Castle Caereinion Community Council
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Draft Minutes	**Date: 21st January 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 Robert Nash (RN)	
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor A. Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 113: Ten minutes for members of the public: The occupants of Chapel House attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the amended plans for the erection of 16 dwellings by the Land adjacent to Maes Castell. The 2 main concerns are Plot 8 and 9 that have been rotated and will now look directly into their garden. The other concern is the sewerage treatment plants which they are proposing to discharge into the Sylvaen brook. The Council will take their points into consideration and thanked them for their attendance.

Robert Nash, a resident from the village attended the meeting to discuss concerns regarding the proposal to reinstate the water trough. The occupants of Applewood and Coeden Rhiannys, whose properties adjoins the embankment of the water course are concerned with the potential impact on the water course should the section that is presently conveyed via a culvert be in any way obstructed or damaged. They ask that any action taken by the Council to reopen the water course takes account of these factors and that appropriate investigation is undertaken and the necessary consents are obtained from the landowner and the water management authority.

Tim Robinson, a resident from the village also attended the meeting to discuss agenda item 116.5

Agenda 114: Declarations of interest: Cllr RN declared an interest in Agenda item 116.4 and signed the declaration of interest form.

Agenda 115: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr PR, seconded Cllr CJ, with All in favour.

Agenda 116: Matters arising

1. Councillor Vacancy – Tim Robinson has expressed his interest in the current vacancy to become a Community Councillor. Cllr NB proposed that Tim be co-opted onto the Council, seconded Cllr CJ, with all in favour. Tim accepted and thanked the Council for his acceptance, the declaration of acceptance of office was completed and The Clerk will send the Code of Conduct for Cllr Tim Robinson to read and accept.
2. Defibrillator - Site checks are up to date
3. Phone Box refurbishment and BT correspondence – The refurbishment is ongoing and the reply from BT states that the kiosk will require Planning Permission. Clerk will look into this further.
4. Anti-Poverty Grant – The £2500 grant has been spent on 3 fruit trees, bulbs for planting around the village, various gardening tools, bird, bee and bug homes. The grant closure form has been completed in time for the 31st January deadline.
5. Water Trough – Cllr RN left the room before the discussion began. The water trough was built in 1885, and the Community Council refurbished it in 1993, which consisted of a concrete base as opposed to a stone one, with a channel at the back for the water to run through. Sometime later, whilst the school was still open, it was proposed to put a pipe in it and stone it over for safety purposes. The Council will look into this, and the item will remain on agenda for further investigation. Cllr NB pointed out that no saplings from nearby trees should be allowed to grow in the stone patch.
6. Replacement Bins within the village – Clerk has chased with PCC; there is a delay due to bad weather and a shortage of staff.

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Agenda 117: Playground

1. To note that all ROSPA advisories have been addressed and completed
2. To discuss any ideas for a potential contribution towards play equipment. None of the existing equipment needs replacing, should the contribution from the developer materialise then the Council will discuss further.

Agenda 118: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £11712.14
   Balance of Playground £1106.35
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages Jan 2026 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE Jan 2026 £80.00
   For Info:
   Bank Charges £4.25
   Balance after expenditure £11307.89
   All requests for payment approved, proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr GH, with all in favour.
3. Precept for 2026/27 to be discussed and agreed
   The figures for the Precept were discussed and the following amounts to be applied for:

Insurance	400
Internal Audit	150
External Audit	700
PCC/Rospa Play area Inspection	150
Bank Charges	51
Monthly Playground Inspection	240
OVW Membership	130
Clerks Wages	5100
Clerk's expenses	200
Training	250
Cllr Expenses	156
Website	130
Recreation Association Grant	1500
Church Grant	600
Play Area and Village Maintenance	5000
Defibrillator costs	100
Total Precept agreed and applied for:	**14857**

Agenda 119: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House, although no update from PCC, the Jetter has been through the village to clear all the drains.
2. Gelli Lane Sign - No update
3. Drainage on Cwm Lane – No update
4. Pothole/damage to surface road on the left toward the Castle Caereinion Station – No update, however the Clerk is requested to report the condition of the road leaving the village for its entire length to the junction with the main road into Welshpool.
5. Nantfford bank – The Gullies are blocked and needs reporting; there are also several potholes that need reporting.

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Agenda 120: PCC planning notices

AMENDED PROPOSALS CONSULTATION Reference: 25/0938/FUL Grid Reference: E: 316424 N: 305375 Proposal: Erection of 16 dwellings, formation of access roadway, informal play area, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works Site Address: Land Adjacent Maes Castell, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9BJ – The Council acknowledges that the proposal is to reduce the dwellings from 17 to 16 to adjust the use of land to provide a wider area to avoid building on flood plain zone 2 and 3. The Council is concerned about the foul sewerage drainage output increase and the existing sewerage plant is at maximum capacity. The Council also acknowledges the implications that by trying to provide for building on land that is a flood risk that they have prejudiced the privacy of the neighbouring Chapel House whereby their garden will be overlooked.
The Council resolved to OBJECT to the application.

Application Reference: 25/1868/FUL Grid Reference: E:314762 N: 306982 Proposal: Erection of a covered manure store and associated works Site Address: Land North of Hydan Fawr, Cyfronydd, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9EU – The Council resolved to support the application

Agenda 121: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 24/11-5/12 & 8/12-2/1/26
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions, and updates, Access to OVW members area for Councillors
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. PAVO – Local Growth Fund, Health & Wellbeing
5. Powys teaching health board; Better Together
6. Russell George Newsletter
7. Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network – Community Conversations (Welshpool area) 20/01/26, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, The COWSHACC
8. Code of Conduct training - Link to the training will be sent in January 2026with an invoice for £60 to follow.
9. One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting - 21/01/26
10. Perthyn grant funding for community groups 2026
11. BT Networks – Payphone situated at Post Office House, Cwm Lane which BT plan to reinstate to full working order

Agenda 122: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CJ attended the following meetings:
Sustainable Wales Meeting on 27th of November, held at Welshpool Livestock Market.
The new bus timetables are available to view on the website, and an interactive timetable has been developed.
The Ann Holloway Centre in Welshpool is now called the "Welshpool Community Haven" and if anyone wants to volunteer their services or would like to take advantage of the services provided, they can contact by phone on 07830069702 or Email CONTACT@WELSHPOOLCOMMUNITYHAVEN.CO.UK

Locality Network Meeting on 7th of January, held On-line.
Dianna Berriman spoke about Community Conservation projects including Welshpool Focus Group, mums' matter course in Welshpool, and MIND Youth Cafe in Welshpool.

Agenda 123: Update from County Councillor

County Councillor A. Jones reported the following:
The Tour de France 2027 is coming to Britain on Sunday 4th July. The route includes a Welshpool to Cardiff stage.
The National Eisteddfod will return to Powys in 2027.
The Motor Cross enduro international final, a 6-day event, will be held in Builth Wells in 2027
Budget discussions are ongoing at Powys County Council (PCC)
There has been an issue with replenishing the salt bins. Residents are asked to report issues online https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9901/Report-a-Problem-with-Salt-bins-Gritting-or-Footways

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Agenda 124: Any other business
Lack of Salt supplies need to be reported, see the link above. However, if the Council would like to think about any new salt bins for the village, then County Councillor A. Jones can take the proposal forward.

Agenda 125: Date of next meeting
Next meeting Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7pm. Meeting closed: 20.30