

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 21st May 2025 at Clatter Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllr Colin Woosnam, Cllr P Skitt, Cllr A Wallbank, Vice Chair Cllr M Carroll, Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Knapp, Cty Cllr L George

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cheshire, 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)
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 23rd April 2025 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed LG, seconded CW
5. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge:** Councillors discussed options to make the bridge safer. To change the bridge to single lane only with traffic lights to control traffic or progress plans for a new footbridge. The former could also work as a short term measure whilst waiting for a new footbridge. Clerk to write to TRA requesting temporary traffic lights for safety, sending to Councillors for approval before submitting to Highways
 - b. **Caersws Train Station Parking (Asset Transfer) :** LG will request and progress the transfer of land for additional parking. Current carpark belongs to Network Rail and they have no plans to increase its size. Sub group to meet 2nd June 2025 at 6pm to discuss the planned. DL, MCC, TV, AW. WAG may possibly fund this with support from Network Rail. Current concerns include no signage out of station, the need for tactile paving from station, asset transfer of field, CADW may object, the need for bicycle parking area and replacement bus parking. This could be part of an Active Travel at a future date
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a. **Pavement resurfacing on corner of Premier Shop:** No update. Clerk to chase
 - b. **Manthrig Brook Flooding Issues:** MCC gave a synopsis of the recent meeting. PCC will measure levels and check management of the Brook upstream to slow flow. Sewage and pumping stations are more than adequate even with new developments
 - c. **Pedestrian Safety Signs Pontdolgoch Railway Bridge :** LG to contact Powys to advise we intend to put up signs, awaiting an answer
7. **Place Plan Committee**
 - a. Active Travel Plan - Aspirational, no update
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** –New noticeboards sited and populated with information. Website ongoing, meeting arranged 5th June 7pm. Local children could create new logo
 - b) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Awaiting response from Church regarding legal fees
 - c) **Defibrillator** – Electricity is in and defibrillator will be fitted soon.
 - d) **School Panels** – May be ready in June
9. **S137 Donation Requests** *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the May meeting.*
None
10. **Planning:**
LLys Maldwyn – request to approve name. Not approved. Councillors suggested Severn View or Ysgol View
11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**
£40,000 grants are available to refurbish

12. Cemeteries:

- a. **Risk Assessments:** Completed. Grass pile left, also pile of soil. Request Contractor to remove plastic flower at cost of £80. Headstone unsteady (Merchant), no family in area, suggest lay it flat
- b. **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard :** Noticeboard sited, mapping underway
- c. **Llanwnog cemetery :** Mapping underway.

13. Finances:

NatWest: accounts =£21,330.92 and £17,392.41

Unity Trust: Current account = £21,952.40

Savings account = £30,372.83

Approved PS, Seconded CW

- a) Bills to be paid:
 - Cleaner £365.03
 - Relief Cleaner £105
 - Clerk £775.77
 - Clerk £26
 - HMRC £285.20
 - EOM £60
 - Toilet Rolls £8.99
 - Scribe £28.80
 - Telephone £26
 - Border £100.30
 - Andrew Evans £1,322.40
 - Village Club £6,938.00
 - Clatter Village Hall £300
- b) Direct Debits:
 - PCQ £29.31
 - Scribe £42
 - SSE £142.91
 - Bank Charge £6
- c) Income received
 - £242.27 interest
 - £18,664 Precept

£5000 transferred from reserve account last month paid towards Village Club donation.
 Agreed to close Natwest after transferring funds to Unity. Clerk to provide signed letters and Cheques to AW. More signatories needed for Unity, Councillors completed forms.

Reserves breakdown

RESERVES HELD	
PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Public Convenience	£14,559.39
Unforeseen Maintenance costs for Cemetery (awaiting VAT refund)	-£160.00
Precepted amount for new website	£2,500.00
Training costs	£512.00
Precepted amount for village halls	£6,231.00
Reserves for any extra costs unplanned at the time of precept/Donations (Awaiting VAT Refund)	-£1,841.83
Cllr Remuneration	£1,592.00
Care Costs in case required/requested from Cllrs	£4,500.00
TOTAL RESERVES HELD (update to include precept 2025-26)	£27,892.56

14. Councillor Comments:

LG – Information received regarding Unicorn to be used as private residence by owner, no planning change requested as yet.

LG – Powys reviewing street lights in Caersws. Light colour to be changed and rating increased outside Village Hall, this will hopefully shed more light on the bus shelter

LG - £5,000 grant to alleviate poverty to be split between Carno and Caersws based upon population. Donations to childrens clubs and school for trips, possibly a breakfast club. Nominations open 1st June to 1st July, decisions by 30th September

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 7.30pm at Caersws Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.26