

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at **Caersws Community Centre** at 7.30pm

**Present:** Chair Cllr C Woosnam, Vice Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Knapp, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr M Carroll, Cllr P Skitt

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr A Vaughan, Cllr L George
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 C Knapp funding application
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)  
No one in attendance
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed AW, seconded MC
5. **Priority Projects:**
  - a) **Caersws Footbridge:** Email from RG to say there is vagueness around future plans from PCC, however he has requested copies of plans and designs prepared for NRW and CADW
  - b) **Caersws Train Station Parking :** Carpark seems to be getting busier with some cars (17 one night) being parked overnight. CK suggested the field opposite is used for parking. Awaiting update from AV. Owner of land next to current carpark is in discussion with Network Rail, CC to try to find out Network Rails plans.
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
  - a) **Pavement widening on corner of Premier Shop:** planned for September
  - b) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** RG awaiting meeting with Network Rail
  - c) **Pedestrian Safety Signs Pontdolgoch Railway Bridge :** LG is communicating with TRA Andrew Jones
7. **Place Plan Committee**
  - a) LDP – Following a meeting, Councillors approved the comments made
  - b) Active Travel Plan – no update
8. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Request for pavement** Pontdolgoch – No update
  - b) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** – Link to new website has been sent to Councillors, who will review and send ideas and feedback by email to be forwarded to developers. It is felt the website should be inclusive of surrounding areas covered by Caersws CC
  - c) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Clerk to contact Hanratty
  - d) **Defibrillator** – Pontdolgoch – will be fitted shortly
  - e) **Removal of bus shelters** – PCC feel they have replaced the bus shelter with a better one including timetables and will not add another to the opposite side of the road. CCC were offered ownership of the new bus shelter. Clerk to decline offer.
  - f) **Asset Register** (including benches) – DL has carried out a physical review of all items, but it is difficult to update our current asset list as we are unclear if some items are owned by the CC. Clerk to send list to PB and request assistance with this. It would also be ideal to add asset labels/numbers once the list is complete
  - g) **School Panels** – Both the School and MWA are working on replacements. MC has contacted Network rail by email and is hopeful of arranging a meeting. The station is in a poor state of repair, especially compared with its former state. It is hoped 'Friends of the Station' could be reintroduced.
  - h) **Resignation** -Cllr S Sargent has resigned from the Community Council. Clerk to arrange notice of vacancy
9. **S137 Donation Requests** *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the September meeting.*  
Clerk has chased Caersws Village Club for updated quotations, no response received as yet. DL raised concerns regarding the interior doors which will be just inside the new doors

Mid Wales Arts Centre have requested funds for a printing rack and baby change station – Councillors to review and email response

Clatter VH have withdrawn their request for funding

**10. Planning:**

24/1301/HH Grid Reference: E:298520 N: 295869 Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations Site Address: Oerffrwyd Crossing Cottage , Clatter, Caersws, SY17 5NP - Approved

24/1206/FUL Grid Reference: E:303294 N: 291935 Proposal: Conversion of Baptist Church into residential dwelling. Change of use from chapel (D1) to a dwelling house (C3), demolition and rebuilding of the side entrance, opening up rear gable and installation of roof sky lights Site Address: Baptist Chapel, Chapel Street, Caersws, Powys – No Comment

**11. Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) Maintenance – Some plumbing/blockage issues resolved by EOM.
- b) A concern has also been raised regarding parking near to the toilets blocking access for residents. Clerk to purchase two signs and check with residents whether they would like them on their gates too. CK suggested purchasing from NBS
- c) Posts on carpark need painting. Clerk to arrange

**12. Cemeteries:**

- a) **Risk Assessments:** Completed by DL. Shiloh needs weedkiller applying and the hedges cutting. Clerk to arrange.
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard and Grasscutting:** awaiting transfer of ownership (though R Hanratty solicitors).
- c) **Llanwnog sunken graves:** Complete. Contractor has also provided some remedial work to the drain and cleared soil at side of shed. Gates need painting. DL raised concerns on payments for burials, using scribe will assist with this. Clerk to ask PB who is responsible for cutting hedges at this location
- d) **Llanwnog cemetery mapping:** Awaiting price from Scribe for mapping
- e) **Cemetery Regulations –** Clerk has updated and will forward to Councillors for approval

**13. Finances:**

**NatWest: Current account** =£3,835.51  
**Reserve account** = £60,210.72  
**Unity Trust: Current account** = £8,764.80  
**Savings account** = £0

**a) Bills to be paid:**

Scribe £28.80  
Scribe £226.80  
Clerk £741.37  
HMRC £185.40  
Clerk £26  
EOM £156.00  
EOM £60  
Border £120.10  
Hugh £288  
One Voice Wales £40  
Andrew Evans £511.20  
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Of which £276.02 is VAT

**b) Direct Debits:**

PCQ £29.31  
SSE £108.06  
Hafren Dyfrdwy £398.49  
Scribe £42

**c) Income received:** None – Precept will have arrived to Natwest

Payments approved proposed by PS, seconded by AW  
Letter to Natwest to transfer funds to Unity, Clerk to ask PB to sign, AW to take to branch

## Reserves breakdown

RESERVES HELD	
PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Public Convenience	£14,559.39
Unforeseen Maintenance costs for Cemetery	£8,000.00
Precepted amount for new website	£2,500.00
Training costs	£512.00
Precepted amount for village halls	£10,000.00
Reserves for any extra costs unplanned at the time of precept	£8,000.00
Cllr Remuneration	£1,592.00
Care Costs in case required/requested from Cllrs	£4,500.00
<b>TOTAL RESERVES HELD</b>	<b>£49,663.39</b>

### 14. Councillor Comments:

MC – Invasive species. MC brought in samples of Himalayan Balsam and pictures of Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogwort and conveyed the danger and invasive nature of these weeds. He has completed extensive surveys of the spread of this and requested volunteers to report sightings and help in the control. LG to be asked to take this to Carno CC for discussion  
MC – Councillors discussed the recent open meeting regarding Llandinam Gravels  
AW – Clerk contract updated and given to AW. Proposed AW and seconded CW to make position permanent as per August meeting  
DL – Requested the notes for meetings be sent 24 hours before  
DL – suggested Wind Farm Funding may help with funding for footbridge and carpark

### 15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm at Clatter Village Hall

Chair Cllr C Woosnam thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.56pm.