Castle Caereinion Community Council Minutes.
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Minutes	**Date: April 30th, 2025 - 7.30pm** **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 Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 144: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 145: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 146: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr PR, seconded Cllr GH with All in favour.

Agenda 147: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator - Clerk confirms site check is up to date.
2. Phone Box – Cllr NB is following this up.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – Ongoing plans with I.T Jerman continues.
4. Parking at new development - The reply from the enforcement team was discussed and the Council is disappointed with the response. The Council would like the enforcement of the Planning Condition to be reconsidered; Clerk will ask Cllr RN for assistance to ensure a suitable response is sent.
5. Section 6 Report - Action Plan to be implemented, The Clerk asked the Council if the area behind the garages could be considered for reduced mowing and the introduction of Native plants. Clerk to take this forward.
6. Speeding through the Village – Cllr PR has been in contact with the local PCSO and the recent 'racing through the village' was discussed. The PCSO confirmed that Castle Caereinion is on the list for a 'Speed check' and advised how to correctly report speeding and dangerous driving. Cllr PR has since updated the Council that there is 'Operation Snap' where individuals can submit video evidence of driving offences online, where this will be investigated, which can result in a fine or more.
   The Link for submitting evidence - **Report | GoSafe Welsh Road Casualty Reduction Partnership**
7. Zurich Insurance renewal by 1st June 2025 £300.33 (325.84 24/25) - Clerk to check policy is sufficient for the Council
8. Unsafe bench opposite bus stop – This has now been removed by GLM Services, there is a bench in the Playground by the existing seating area, and this will be relocated opposite the bus stop in the future.
9. One Voice Wales – Bursary for training up to £100.00 - Clerk to claim.
10. Harrisons Solicitors – Lease of Recreation Field Land Registry – Clerk to print off for safe keeping and to keep digitally.

Agenda 148: Playground

Certificate of Public Liability Insurance for the year 1/4/25-31/3/26 has been received from GLM Services Limited.

Agenda 149: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £8601.67, Balance of Playground £1100.72
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages April 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE April 2025 £80.00
   PCC £50.00 Lease of Playground for the year 26/3/25– 25/3/26

Agenda 149: Finance

One Voice Wales £42.00 - Cllr DO 'New Councillor', online training course (50% of this can be offset against bursary if approved) All requests for payment approved, Proposed Cllr RN, seconded Cllr CE with All in Favour.

3. Model Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment – Clerk to check Insurance for Lone worker Policy.

Agenda 150: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House - No further updates.
2. Gelli Lane Sign – Graham Astley has informed the Clerk that the sign is due to be manufactured and will be installed when the resources are available.
3. Potholes between Penybryn and Ty Mawr Report ref: 0317-4364-8786-2478
4. Drainage on Cwm Lane Report ref: 6722-1299-7826-9403
5. Potholes by the Castle Caereinion railway line Report ref: 8912-5815-8107-8274

Agenda 151: PCC planning notices

To discuss the following application received:
Application Reference: 25/0461/HH Grid Reference: E:314966 N: 308552 Proposal: Proposed single story extension, improvements to existing access and associated works Site Address: Tan Y Graig , Cyfronydd, Welshpool, SY21 9ER - The Council discussed this and decided to support it.

Agenda 152: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices 31st March – 18th April
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates including Free Training places available, New digital log on for Councils, Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant, Cost of Living Crisis Project
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. Corporate communications – Powys County council
5. PCC notice of meetings: Quarterly PCC & Towns Council meeting –
6. Dyfed-Powys Police
7. Russell George Newsletter
8. Welshpool, Montgomery & Llanfair Caereinion Locality Network Meeting – 4th June 2025, 10.30am 'The Feathers Association' Welshpool.
9. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Minutes, next meeting at Llanfyllin at 7.00pm on Monday 7th July.
10. Sustainable Powys Let's talk – Next Town and Community council date for Welshpool – 8/5/25 7-9pm Town Hall (2 Councillors can attend)
11. Audit Wales – Notification to complete a basic Audit for 24/25

Agenda 153: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr RN has attended the One Voice Wales/Planning Aid Wales Network Event and a Summary of the Questions and Answers has been circulated to all Councillors.
Cllr CJ has attended the latest Montgomery Area Committee meeting where Mr John Forsey, Head of Highways, Transport and Recycling at PCC made a presentation followed by many questions and comments including:
The PCC portal is working well but needs improvement to keep people more updated with outcomes.
PCC has a total of 4 Jetters and Gully emptiers, which used to be 8 and it is recognised the need for more.
One Voice Wales had agreed that Councils should attend the two OVW financial management training courses asap.
The findings of The Wales Air Ambulance report were still awaited.

Agenda 153: Attendance at Meetings
All Town and Community Councils are required to report to Welsh Government on how they have met the Statutory Biodiversity and ecosystems duty (Section 6) The report should include all actions taken by the Council over a 3-year period and it should be published on a website.

Agenda 154: Update from County Councillor
County Councillor A. Jones updated the Council with the following: An Estyn report into the education services in Powys was unfavourable. An accelerated Improvement Board has been established by Chief Executive Emma Palmer. Cllr AJ will engage with the Council regarding the £5000 Community Grant, and how this might be spent. The Clerk asked if this could be put towards any costs incurred with the implementation of the biodiversity action plan. Further information will follow in the coming months.

Agenda 155: **Any other business**
Cllr CE mentioned that the back road to Llanfair has some very bad potholes, particularly by the Cwm Golau bridge. Although out of the Community Council's reporting area, the Clerk is requested to report. Clerk has received confirmation from Andrew Collins, PCC, that the Urban Verge Cut will commence in May, and will also be cut in July and September. Cllr RN informed the Council that the Church will be looking for volunteers, especially to help with the grass cutting.

Agenda 156: Date of next meeting
Next meeting Wednesday May 28th, 2025, AGM at 7pm, followed by a Community Council meeting. Meeting closed: 20.30