Castle Caereinion Community Council.
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Minutes	**Date: 27th August 2025 - 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 Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO)	
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor Adrian Jones (A.Jones)	

Agenda 53: Ten minutes for members of the public: A member of the public attended the meeting to enquire about the Cemetary as they were on the understanding that headstones were only allowed, and yet there are 2 graves with marble beds and asked if the Council can check with PCC.

They also wanted to enquire about the Montgomeryshire County Council Small Holdings Consultation. County Councillor A. Jones informed the Clerk that the Consultation, which will be held for 6 weeks, will be emailed out to Councils and urged the Council to complete it on time.

Note: The reply from Carwyn Jones at Powys County Council is 'There is no restriction on the use of cover slabs in Castell Caereinion cemetery'

Agenda 54: Declarations of interest: None declared

Agenda 55: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, Proposed Cllr PR, seconded Cllr GH, All in favour.

Agenda 56: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator – Replacement pads have been ordered, awaiting delivery and invoice.
2. Phone Box - The Phone box is now in the open garage at Gareth and Ian's Farm, ready for preparing to paint Post Office Red. The phone box will need some general maintenance such as wire brushing and a new pane of glass sourced. Cllr RN to provide the details to the Clerk of the company who supplies the paint and any necessary supplies. It is hoped that Volunteers can help to restore the Phone box in the near future.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – Volunteers needed to remove the top layer of rock and old grass, ready for re-turfing or reseeding.
4. Anti-Poverty Grant/Maesgarmon Garages site – Clerk is still awaiting a response from PCC whether a garage is available and how much it will cost as there will be tools etc that will need to be purchased and securely stored until needed. Cllr KH and the Clerk will shortly be purchasing some fruit trees ready for planting near the area.
5. New Bench – Clerk has found a suitable bench and will ask the Councillors for their preference in colour before ordering.
6. Water Trough – Cllr NB is awaiting a mini digger to become available one weekend.
7. Powys Street Naming & Numbering SNN3/2025/0008 'Plot 1-5, Land at Tynllan Farm', Request to name the development '1-5 Pant y Groes'. The Council noted this.
8. Powys Street Naming & Numbering SNN3/2025/0008/B 'Plots 1-18, Land at Tynllan Farm', Request from the developer for the Community Council to formally chose a new name for the new development. The Council discussed this and suggested the name 'Tynllan Court', Clerk will reply and ask if this is a possibility.

Agenda 57: Playground

Nothing to report.

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Agenda 58: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £11121.60 (Includes £2500 Grant, actual balance £8621.60, Balance of Playground £1103.53
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages Aug 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE Aug 2025 £80.00
   Clerk Expenses (Anti-Virus protection Sept-Aug 2026) £64.99
   For Info: Bank Charges £4.25
   Balance after expenditure £8152.36 (Excluding £2500 Grant)
   All requests for payment proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr GH with All in favour.

Agenda 59: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House – County Councillor A. Jones has spoken with Dave Gardner at PCC who says the work is due to start imminently, the delay has been caused by nesting birds and Newts.
2. Gelli Lane Sign – Clerk has emailed Dave Gardner for a reply
3. Drainage on Cwm Lane Report ref: 6722-1299-7826-9403 – To note the response from PCC that 'Drain tops have been recently cleared and there are works planned to empty and jet system. No timescale on this.' - Clerk has emailed Dave Gardner for a reply
4. Pothole/damage to surface road on the left toward the Castle Caereinion: 4396-1474-1464-0072 - To note the response from PCC that 'A work ticket has been raised under programmable repairs for when resource allows. There is no timescale on these works as not considered immediate danger to road users.' - Clerk has emailed Dave Gardner for a reply
5. Coppice Lane 20mph sign – Clerk is requested to report that the sign isn't visible and obscured by hedgerow.

Agenda 60: PCC planning notices

No Applications received.

Agenda 61: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 21st July – 1st August
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates.
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. Powys teaching health board; Better Together
5. Russell George Newsletter
6. Aberedw Energy Park Consultation
7. Updated Farm Estate Petition - Extended Date 17th August
8. Welshpool, Llanfair and Montgomery Locality Network – Agenda for next meeting
   4 September 2025 at 10.30am via Google meet
9. Sustainable Powys - Town and Community Council Resource Hub now live
10. PAVO Health and Wellbeing update

Agenda 62: Attendance at Meetings

No meetings have been attended.

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Agenda 63: Update from County Councillor
A. Jones updated the Council with news that the Welshpool Recycling Centre booking system will carry out a review after 6 months. An email containing a questionnaire for users of the booking system will be sent and are asked to complete it based on their own views and comments which will be used as part of the Consultation. Regarding the Gully cleaning, there is a budget which has been allocated specifically for clearing the drains and needs to be spent this year. It is going out to tender to get 4 Jetters in privately.

Agenda 64: Any other business
Cllr GH has moved the basket/bin as you go into the churchyard, near to the lawnmower shed as it is full of dog muck. There are 2 dog bins available to use near to the area, one opposite the pub and one by the steps down Cwm Lane. Clerk is looking onto the 3 bins at the bottom of Swallows Meadow as to whether one can replace the rusty bin down Cwm Lane, Cllr DO explained that the Coppice Lane one is also rusty and so the Clerk is requested to get a price for some more bins, with a view to one being positioned near to the entrance to the Churchyard. Cllr PR pointed out that 2 Volunteers have kindly cleaned the Bus Stop in the Village. The Council wish to personally thank Mark Gough and Russell Roberts for the brilliant clean up job! Cllr DO also pointed out that Russell has cleared weeds from the curb edges around the area and the Council is extremely grateful for anyone who has recently helped with any volunteering jobs. Cllr CE has sadly decided to resign from the Community Council, The Clerk will start proceedings to look for a suitable replacement. The Councillors wish to personally thank Cllr CE for all their hard work and commitment towards the Council over the years.

Agenda 65: Date of next meeting
Next meeting Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7pm. Meeting closed: 19.30