

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 19th November 2025 at **Clatter Village Hall** at 7pm

Present: Cllr C Knapp, Vice Chair Cllr M Carroll, Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr P Skitt, Cllr A Vaughan, Cllr C Haughton
One Member of Public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr L George, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr M Cheshire,
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)**
DL welcomed everyone and MOP gave a brief resume regarding herself
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on 15th October 2025 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed CK, seconded PS
5. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge:** Thank you to CH for the detailed document regarding Caersws Bridge proposal sent directly to TRA, Russell George, Steve Witherden, Jake Berriman and Ken Skates. No response so far
 - b. **Travel Hub :** Clerk to chase response to MCC email. Work is being done to improve the bus timetable by PAVO
LG met Jake Berriman at the location, traffic was hectic and there was no parking available. LG would prefer 7 acres rather than 2, TFW are assessing the size needed and will send information
Request pathway garage to Pen Y Borfa is resurfaced
PS raised concerns regarding payment for the Travel Hub. Grants will be applied for. Original proposal to be sent to Councillors. LG suggested double yellow lines near to station, this will not be approved by TFW
6. **Long Term Agenda Items and Projects:**
 - a. **Pavement resurfacing on corner of Premier Shop:** Complete, traffic lights are slowing traffic as they are four way. If permanent traffic lights are offered to temporarily resolve Bridge issue this should be accepted.
 - b. **Manthrig Brook Flooding Issues:** MCC gave a synopsis of recent meeting discussions, see appendix attached. No flood warnings on Manthrig Lane, traffic drives down a one way street the wrong way during floods. Residents will be able to put out flood signs once trained. Suggested maintenance of Brook could be undertaken by local farmers, offer of assistance has been received from one resident. Funding will need to be secured. MCC will feedback regarding permissions
7. **Sustainable Powys –** Sian Cox gave a brief presentation regarding Sustainable Powys. Cllrs raised concerns regarding communication with Powys CC, Cluster organisations and public perception of duties of both organisations. DL and PS to attend Sustainable Powys meeting on 27th November. SC to send Sustainable Powys Officer contact details, alternative address cabinet@powysgov.uk. MCC to contact Wendy regarding further Cluster options. CK suggested a better travel network including shuttle buses, Dial a Ride, shared car ownership schemes
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Website, Information Boards and Logo** –Website live, Cllrs would like to know how many hits. Clerk to add link to Caersws and Clatter facebook page. CK to send news story regarding station statues, TFW supplying new bi-lingual signage for this. DL to take photos of murals to add to website. Asset register needs adding to website
 - b) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Awaiting response from Church regarding legal fees. MC chased
 - c) **Benches and Noticeboard** – resolved to replace with two recyclable benches. Clerk to source. DL to arrange repainting of noticeboard near war memorial
 - d) **Defibrillator** –Clerk to order one further set of pads
 - e) **Co-Option** – MOP attended and will feedback if she would like to join
 - f) **Poverty Funding** – Cllrs happy with resolution reached by Powys CC, in supplying application form and email regarding receiving funding name and business type. CC to receive funding application for review. MCC to contact Walking Group regarding assistance to make pathway accessible. Clerk to supply contact number.

- g) **IT Training for residents** – Clerk to arrange. Possible location Presbyterian Church Coffee Morning.
- h) **Free Training for Councillors from One Voice Wales** – Each Councillor will pick a session, and this will form part of the CC training plan
- i) **Christmas Tree** – is sited and will be switched on 6th December with other village lights. CC to provide mince pies. CH to source and communicate with school to advertise

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

Funding grant received for student laptop, declined as does not support the whole community, Clerk to respond

10. Planning:

None

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

Letter regarding drains and roof sent to Powys CC

12. Cemeteries:

- a. **Risk Assessments:** November AW, December DL
- b. **Shiloh Clatter Graveyard** : Mapping underway
- c. **Llanwnnog Cemetery** : Mapping underway.

12. Finances:

- a) Account balances and reconciliation £12,232.09 and £28,778.34
- b) Bills to be paid (Payments approved PS,CH)
 - Border £88.55
 - Clerk £813.67
 - Clerk £26.00
 - Clerk £28.00
 - Rhys £389.03
 - HMRC £401.22
 - Scribe £28.80
 - EOM £60.00
 - Andrew Evans £907.20
 - Huws Gray £38.86 and £27.00 (Minus £12.60)
 - Severn waste £180.00
 - Unity £6
 - Councillors Remuneration
 - DD
 - Scribe £42
 - SSE £114.67
 - PCQ £29.31
- c) Income received £1,500.00 Poverty Grant
- d) Update on Natwest – AW tried unsuccessful, awaiting AW confirmation for mandate. Balance as at 23rd June 2025 £21,997.20 and £17,425.59. Letter of complaint to be sent to Natwest
- e) Budget Review Proposed precept £60,205 7.5% increase. Proposed to cap at 3.5% £57,640. Final decision in January, hoping Powys Council Tax rise information is released by then. In attendance at Budget Meeting of 12th November MC, LG, DL, AW, CW, CH. Apologies AV, MCC
- f) Councillors remuneration – To complete form if not done so far. Approved for payment

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

13. Councillor Comments

14. Items for next agenda

IT Training
News for website
Training Plan
Adoption of Station
Double yellow lines at level crossing – LG
Noticeboard by Church - DL
Apologies - CH

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th November at 7pm at Clatter Village Hall Budget Meeting : 21st January at 7pm, Caersws Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21.13