

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 15th October 2025 at **Caersws Village Hall** at 7pm

Present: Cllr Colin Woosnam, Vice Chair Cllr M Carroll, Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Skitt, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr A Vaughan, Cty Cllr Les George, Cllr C Haughton

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Knapp
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.*
None
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
None
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 17th September 2025 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed MC, seconded AV
5. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge:** Response from PCC Traffic Lights are not being considered at this time. CH has written proposal supporting interim traffic lights and final solution of footbridge, Cllrs suggested adding timescale for response of Cllr comments by 24th October, the document will then be sent directly to TRA, Russell George, Steve Witherden, Jake Berriman and Ken Skates
 - b. **Travel Hub :** Clerk to chase response to MCC email. Acknowledgement received that CAT has been received and is being considered. Some funding may be available from Cambrian Transport Liaison Committee (AW). LG would prefer 7 acres rather than 2 acres, MCC suggested this could help with green storage of flood water
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a. **Pavement resurfacing on corner of Premier Shop:** Date arranged, Clerk to advertise on noticeboard and website. Note issue with signage to be highlighted
 - b. **Manthrig Brook Flooding Issues:** MCC gave a synopsis of recent meeting discussions, meetings are going well and it is a benefit to have decision makers in attendance
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** –Councillors to provide photographs for website and to provide photos and news items to be considered at monthly meetings. Clerk to add link to new website to facebook page
 - b) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Awaiting response from Church regarding legal fees. MC will chase
 - c) **Benches** – resolved to replace with two recyclable benches. Clerk to source
 - d) **Defibrillator** – Pads and batteries supplied for one defib, Clerk to order pads for others
 - e) **Co-Option** – LG to invite interested parties to next meeting
 - f) **Poverty Funding** – Concerns raised that the application is in Caersws Well Being Group name, but being paid to Caersws Community Council to forward. Cllrs resolved to request the form is changed and ask Caersws Well being Group to apply for funding in the normal manner
 - g) **Document Storage** – Storage in Village Hall arranged. Cllrs resolved to pay someone to move cabinets and paperwork
8. **S137 Grant Requests** *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the October meeting.*
A new online grant request form is available on the new website
9. **Planning:**
Application Reference: 25/1342/FUL Grid Reference: E:298406 N: 293746 Proposal: Installation of 12 ground Mounted Solar arrays and associated works Site Address: Garthbwt , Clatter, Caersws, SY17 5NR - Approved
10. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**
Clerk to write to Powys CC regarding drains and roof. Also to request PCC restrict height to carpark. Cllrs resolved to accept the quotation for urinal maintenance. Quote received from metrorod for drains repair

11. Cemeteries:

- a. **Risk Assessments:** Completed – LG. Hedge needs trimming by 2 feet at Llanwnog – Clerk to request. Cllrs Resolved to remove the soil heap and shed from cemetery. Clerk to obtain quote. AW to provide information regarding a replacement obelisk. To be discussed at a future meeting.
- b. **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard :** Mapping underway
- c. **Llanwnog Cemetery :** Mapping underway.

12. Finances:

- a) Account balances and reconciliation
Unity £17,768.02 and £28,778.34
Natwest Balance as at 23rd June 2025 £21,997.20 and £17,425.59
- b) Bills to be paid
Border £54.20 and £88.20 and £224.71
Metrorod £324.00
Clerk £813.87
Clerk £26
Clerk £28
Rhys £356.03
HMRC £390.52
Andrew Evans £1,322.40
Scribe £28.80
Defib pads £150
Lloyd Communications £2160
EOM £60 and £120
Clerk (Defibs) £583.20
W Wainwright £408
D Lowe £15.99 (plants)

DD
Scribe £42
SSE £133.01
PCQ £29.31
- c) Income received
£162.29 interest, Burial £587.25
- d) Natwest Account - now mandate has been updated, try another cheque
£21,997.20 and £17,425.59

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

12. Councillor Comments

- DL – Adoption of station – to review at next meeting
- CW – IT training. Clerk to find volunteer and costs

CW – NY Day Caersws playing Newtown, large crowds expected
AW – Clatter VH would like to apply for funding for solar panels – approved
PS – Training Plan
LG – Double yellow lines at level crossing
CH – Request for assistance with Christmas Tree Trimming

13. Items for next agenda

IT Training
Sales of land
News for website
Training Plan
Adoption of Station
Double yellow lines at level crossing – LG
Noticeboard by Church – MCC
Christmas Tree Decorations - CH

14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th November at 7pm at Clatter Village Hall
Budget Meeting : 12th November at 7pm, venue tbc

Meeting closed at 21.26