CYNGOR CYMUNED CAERSWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 14th October 2026 at **Clatter Village Hall** at 6.30pm

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

No MOP

1. **Apologies –** Cllr M Carroll

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 P Skitt – Hospitals within Powys

3. **Public Speaking Session** *(15 minutes maximum time allocated)*

4. **Confirmation of Minutes** of 23rd September 2026 proposed LG, Seconded CW

5. **Community Engagement**
   a) **Website/Facebook –** Missing service man over 5,000 views, Shiloh 2,518 views, Benches 1,761 views. Severn together 1,132 views. CH will add encouragement to sign up to Flood Alerts. To start using .gov email with immediate effect.
   b) Joint Working project with school –

6. **Priority Projects:**
   a. Caersws Footbridge : Meeting with PCC regarding Caersws Footbridge and Festival Bridge took place 8th October at 4pm at Aberhafesp VH. Festival Bridge will not be repaired, Footbridge in Caersws will hopefully go ahead by March 2029. Funding of £2m is available for this project from PCC. RESOLVED to create post following approval by PCC.
   b. Travel Hub : No update

7. **New Matters**
   a) Noticeboard Pontdolgoch – No update, contractor engaged to site this along with covered noticeboard
   b) Bus Shelter Llanwnog – Covered noticeboard to be installed providing some shelter for travellers, approximate cost £800. Funding applied for. RESOLVED to go ahead with this project regardless of whether funding is received, but to wait until funding decision is notified.
   c) Benches – Thank you letters provided for refurbishment work. Suggestions to site coloured bench allotments, Plas Maldwyn or Manthrig. RESOLVED to site at Manthrig as no other seating there and is near to surgery. DL to get quote for siting.
   d) Grant Funding Applications –. Application to Windfall Wales submitted – includes Bus shelter, Water Watch and Hill Fort information board. Results 16th November. Thank you to CH and Clerk for submitting.
   e) Powys Better Together/Have your Say – survey sent to all Cllrs. Poster included by PCC to share on Facebook.
   f) **Flood Action Group –** FLAG meeting two weeks ago, residents complaining drains haven't been cleared.
   g) Defibrillators – Written to Barcud to request siting of a defibrillator. Post ready to upload regarding defibrillators. BHF will give a defibrillator for free if over 200m from a defibrillator that isn't available 24/7.
   h) Llanidloes Hospital - RESOLVED to send letter objecting to bed closures. Petition just short of 200 signatures for discussion at Senedd, requested to share with other residents to make sure local residents are aware of it. RESOLVED to share this, PS abstained form discussion and vote.

8. **Matters Arising:**
   a) Ownership of War Memorial – Awaiting legal transfer. Clerk to find further information regarding ownership of Shiloh and Llanwnog.
   b) Remembrance Day – MC will lay wreath. Clerk to source.
   c) Co-option – Remove from agenda as co-option cannot be within six months of an election
   d) Pontdolgoch Bridge Safety Concerns - Email forwarded to cabinet address, awaiting response
   e) Road Safety through village - Two volunteers for speedwatch
   f) Christmas Tree Event – Proposed 4th December at 6pm. To provide hot chocolate (with Baileys for adults), mince pies, possible Father Christmas. Sledge booked. CW waiting to hear from Red Lion. Will be advertised after half term. Clerk to find out if we need a road closure.

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9. **S137 Grant Requests** *any funding applications received will be sent to Cllrs to consider at the October meeting.*
Caersws VH request for three noticeboards £1,087.62 RESOLVED to approve funding.

10. **Planning:**
WindFarm update Esgwin windfarm – last date for comments 30th October
Pen Y Borfa – No update
- **Application Reference**: P/26/1057/FUL **Proposal**: Erection of an agricultural building and associated works. **Location**: WYLE COP, LLANWNOG, CAERSWS, SY17 5NZ **Allocated Officer**: Aled Williams - *Approved*
- **Application Reference**: P/26/1125/VAR **Proposal**: Discharge of Section 106 legal agreement relating to planning permission M20020174 **Location**: TY SARON, PONTDOLGOCH, CAERSWS, SY17 5NJ **Allocated Officer**: Lorraine Jenkin - *Approved*
- **Application Reference**: P/26/0973/FUL **Proposal**: Change of use and conversion of barn to dwellinghouse with cottage to be used for smallholding storage together with installation of a package treatment plant, parking area and associated works **Location**: Hendy, Clatter, Caersws, SY17 5NR **Allocated Officer**: Catherine James - *Approved*

11. **Caersws Public Conveniences:**
a) **Refurbishment and Maintenance –** Quote received for pull cord £817.90 plus VAT and painting £1,350.00 including outside rails. RESOLVED to approve both quotes. Clerk to instruct contractors. Ladies toilet needs bolt.
b) **Drains-** Original job cancelled as new work scheduled. Very deep sewer, trench may need reinforcing and traffic lights may be used. Hafren Dyfdrwy and Severn Trent will now arramge work for the public conveniences sewer to drain directly into main sewer.
c) **New Electricity rate** negotiated by DL, to £1.09 from £4.00 daily standing charge. Could switch to another company for approximately 60p daily standing charge. In contract until 2027. DL will check contract. Smart meter enquiry made.
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12. **Cemeteries:**
a. **Risk Assessments:** DL – No real issues. Hedges on inside at Llanwnog still need cutting. Clerk to remind contractor. Gates are being left open all the time which is encouraging people to drive in. DL will ask resident to keep gates closed at night.

1. **Finances:**
a) **Account balances** Natwest -£12.00, Unity Current £8,145.63, Unity Reserve £90,388.84
b) **Bills to be paid**
Bank Charge £7.00
Scribe £42.00
Scribe £28.80
PCQ £32.50
EOM £60.00
Postage £5.95
Morgan Griffiths £948.00
OVW £44.00
HMRC £514.35
Rhys £375.91
Clerk £1,019.07
Clerk £26.00
Phone £29.60
Andrew Evans £1,322.40
Toby Lloyd £280.00
Border £47.45
Cllr C Houghton £463.54 Laptop

Transfer £2,388.84 to current account
Move £50,000 on Scribe to reserves for Travel Hub

c) **Income received** Interest £388.84, Burials £550.13, £1,174.50
d) **Budget Meeting 11th November at 7pm Caersws VH**

13. **Councillors Comments and Items for next agenda** (not for discussion at this time)
AW – Apologies 18th November
AW – Community Energy Conference 5th November. AW will attend.

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CH – Christmas
CH – Gritting
CH – Senedd Members invite to meeting. (Footbridge / Travel Hub) . Clerk to send email requesting attend CC meeting or another day time meeting.
DL – Requirement for Grasscutting 2027

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7pm at Caersws Village Hall. Budget meeting 11th November at 7pm at Caersws

Meeting Closed at 19.26

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