

- a) **Risk Assessments:**
- b) **LLanwnog Cemetery:**
 - 1) **Gates and roadway repairs:** Covered during agenda item 6
- c) **Shiloh, Clatter graveyard:** John Griffiths who was doing the grass cutting etc at Shiloh has been in touch and is unable to continue to cut the grass at the graveyard but has suggested someone else (Robert Evans, Llanidloes) who has provided me with a quote for taking this over. The quote is £1,760 which is the same as previously paid. Cllrs agreed to use Robert Evans to maintain the graveyard, proposed by Cllr D Collington and seconded by Cllr L George.

Cllrs also discussed the issue of taking over the maintenance for the graveyard from the Trust. Clerk to make contact with Hanratty solicitors to clarify that there is no liability on CCC for the ground.

14. Finances:

- a) **Account balances:**
Current account = £27,275.70
Reserve account = £41,949.23
- b) **Internal Audit:** CCC has a full audit this year, audit paperwork is being prepared to send to Anthony Richards, internal auditor.
- c) **Account and budget review:** Accounts sent to Cllrs prior to meeting for review. All Cllrs present agreed that they were happy with the accounts as presented.
- d) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer	Clerks salary (May 22)	£774.64
Sophie Palmer	Clerks expenses (May 2022)	£46.64
<i>(Breakdown of expenses: Home working allowance = £10.00, stationery & postage = £6.31, mileage = £28.67 (63.7 miles))</i>		
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax for Clerk (May 2022)	£5.77
Hugh Jones	Cleaning at W/C (May 2022)	£415.00
Carl Jones	Cleaning cover	£69.00

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

15. Councillor Comments:

Cllr A Wallbank confirmed that he will be attending a SARLAC meeting on Friday and was there anything that Cllrs wanted to be raised? When will the new trains be up and running?

Cllr A Wallbank also requested that Clerks salary review be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Cllr C Woosnam: In relation to the new all-weather area in Caersws, they have been told that SuDS are required for the project which are a substantial cost and may make the project unviable.

Cllr M Cheshire: could the agenda be altered so as not to add all of the items and assume they have been read. Cllr D Collington suggested that a list of items should be provided in case anyone has missed anything. Clerk suggested that correspondence can be acknowledged and ask Cllrs which items, if any, they want to discuss.

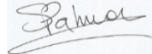
Cllr D Collington Passed a Community Health Council survey onto the Clerk to distribute.

Cllr L George suggested adding the Council minutes onto the CCC Facebook page. Clerk to action.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre.

Chair Cllr P Breese thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)