

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 19th August 2026 at **Clatter Village Hall** at 7pm

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

One MOP

1. **Apologies – None**
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 concerns regarding Wind2, new route runs alongside the edge of his property and is widened opposite his property. Focus group have paid for print outs and may request some reimbursement. Advised would have to formally apply for a grant to be considered by Councillors.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes** of 8th July 2026 proposed MC, Seconded PS
5. **Co-option of new Councillor** – Cllr Manivannan was co-opted onto the Community Council. Clerk to provide paperwork
6. **Community Engagement**
 - a) **Website/Facebook** – CH gave a synopsis of hits on the website and Facebook. Most people interested in the following pages: Councillors, Agendas and Local Places of Interest.
 - b) **Working project with school** – Suggested Christmas Tree Event/ Biodiversity Project. CW will contact school.
7. **Priority Projects:**
 - a. **Caersws Footbridge** : Letter received from Mark Hooper sent to Cllrs on 31st July. Some activity on both sides of bridge, measuring, information scoping.
 - b. **Travel Hub** : PCC had advised they were working with Network Rail to provide additional parking at Caersws Train Station but were unable to provide a named contact. CC wrote to head of Network Rail to find out further information regarding joint working with PCC. In response Emma Hutchins of NR has tried to find information and also requested this from TFW – there is no record of anyone working with PCC on additional parking at NR or TFW.

Advised by PCC if we wished to request a further CAT it would need to be a different site. PS suggested the CC offer to pay for land – RESOLVED to request price for seven acres. Clerk to action. Possible funding from windfarm for full project.
8. **New Matters**
 - a) **Wind2 Proposal Garreg Hir** – Local meeting 26th August, Clatter Village Hall 6.30pm to provide further information for residents. RESOLVED to add to CC social media for information 20th August for resident's benefit. MC Proposed, MCC seconded. CC will support residents in their efforts to share information.
 - b) **Electric Charging Points** – Circuit at toilets is not strong enough to support fast chargers, would need new mains circuit. No viable at present.
 - c) **Noticeboards** – DL to contact Billy Wainwright to site near bus stop at Pontgolgoch, RESOLVED Clerk to order second notice board to be sited at bus stop Llanwnnog, deliver to PS.
 - d) **Proposal Firework Display** – Football Club will email Clerk with details.
 - e) **Vandalism in Village** – Couple of recent instances, statue now repaired, signs repaired. Post to be added to Facebook asking people to be aware and report any issues.
 - f) **Benches** – Two old benches been reclaimed and will be made into one. One coloured bench to possibly be moved
 - g) **Powys Better Together Have your Say** – survey sent to Cllrs. Noted.
 - h) **Cambrian Community Fund** – Funds available, could be used for a bike lock station. RESOLVED to set up a working group DL, MCC, Clerk
 - i) **Public Transport Provision in Mid Wales with Welshpool Council** – Clerk to respond willing to work together
 - j) **National Conversation Survey** – sent to Cllrs. Noted
 - k) **OVW survey of Town and Community Councils** – Individuals to complete

- I) **Flood Action Group / Severn Together** – Flood Action Group meeting postponed, Severn Together pushes to bring resources together. This is an International project. CH to promote on social media – Severn.together.org

9. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Ownership of War Memorial** – Legal documentation to transfer is now in the hands of both solicitors
- b) **Pontdolgoch Bridge Safety Concerns** - Email resent to Adam Christie, no response as yet. NR looking at additional warning signage. One hundred metres either side of bridge is responsibility of NR. Could this be linked to Cambrian Community Fund? Clerk to check.
- c) **Provision of bus shelter at Llanwnnog** - Email with correct location sent to PCC, chasing response. Continue to chase.
- d) **Road Safety through village** - Cllrs discussed options for combatting speeding vehicles in the village. RESOLVED to add a post to Facebook looking for volunteers for Speedwatch. Clerk to request TRA implement Traffic management system ie illuminated speed awareness signs

10. **S137 Grant Requests** *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the October meeting.*
None

11. **Planning:**

Application Reference: *Cyfeirnod: P/26/0509/FUL Cynnig: Change of use of existing store to ancillary accommodation to main dwelling Cyfeiriad y Safle: STORE, 6 TY MAWR ROW, MAIN STREET, CAERSWS, SY17 5EW - Approved*

Pen Y Borfa – No update

12. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**

- a) **Refurbishment and Maintenance** – Nesting finished, CH to arrange repair and request they also site bat boxes. Clerk to gain quotes from local decorators, Paul Cannon and Andrew. Clerk to purchase shelf for disabled toilet.
- b) **Drains**- No recent blockages. Chased repair to drains

13. **Cemeteries:**

- a. **Risk Assessments:** AW completed. Main problem in Llanwnnog Cemetery long grass under hedges. Headstone no longer dangerous. New risk assessment includes toilets and war memorial. Clerk to find out costs for radar keys. Clerk to resend rota to LG
- b. **Mapping** – Ongoing. Shiloh mapping completed on another website, CH to provide
- c. **Shiloh Cemetery and damaged Wall** -. Tree coppiced, wildlife habitat created and Wall/Railings repaired. To add to social media. CH
- d. **Grass cutting and Hedge Trimming** – External hedge will cut by arrangement LG. Clerk to request edges are trimmed. Meeting to be arranged for February 2027 with Grass Cutting contractor.

1. **Finances:**

- a) Account balances
Unity Current £5,141.61
Unity Reserve £81,379.14
Natwest current £165.51
Natwest Reserve 1p
- b) **Bills to be paid**
Rhys £375.91
Clerk £1,016.39
WfH £26.00
Phone £29.60
Border £63.29
Andrew Evans £1,772.40
Barry Jones £500.00
PCQ £29.31 x 2 July and August
SSE £184.31 and £374.73
Hafren Dyfrdwy £1070.71 and £24.76
Zurich £729.46
Scribe £42.00

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Scribe £28.80
Unity £7.00
HMRC £512.49
Shiloh Wall £
Billy Wainwright £1,988.40

- c) Income received zero

14. HR

- a) Pension – Employer Contribution for LGPS 24.6%. Cllrs discussed the pension options LGPS or NEST. RESOLVED to offer NEST with employers rate of 10%.

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

CH – Christmas Tree Event – Sept agenda

LG – Notice given to 200 county councils that they are expected to take in people to their communities. Plas Maldwyn empty and also 28 properties next to school empty. Clerk to contact BARCUD Housing Association to ascertain their plans for these properties. Notify community on social media that there is a sign inviting applications.

LG – apologies for September

Clerk - has provided password and useful information for emergencies – to be kept in Caersws folder with Clerk.

MCC – Requested permission to provide a further river testing kit

MCC – To invite Llandinam Cllr to Caersws meeting and vice versa. RESOLVED Clerk to ask. Sept agenda

AW – Tree debris left by BT to add to Sept agenda

AV – Clerk to purchase more dog fouling signs

PS – Briefing by Clerk on next local government elections to add to Sept agenda

Clerk – to send cemetery check list to AV, send cemetery rota to Les

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7pm at Caersws Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 21.06