

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 C Woosnam, Cllr A Vaughan, Cllr M Cheshire, Cllr M Carroll

Three MOP

1. **Apologies** – Cllr P Skitt, Cllr A Wallbank
Absent – Cty Cllr Les George

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.*
Cllr M Carroll – wind farm

3. **Public Speaking Session** (15 minutes maximum time allocated)
MOP raised the following concerns regarding the proposed windfarm
Eleven proposed wind turbines are 200m high, each siting will take 70 tons concrete. Visually will be overpowering. Concern regarding destruction of landscape and natural habitats, poor notification of consultation, access to site. Also concern regarding access over Caersws Bridge. Consultation process will be online and only last six weeks.
Opportunity to create a public meeting in one of the community centres (preferably Clatter) during August to give more people the chance to gain further information.
MC responded- Cllrs attended open event and are willing to attend a meeting to raise awareness. MOP will invite Cllrs to their meeting. MCC responded that CC will be consulted.

MOP congratulated CC on Parish Meeting posters and website and conveyed thanks on behalf of Clatter VH for donation.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes** of 17th June 2026 proposed MC, Seconded CW

5. **Community Engagement**
 - a) **Second Consultation Wind Farm** – Discussed as above
 - b) **Website/Facebook** – No comments regarding windfarm posts, Clerk to respond to cemetery comments

6. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge:**..Email sent and response requested within 21 days (11th July). Through other means Cllrs have found are Hydrology measures being requested. Clear information not being shared.
 - b. **Travel Hub** : Email from Cllr Jake Berriman to say the proposed travel hub CAT is declined and suggested collaborative working with Network rail. MCC they do not understand that CC is trying to secure a Travel Hub with amenities and not just parking spaces. RESOLVED to request a further smaller plot in a few months. Clerk to respond, very disappointed and will be submitting CAT for smaller site. To include disappointed after JB personal liked the idea Clerk to contact Network Rail

7. **New Matters**
 - a) **River Testing Kits** – MCC, AW and DL attended meeting in Llanidloes 23rd June and managed to acquire a kit. Two volunteers will be testing once per month upstream and downstream. May add this to Facebook page. RESOLVED to purchase further equipment if necessary.
 - b) **Electric Charging Points** – Part of “Have your Say”.
 - c) **Access to River** – MCC children do not have access to the river. Cannot create access as CC do not own land.
 - d) **Noticeboard Pontdolgoch** – Ordered
 - e) **Invitation to informal Reception – 23rd July.** RESOLVED to pay for RWS ticket from Chairs Allowance to enable Cllr to attend
 - f) **Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan** – To review in August

8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Legal documentation to transfer is now in the hands of both solicitors
 - b) **Co-Option (12 Cllrs).** – DL gave a synopsis of the Councillor role to MOP.
 - c) **Pontdolgoch Bridge Safety Concerns** - Clerk resent email, confirmed receipt, awaiting response. DL attended meeting Newtown, pedestrian access under the bridge is the responsibility

of Powys. Network Rail will look at what they can do to improve the situation. AV will find out what vehicles have recently hit the bridge

- d) **Provision of bus shelter at Llanwnnog** - Correct location sent. Awaiting response
- e) **Road Safety through village** - Clerk to contact resident regarding Speedwatch. Third volunteer needed.
- f) **Speeding B4569** – to be reduced to 20mph. Clerk to contact resident.

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

10. **Planning:**

P/26/0352/HH **Proposal:** Erection of extension **Location:** MOOR COTTAGE, CAERSWS, SY17 5HP
Approved

Any updates regarding Pen Y Borfa – MOP provided the following information :

“FYI, I am aware that the applicant is, or just has been meeting the Land Drainage team (SAB) to discuss revised proposals. We have made the point to Graham Astley last week that additional Site Investigation should be insisted upon here to record seasonal groundwater levels over at least a 12month period.”

Clerk to write letter copied to MOP in support.

11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) **Refurbishment and Maintenance** – Repair awaiting until nesting finished. DL and Clerk to meet Rhys.
- b) **Drains**- Date arranged. Clerk to confirm when this is scheduled for..

12. **Cemeteries:**

- a. **Risk Assessments:** LG – awaiting report. DL created new rota adding AV and to include toilets and war memorial..
- b. **Mapping** – Ongoing
- c. **Shiloh Cemetery and damaged Wall** -. Yew Tree overgrown, could be coppiced. Agreed to accept Supplier quote. Damaged Wall – no progress
- d. **MOP complaint - Grass cutting and Hedge Trimming and Articial Flowers** – spotlights (clerk to write to family). DL to let Clerk know whose plot it is. Clerk to let supplier know that hedges weren't trimmed last year and therefore there shouldn't be a charge. Hedge needs trimming asap. Farmers contractor cut all other hedges last year, Clerk to make contact

13. **Finances:**

a) **Account balances and reconciliation**

Unity £15,273.69
Unity Reserve £80,379.14
Natwest £165.51
Natwest Reserve 1p

b) **Bills to be paid**

Andrew Evans £1,322.40
Rhys £375.91 Paid by SO
PCQ £29.31 DD
EOM £60
Clerk £26 Working from Home Paid SO
Clerk £29.60 Phone Paid SO
Clerk salary £1,016.59 Paid SO
HMRC £512.49
Scribe £42 DD
Scribe £28.80
Clerk 99p
SSE £207.57
Jones Bros £2,580.00
Noticeboard £746.37
Unity Bank Charge £7.00

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- c) **Income received** None VAT refund received £9,075.95
RESOLVED to pay the above payments

14. HR

- a) Pension – awaiting further information

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

DL – OVW Survey of Town and Community Councils

CW – Suggest working project with school, could be Christmas Tree Event, Biodiversity project

MCC – Add Flood Action Group and Severn Together to next agenda

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 7pm at Clatter Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 20.36

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