

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 20th May 2026 at **Clatter Village Hall** at 7pm

Present: Chair Cllr D Lowe, Cllr C Houghton, Cllr A Wallbank, Cllr P Skitt, Cllr C Woosnam, Cllr A Vaughan

Apologies – Cty Cllr Les George, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr M Carroll

1. **Apologies** – Cllr C Woosnam left at 18.45
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.*
AW Grant application Clatter Village Hall
3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
MOP shared information regarding Wind Farm with Cllrs. Access to the site was discussed. Requesting support from CC to oppose the wind farm, cables and road access. Reports has no reference to steepness of access road. Overhead cable route has recently been changed. Statutory application by September. Consultation within the next few weeks.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes** of 22nd April 2026 proposed CH, Seconded PS
5. **Community Engagement**
 - a) **Second Consultation Wind Farm** – MOP requesting support to oppose, Clerk to contact windfarm, MOP to provide contact details
 - b) **Parking at Toilets and Railway Station** – CC does not have control regarding parking in this area but have added signs requesting visitors not to park outside toilets. Complaint regarding parking at station, specifically in entrance to Welsh Oak, forward to TfW and respond to MOP clarifying the work CC has done towards a Travel Hub and asking them to mention this work in correspondence when complaining about this ongoing issue.
 - c) **Pavements** – Respond raised with CC, no jurisdiction. MOP to report on Fix my Street
 - d) **Parish Meeting** – Cllrs happy with progress so far. DL, CH and Clerk to meet and finalise printing and details
 - e) **Logo** – Cllrs reviewed three options. RESOLVED to adopt option 3 with amendment to Caersws and District Community Council.
 - f) **Cards advertising website** – RESOLVED to adopt these and print for Parish Meeting. Print 250, check price as 500 may not be much more.
6. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge:** No update. RESOLVED to send information to new MS. Cllrs would like to invite all six MS to future meetings.
 - b. **Travel Hub** : Discussed at SAB 27th April, seeking further information from services and will then respond. Ask for time frame for gathering information.
7. **New Matters**
 - a) **River Testing Kits** – CH feels MCC has applied for these. AW will find out further information
 - b) **Civility and Respect Pledge** - RESOLVED to adopt
 - c) **Electric Charging Points** – Agreed this was a good idea to be sited near toilets, PS to find out further grant funding information. Could also be added to Travel Hub.
 - d) **Access to River** – no signage for public rights of way, only a sign from Llandinam. Also no signs public right of way Llanwnnog or Festival Bridge. To review June
 - e) **Noticeboard Pontdolgoch** – Requested by Clatter Community Centre, would need to be free standing. RESOLVED to order same as purchased for Llanwnnog. PS to arrange siting
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Church have only agreed to pay £200 above £500, any higher costs will need to go back to ministry for discussion. RESOLVED to obtain quote from Oliver Joseph and feedback to Church in Wales
 - b) **Website and Facebook Posts** – Website views quiet, but Facebook posts busy and seems to be improving Community Engagement more. Next post will be regarding Cemeteries and Manthrig Brook
 - c) **Co-Option (12 Cllrs)**. – RESOLVED to start recruiting 13th June
 - d) **Battery Collection Point** – Premier shop has a battery collection point, but Co-Op doesn't. CH to write post suggesting residents utilise the one in Premier shop.
 - e) **Recycling, Gritting and Flytipping** – no response. CH to provide reference numbers. Clerk to write to Powys.
 - f) **Pontdolgoch Bridge Safety Concerns** - Letter resent, awaiting response

- g) **Provision of bus shelter at Llanwnog** - PCC have wrong location, passed to TRA, CH to respond and provide map
- h) **Road Safety through village** - no update
- i) **Speeding A489** –Police advise report to PCC and Go Safe. Raised with Welsh Government
- j) **Online Access to Meetings** – CH arranged and provided details. Will need to sign up to Teams Small Business Plan, cost £132 inc VAT. Cllrs will automatically have the code, MOP will need access by 2027 and will access through the Clerk. RESOLVED to purchase. Domain .gov set up, email will take a few more days.

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

- a) **Clatter Village Hall** – Cllrs discussed this application. This building is the only building that provides a location for activities in this area. PS proposed full funding and AV seconded. RESOLVED to support to value of lower quote, £2580.00. Invoice to be supplied direct to CC for payment.
- b) **Caersws Football Club** – Cllrs discussed this application. RESOLVED to support at a cost of £2,820.00

10. **Planning:**

None.

Any updates regarding Pen Y Borfa –

11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) **Refurbishment and Maintenance** – Meeting with DL and Clerk to agree schedule
- b) **Drains**- Date arranged
- c) **Claim as Business** – Information is online, CH and Clerk to arrange
- d) **Bat Swift Boxes** – DL provided, will be sited when roof is repaired

12. **Cemeteries:**

- a. **Risk Assessments:** May AW. Everything in good order. Grass quite long at moment, due to be cut. Brenda Marchant stone is not dangerous as couldn't be laid flat. Wooden bench needs re coating and plastic one needs cleaning. DL to action.
- b. **Mapping** – Ceased due to year end, will recommence June
- c. **Shiloh Cemetery** – Unable to find out who hit wall. RESOLVED to repair wall and obtain three quotes. Could we claim on insurance? Clerk to find out

13. **Finances:**

a) **Account balances and reconciliation**

Unity £22,631.10
 Unity Reserve £72,000
 Natwest £194.82
 Natwest Reserve 1p

Transfer £10,000 approximately

b) **Bills to be paid**

Border £63.67
 Andrew Evans £1322.40
 Rhys £365.03 Paid by SO
 PCQ £29.31 DD
 EOM £60
 Clerk £26 Working from Home Paid SO
 Clerk £28 Phone Paid SO
 Clerk £212 Bench
 Clerk salary £1216.85 (inc back pay for April)
 OVW £44 x 2
 OVW £345
 Caersws VH £157.00 Paid
 Caersws VH Donation £700 Paid
 Audit £210.00
 SSE £181.05 DD
 Scribe £42 DD
 Scribe £28.80

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Cath Houghton £19.99 Cork
David Lowe £146.77 Bat/ Bird boxes
Clerk £25.99 Card and Flowers C Knapp

c) **Income received** £19,579.00 Precept

RESOLVED to pay the above payments

CC went into closed session to discuss Staff Terms and Conditions

14. HR

a) Annual Staff Reviews – Planned April 2026 to arrange date. Clerk has advised Rhys. Clerk to provide template.

15. Councillors Comments and Items for next agenda (not for discussion at this time)

AW – Road up to TyGwyn Lane, blocked culvert – MOP to report to Fix My Street. Clerk to send link to AW

Powys no longer maintain unclassified roads

Next Agenda

PS – Community Council role in healthcare and prevention

Rhys pay increase – backdate?

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2026 at 6.30pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 21.45

Reserves breakdown

| RESERVES HELD | |
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| 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 |