Castle Caereinion Community Council
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Draft Minutes	**Date: 29th April 2026 - 7.00pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre** **To join this meeting via Teams:** Community Council | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join Meeting ID: 931 798 291 206 4 Passcode: vD2zV2

Participants		**Apologies**
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Lucy Mason (LM)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ); Cllr Gary Human (GH); Cllr Paul Roberts (PR); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO); Cllr Tim Robinson (TR)	Cllr Robert Nash (RN)
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor A. Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 152: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 153: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 154: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CJ, with all in favour.

Agenda 155: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator - Site checks are up to date with the next one due 24th May.
2. Phone Box refurbishment – The refurbishment is progressing.
3. Water Trough – Cllr NB has read the very detailed folder, containing documents following the flood of 2000. There is the likelihood that there is no longer water flowing through the trough, but the Council agreed to leave the item on the agenda for further thoughts towards a future project.
4. Replacement Bins within the village – The Clerk chased James Thompson from PCC and advised him that the dog waste bin on Coppice Lane has developed a nasty sharp edge, he will escalate the replacement bins as this can be dangerous for both users and the staff who empty the bins.
5. Code of Conduct recording – The Councillors have watched the training recording, and The Clerk will add this to the training record.
6. Area behind and around Maesgarmon Garages/Local places for Nature grants available – The Clerk will complete the existing project before applying for anymore funding.

Agenda 156: Playground

Certificate of Public Liability Insurance for the year 1/4/26-31/3/27 has been received from GLM Services Limited.

Agenda 157: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £9781.40
   Balance of Playground £1107.74
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages Apr 2026 £340.00
   HMRC PAYE Apr 2026 £85.00
   PCC (Code of Conduct recording) £60.00
   For Info:
   Bank Charges £4.25
   Balance after expenditure £9292.15
   All requests for payment approved, proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr PR, with all in favour.

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Agenda 158: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House
2. Gelli Lane Sign - This has now been installed.
3. Drainage on Cwm Lane
4. Pothole/damage to surface road on the left toward the Castle Caereinion Station
5. Condition of the B4385, the entire road to the Welshpool Junction
6. Condition of the road, to the first cattle grid, towards Welshpool Golf Club.

   The Clerk has written to Lyn Parry Senior Manager Highways Operations at PCC, escalating the highway matters. There has been no reply to received yet.

7. Cllr NB asked County Councillor A. Jones whether he could meet the surveyor next time that they survey the roads to point out the various bad potholes. The Clerk requested to ask the depot when they are next coming and how often that they actually do so.

Agenda 159: PCC planning notices

Application Reference: 26/0356/REM Grid Reference: E:315014 N: 306453 Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 1 of planning permission P/2014/0970 in relation to occupancy Site Address: Llygad Y Dyffryn, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9EX
The Council discussed this and decided not to support the application.

Application Reference: 26/0382/HH Grid Reference: E:314064 N: 307772 Proposal: Erection of side and rear first floor extension Site Address: Beech View, Cyfronydd, Welshpool, SY21 9EW
The Council discussed this and decided to support the application.

Agenda 160: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 16th March – 17th April
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions including free places and updates.
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. PAVO – Local Growth Fund, Health & Wellbeing
5. Powys teaching health board; Better Together
6. Russell George Newsletter and update
7. Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network – 9th April Minutes, next meeting TBC
8. One Voice Wales – Launch of Civility and Respect Pledge.
9. Zurich renewal invitation - Period of Cover 01/06/2026 - 31/05/2027 £334.85, previous year £300.33, The Clerk is asked to proceed with the renewal.

Agenda 161: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CJ attended the Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network meeting, The Minutes have been circulated to all Councillors, Cllr CJ said that the meeting was held in the Anne Holloway Centre, a fantastic building, a personal supporter of The Haven project who have managed to obtain a lease for the building, a 7 year lease which opens up that they can apply for grants and generally move forward with their plans.
There is a weekly drop in event for loss of hearing held at The Corn Exchange.
Cllr CJ distributed flyers for 'Have your say on Local Health Board' which explains about the transformation of local hospitals
Cllr NB would like to thank Cllr CJ for attending these meetings.

Agenda 162: Update from County Councillor

Recycling and household waste issues seem to be settling down, following changing the routes there have been missed collections but after several complaints the CEO has stepped in and things are improving.
There have been a lot of complaints from people not achieving the 182 days for holiday cottages. Powys County Council has put forward a proposal to ease the financial pressure on holiday let operators who have been reclassified into council tax after falling short of the 182-day letting threshold.

Agenda 163: Any other business

Cllr PR would like the Council to extend the thanks to John Lomas for agreeing to look after the newly laid turfed area, but also, for purchasing and planting up the 2 wonderful planters. Thank you very much it is greatly appreciated.

Cllr PR updated The Council with news from The Recreation Association that new LED lights have been installed in the hall, sensor lights have been installed in the toilets to prevent them being left on, the heating system is going to be upgraded with the gas being changed to oil. This is all in an effort to help with the rising costs of energy.

The Summer fete is booked for July 18th, the Committee is busy making plans for this.

Cllr CJ raised an issue regarding the new estate, on the left as you leave the Village. The properties have now been listed for Sale but there doesn't appear to be a footpath to walk into the Village. Cllr CJ has looked back on the original planning and there should be a paved area to the left-hand side to join up to the bottom of Swallows Meadow. This hasn't been constructed and therefore askes that The Clerk to advise PCC planning of this.

Agenda 164: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 27th May 2026 AGM at 7pm, followed by a Community Council meeting.
Meeting closed: 19.31