

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at **Caersws Community Centre** at 7.30pm

**Present:** Chair Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr M Carroll, Cty Cllr L George

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire, Vice Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Knapp, Cllr P Skitt, Cllr A Vaughan
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.*
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)  
No one in attendance
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed AW, seconded LG
5. **Priority Projects:**
  - a) **Caersws Footbridge:** A meeting has been proposed with Steve Witherden (Local MP), date to be confirmed, Clerk has chased several times with no response
  - b) **Caersws Train Station Parking :** Awaiting update
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
  - a) **Pavement resurfacing on corner of Premier Shop:** planned for September, No update. Chased
  - b) **Road markings at Weig Lane crossing:** No update
  - c) **Manthrig Brook Flooding Issues:** Cllr M Carroll initiated a meeting between local residents and NFF, with CW and MC representing the CC. Next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> December. Residents will form a Flood Action Group and NFF will facilitate meetings with NRW and Powys CC. An email was received by MOP who was in attendance supporting this. MC will further investigate why three different maps are in use by Powys CC
  - d) **Pedestrian Safety Signs Pontdolgoch Railway Bridge :** LG is communicating with TRA Andrew Jones
  - e) **Grasscutting/Hedge contract 2025** – to be discussed at January meeting
  - f) **Publication of Councillor/Clerk Contact details** – To be discussed at January Meeting
7. **Place Plan Committee**
  - a) Active Travel Plan – no update
8. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Request for pavement** Pontdolgoch – LG communicating with Andrew Jones, has met in person and stressed the urgency of this
  - b) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** – Chris Brooks has agreed to continue to work on this with the clerk. Meeting being arranged for January
  - c) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Clerk to contact previous clerk and find out more details
  - d) **Defibrillator** – Pontdolgoch –will be fitted shortly. Awaiting update from Powys
  - e) **School Panels** – Both the School and MWA are working on replacements. CC to provide materials. MC to source, authorised to purchase after communicating cost to CC. Network Rail will tidy this area of station, paint and repair woodwork. The current plaque will be updated and it is hoped this project will be complete by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025
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 discussed this application as the amount requested was higher than original quote. Agreed to support full cost. Clerk to facilitate

Caersws Village Club supplied quotes – CC agreed to support full cost. Clerk to make contact

## 10. Planning:

24/1611/FUL Grid Reference E:302642 N:295088 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to form a play room, studio and multi use are for occupants of holiday treehouse lodges, demolition of agricultural building (part retrospective) Site Address : Llwyngwyn, Llanwnog, Caersws, SY17 5N – Approved

Councillors discussed recent email communication from MOP regarding change of use of Chapel – clerk to respond

## 11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) Maintenance – The current provider is leaving in December, Clerk has spoken to the person who currently provides holiday cover. He would like to take over the role and has also sourced holiday cover for himself. He will be added to the payroll from January. Clerk to order consumables.

## 12. Cemeteries:

- a) **Risk Assessments:** October sent by LG, November to be completed this week due to snow
- b) **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard :** Clerk to send grave information to AW
- c) **Llanwnog cemetery mapping:** Awaiting price from Scribe for mapping

## 13. Finances:

**NatWest: accounts** =£21,474.21  
**Unity Trust: Current account** = £14,274.79  
**Savings account** = £49,663.39

### a) Bills to be paid:

Scribe £28.80  
Clerk £741.57 and £877.58  
HMRC £185.20, £224.96 and £18.80  
Previous clerk £75.35  
Clerk £52  
EOM £255.48 and £277.49  
EOM £60  
Hugh £240  
Rhys £135  
Andrew Evans £511.20  
Mid Wales Arts Centre £3,175.02  
Mid Wales Windows £6,938.00 (to be paid in two installments from reserves)

### b) Direct Debits:

PCQ £29.31  
SSE £117.62  
Scribe £42  
Unity £5.40

### c) Income received: zero

AW explained the clerks pay increase, inline with NALC guidelines and this was approved  
Payments proposed by LG, seconded by MC  
Following a meeting to discuss 2025-26 precept on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Caersws Village Hall it was agreed the precept would be £55,990 (an increase of 7%)

## 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:**

AW – Wi-Fi has been installed in Clatter Community Centre

AW – feels the invitation to meet BUTE should be accepted – agreed. Clerk to facilitate

**15. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm at Clatter Community Centre

Chair Cllr C Woosnam thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.33pm.