

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at **Clatter 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, Cllr A Vaughan

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire, 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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed DL, seconded MC
5. **Priority Projects:**
  - a) **Caersws Footbridge:** A meeting has been proposed with Steve Witherden (Local MP), date to be confirmed
  - b) **Caersws Train Station Parking :** Ongoing email exchange and conversation with Network Rail regarding more parking. Risk assessments have been carried out and there are no issues. Conversation is also taking place between NR and the land owner of the yard next to the current carpark. TV to send email regarding possible parking charges
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
  - a) **Pavement widening on corner of Premier Shop:** planned for September, No update
  - b) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No update
  - c) **Pedestrian Safety Signs Pontdolgoch Railway Bridge :** LG is communicating with TRA Andrew Jones
  - d) **Manthrig Brook Flooding Issues:** Local residents and the National Flood Forum (NFF) joined together on 4<sup>th</sup> October to walk Caersws and consider flooding issues. Policy changes mean that the Government expect local councils and householders to be more resilient. A meeting has also taken place with the Association of Dry Homes (ADH). MC is leading on this and suggested a Local Flood Action Group is set up who would engage with NFF, ADH and Severn water Management Group. They could also work with other local communities such as Llandinam. There is a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November in Newtown open to everyone. Clerk to put MC in touch with Karl Lewis  
The drain in Llanwnog is running well
7. **Place Plan Committee**
  - a) LDP – Councillor comments sent and accepted and will be added to report
  - b) Active Travel Plan – no update
8. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Request for pavement** Pontdolgoch – No update
  - b) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** – Chris Brooks has agreed to continue to work on this with the clerk. Councillors agreed this would be helpful and sent thanks to CB
  - c) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Clerk to contact Hanratty
  - d) **Defibrillator** – Pontdolgoch –will be fitted shortly. Awaiting update from Powys
  - 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 and they have given approval for the replacement panels. MC suggested a plaque is added and photographs are added to the new website

9. **S137 Donation Requests** any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the September meeting.

Mid Wales Arts Centre have requested funds for a printing rack and baby change station – Councillors agreed. CK to arrange invoice for payment by CCC to enable VAT to be reclaimed

TV to chase Caersws Village Club regarding their application

10. **Planning:**

24/1444/HH Grid Reference: E:299636 N: 295209 Proposal: Extensions to existing bungalow and erection of replacement garage with additional living accommodation above Site Address: Frongain, Clatter, Caersws, SY17 5NL – No comment

11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) Maintenance – The current provider is leaving in December, Clerk to contact holiday cover person to arrange permanent cover from December. Holiday cover will need to be arranged
- b) Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding parking near to the toilets blocking access, overnight parking by motor homes on the carpark, location of bins and the efficiency of the sewage system causing overflow of sewage to gardens at busy times. Clerk sent information by email and Councillors discussed. 'No Parking' signs will be sited on the toilet walls, however the carpark belongs to Powys County Council so requests for changes to parking restrictions, location of bins would need to be forwarded to PCC. CCC will continue to work with residents to encourage the water company to make improvements.
- c) Clerk to ask painter for quote for new chains and painting of posts

12. **Cemeteries:**

- a) **Risk Assessments:** Not completed for September as yet
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard and Grasscutting:** Transfer is complete. Clerk to complete charity Commission information
- c) **Llanwnog cemetery mapping:** Awaiting price from Scribe for mapping
- d) **Cemetery Regulations** – Approved. Proposed PS, Seconded MC. To be added to website, sent to stonemasons and added to the noticeboard at Llanwnog. Clerk to find costs for new noticeboard. AW to ask if there are current regulations for Shiloh
- e) **Painting** – Will be completed in Spring, cost £200-£250

13. **Finances:**

**NatWest: accounts** =£21,654.21 awaiting statement

**Unity Trust: Current account** = £66,020.55

**Savings account** = £0

a) **Bills to be paid:**

Scribe £28.80

Clerk £741.57

HMRC £185.20

Clerk £26

EOM £150.00

EOM £60

Hugh £192

Wreath RBL £27.50

Councillors Allowance x 4 £832

Transfer reserves of £49,663.39 to Savings account

b) **Direct Debits:**

PCQ £29.31

SSE £108.06

Scribe £42

Unity £18

c) **Income received:** £2.85 interest

Payments approved proposed by PS, seconded by AW

Annual Return for 2023-24 was signed by CW

A meeting to discuss 2025-26 precept was arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Caersws Village Hall

#### 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:

- DL – Awaiting invoice for work completed at Llanwnog
- DL - Hedges need trimming. TV to speak to landowners. Clerk to ask Andrew for a quote to cut and take away at Shiloh and Llanwnog (inside and top)
- TV – Footpath Moat Lane to Caersws blocked near the woodyard and unsafe.
- CK – suggested footpath and cycle lane to continue from Caersws footbridge to Plas Dinam, Llandinam. Costs for this could be included in financial planning for next year
- AW – Clatter WiFi will be installed on 1<sup>st</sup> November
- CW – Clerk to obtain update on planning applications for new housing

#### 15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall

Chair Cllr C Woosnam thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.