

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 17th June 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, Cllr Les George, Cllr M Cheshire

1. **Apologies** – Cllr M Carroll. Cllr P Skitt left at 20.01
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. **Confirmation of Minutes** of 20th May 2026 proposed MC, Seconded CW
5. **Community Engagement**
 - a) **Second Consultation Wind Farm** – Dates confirmed and sent to Councillors. Cllrs will attend and ask why more notice of the meetings was not given
 - b) **Parish Meeting Review** – Attendees ten approximately. Cllrs RESOLVED to have a further Parish Meeting in the future, possibly February 2027 and considered how to increase numbers. Suggested Cllr attends local clubs/volunteer groups to invite people in future. MOP raised very valid concerns regarding speeding in the village and access to football ground. PCSO attended. Potentially could hold one in Clatter. Clerk to get thank you card for JV. Cllrs thanked organisers.
6. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge:**..Land between bridge and Unicorn, owner has been approached to sell this. Cllrs felt WAG needed re-engaging with this. Cllrs reviewed suggested email, RESOLVED to send to Jackie Charlton and copy to Mark Hooper (secretary of state for transport), Clerk to chase after 21 days.
 - b. **Travel Hub** : Awaiting answer from Powys following SAB meeting on 27th April, where Powys were seeking further information from services. Clerk requested timeframe for information gathering. Cllrs will review original submission and re-submit, include visual representation. (CH, Clerk, DL, TV)
7. **New Matters**
 - a) **River Testing Kits** – meeting in Llanidloes 23rd June. DL, MCC and AW to attend.
 - b) **Electric Charging Points** – PS working on possibility of installing these in Powys carpark near to toilets (Powys owned property)
 - c) **Access to River** – CH providing email regarding repair of access.
 - d) **Noticeboard Pontdolgoch** – Cost £624 plus VAT, to be sited by PS. Deliver to PS address. Header Caersws Community Council
 - e) **Community Council Role in Healthcare and Prevention** – Push by Welsh Government to ensure communities can respond effectively in urgent situations such as Covid. CC need to consider how they would respond and possibly create an Action Plan, including a communication hub. PS will update.
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Solicitor details sent to Church in Wales.
 - b) **Co-Option (12 Cllrs)**. – Posters to be displayed.
 - c) **Pontdolgoch Bridge Safety Concerns** - Letter received from Carno CC. Needs collaborative working TfW, TRA, Powys. Clerk to re- send letter to all of these agencies, regarding pedestrian safety, copy to Elwyn Vaughan.
 - d) **Provision of bus shelter at Llanwnnog** - CH to create response regarding incorrect location.
 - e) **Road Safety through village** - raised at Parish meeting. Residents are concerned regarding being part of speedwatch, however a third person is needed to fulfil this. Once speedwatch is operational, will have more evidence to request a pelican crossing.
 - f) **Speeding A489** – Reported to TRA and forwarded to WAG
 - g) **Online Access to Meetings** – CH and Clerk to organise
9. **S137 Grant Requests** *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the October meeting.*
10. **Planning:**

P/26/0063/FUL Proposal Erection of dry manure storage building. PARC YR ESGOB, Llanwnnog, Caersws, SY17 5NY - Approved

Any updates regarding Pen Y Borfa – FLAG meeting very soon and Pen Y Borfa will be discussed

11. Caersws Public Conveniences:

- a) **Refurbishment and Maintenance** – Meeting with Rhys, DL and Clerk to agree schedule. CH providing quotes for roof and guttering. Rain drains need clearing and lock on mens toilet to be replaced. Request Rhys also cleans benches twice per year. DL cleaned Heritage signs. CH to provide water proof stickers to add to heritage signs (x 5) and bus stops to link to website.
- b) **Drains**- Date arranged
- c) **Claim as Business** – Information is online, CH and Clerk to arrange

12. Cemeteries:

- a. **Risk Assessments:** June DL and AV. Clerk to create new rota to include AV. Driveway, hedge sides and top needs trimming. Clerk to ask Andrew Evans to trim hedges.
- b. **Mapping** – Ceased due to year end, will recommence June
- c. **Shiloh Cemetery and damaged Wall** - damaged wall could be repaired from cemetery side. Yew Tree overgrown, could be copiced. Clerk to contact Barry Jones, AV to ask Scott Lewis
- d. **Donation from Resident** - £515.00 received from family to be used in Llanwnnog Cemetery. Cllrs will discuss in July

13. Finances:

a) **Account balances and reconciliation**

Unity £7,711.33
Unity Reserve £82,000.00
Natwest £165.51
Natwest Reserve 1p

Transfer £1,000 to current

b) **Bills to be paid**

Border £67.30
Andrew Evans £1,520.40
Rhys £365.03 Paid by SO
Rhys Back pay £32.85
PCQ £29.31 DD
EOM £60
Clerk £26 Working from Home Paid SO
Clerk £28.00 Phone Paid SO
Clerk Phone £4.80 increase in charge
Clerk salary £1,016.39
HMRC £522.19
Scribe £42 DD
Scribe £28.80
David Lowe £13.58 Parish Meeting
Clerk £106.88 Parish Meeting
Clerk £10.40 Stationery
Aztec £426.00

- c) **Income received** None VAT refund requested
RESOLVED to pay the above payments

14. HR

- a) RESOLVED to back date to 1st April Rhys payrise awarded in May
- b) Pension – two options NEST or LGPS. LGPS will contact AW. To be discussed following AW meeting with LGPS. Employer rates can be increased through NEST, Clerk to contact Morgan Griffiths for advice regarding pensions.

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

CH – Benches need siting and memorial plates to be transferred. Request removal of old benches. DL to ask Billy Wainwright
LG – Resident requests that Llanwnnog cemetery to past vicarage speed limit is reduced to 20mph. CW suggested add this to Facebook and request comments. CH to report to Powys
AW – North Wales and Cambrian coast meeting, liaising all stakeholders. AW attending and will raise Travel Hub suggestion.
AW – new emails. Once all active CC will switch to .gov emails
DL – Suggested write to AM (MS) introducing ourselves and our priorities.

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MCC – Review at next meeting request from Manthrig Brook for support.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 20.49

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