Castle Caereinion Community Council
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DRAFT MINUTES	**Date: Wednesday 26 August 2026, 7.00 pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre** **Remote attendance:** To join the meeting via Microsoft 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 Tim Robinson (TR)	Cllr Darren Oakley (DO); Cllr Kate Hamer (KH)
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor A. Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 52: Ten minutes for members of the public: There were no members of the public present.
Agenda 53: Declarations of interest: Cllr Nigel Bowen declared an interest in planning application P/26/0725/FUL, Agenda item 59.2.
Agenda 54: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2026. It was resolved that the minutes be agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr GH and seconded by Cllr CJ, with all in favour.

Agenda 55: Matters arising

1. The defibrillator site check has been completed, with the next check due on 7th September.
2. The telephone box refurbishment remains in progress.
3. The water trough proposal will be reconsidered once an update is received from Bill Brown.
4. The One Voice Wales Cost of Living small grant for £500 has been received towards hosting a Community Engagement Event.
5. Correspondence from O M Architecture & Design regarding the play area contribution for land adjacent to Maes Castell, Castle Caereinion, was discussed. Members noted that the March 2026 minutes recorded the applicant's willingness to provide £2,500 per year over ten years, rather than a lump sum of £10,000, in order to obtain the support of the Community Council. The original planning application was subsequently withdrawn and has now been resubmitted under reference P/26/0493/FUL. Members further noted that the July minutes recorded the Council's decision not to support the application and to request further clarification on the matters raised. The playground contribution was not discussed at that meeting. It was agreed that, should the application be approved, the Council would accept a contribution of £2,500 per year over ten years.
6. Correspondence received from Powys County Council regarding the Urban Verge contract was discussed. Members noted that the contract provides for three cuts per year, in May, July and September. As the Council also pays a contractor to maintain village grass cutting more frequently, it was agreed that no change was required and that the Council would expect Powys County Council to complete the three scheduled cuts each year.
7. The three fruit trees purchased with the anti-poverty grant money will need to be planted in the months ahead. Following a site evaluation, the suggested area behind the Maesgarmon garages was considered unsuitable because it does not receive enough sunlight. The Clerk has therefore approached members of the Village Hall Committee to ask whether the trees could be planted on the top field. Discussions and plans are ongoing, with the proposed location near the football goal bordering Swallows Court.
8. Plans to consider a village Go Safe speed watch programme are ongoing. Residents who are interested in taking part are asked to contact Cllr Tim Robinson, the co-ordinator, or the Clerk.
9. Correspondence received regarding vehicles parked at Maesgarmon Close was discussed. This has been passed to the traffic warden in Welshpool and will be discussed again in September if the situation has not improved.
10. The Council expressed thanks to Cllr Tim Robinson for his work clearing around kerb edges.

Agenda 56: Playground

No playground matters have been reported for this meeting.

Agenda 57: Finance

Account balances

- Treasurer's Account: £10,173.66
- Playground Account: £1,109.62

Expenditure for approval from the Treasurer's Account

- Clerk wages, August 2026: £340.00
- HMRC PAYE, August 2026: £85.00
- Clerk expenses: £123.87 — anti-virus software £69.99 and printer ink £53.88
- Audit Wales 2024/25 fees: £282.13 — invoice received 20 August 2026

For information

- VAT refund received: £434.45
- Bank charges: £4.25

Balance after expenditure

- Treasurer's Account: £9,338.41

It was resolved to approve payments totalling £831.00 from the Treasurer's Account. Proposed by Cllr GH and seconded by Cllr PR, with all in favour.

The Clerk confirmed that the audit paperwork for the year ending 31 March 2026 has been submitted.

Agenda 58: Highway Matters

No updates have been received regarding the following highway matters:

1. Highway drains and flooding at Chapel House.
2. Drainage on Cwm Lane.
3. Condition of the B4385, including the route to the Welshpool junction.
4. Condition of the road towards Welshpool Golf Club up to the first cattle grid.
5. Lyn Parry, Senior Manager, Highways Operations at Powys County Council, will attend the September meeting, when highway matters will be discussed.

Agenda 59: PCC planning notices

1. Application Reference: P/26/0592/FUL
   Proposal: Erection of storage building and associated works
   Location: RBL Shinglers Ltd, Cyfronydd, Welshpool, SY21 9EW
   The Council **resolved** to raise no objection against the application.
2. Application Reference: P/26/0725/FUL
   Proposal: Erection of extension to covered manure store
   Location: Land North of Hydan Fawr, Cyfronydd, Welshpool, SY21 9EU
   Cllr NB declared an interest and refrained from making any decision.
   The Council **resolved** to raise no objection against the application.
3. Cllr NB referred to application Reference: P/26/0493/FUL Proposal: Erection of 17 dwellings at the location: Land off Maes Castell, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, SY21 9BJ
   County Councillor AJ offered to call in application P/26/0493/FUL at the July meeting. This was agreed a few days after the July meeting for the benefit of the community.

Agenda 60: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices — Decision notices will no longer be sent directly and are available to view on the Powys Planning website.
2. One Voice Wales — News bulletins, training sessions and Practice Development Note 29: The Role of the Chair During Meetings.
3. Play Wales — E-bulletins received.
4. PAVO — Monthly newsletter and e-bulletins received.
5. Powys Teaching Health Board — Better Together health programme update.
6. Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network — Details of the next meeting will be shared when confirmed
7. Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner — Correspondence received.
8. Green GEN Cymru — Vyrnwy Frankton Connection project update.
9. Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway — Charles Beyer Commemoration Train, 4 September 2026, The Clerk to attend.
10. National Lottery Funding News — Funding update received via One Voice Wales.

Agenda 61: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr PR attended the latest Recreation Association meeting. Plans for a Halloween party on 31 October are well underway, and ideas for a Christmas event will be discussed in the weeks ahead.

It was reported that the Castle Ball will be held at the Village Hall again this year. Hall bookings for November and December are filling up.

The Village Hall has been successful in securing a grant from the Tirgwynt Community Fund, which will contribute towards the cost of plumbing and heating upgrades and the installation of CCTV.

Agenda 62: Update from County Councillor

County Councillor AJ reported that a resident had raised concerns regarding the lack of white lining on a section of road in Cyfronydd. County Councillor AJ advised that this had been raised with Lyn Parry, who confirmed that roads are being inspected and that funding has been allocated for white lining to be carried out in-house rather than by contractors. It was agreed that the Council would raise this matter with Lyn Parry at the September meeting.

Suggested sites for additional salt bins have not yet been finalised. Members noted that the Council may purchase salt bins for the village and that Powys County Council will refill them. The Clerk reported that a salt bin currently located in the school grounds has been left unused and suggested that it be re-sited at Swallows Meadow. It was resolved that this salt bin could be relocated to the top of Swallows Meadow and the Clerk to inform PCC of its location for sufficient salt levels to be monitored.

The Visitor Levy consultation will open on 4 September. Members noted that, should any money be raised, it should be ringfenced for highways and infrastructure used by tourists.

Agenda 63: Items for future Agenda

To discuss any requirements for additional salt bins within the village.

To receive any update regarding the landscaping requirements above the slabs at the bottom of the bank at Swallows Meadow.

To agree whether the October meeting should be brought forward to 21 October 2026.

Agenda 64: Date of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 7.00 pm. Meeting closed: 19.50