Castle Caereinion Community Council Minutes.
Clerk: Mrs Lucy Mason, 4 Swallows Meadow, Castle Caereinion, SY21 9DZ.
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Minutes	**Date: 30th July 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 Kate Hamer (KH); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 40: Ten minutes for members of the public: Several members of the public were in attendance to discuss the planning application at the site 'Land adjacent Maes Castell', Cllr NB proposed that a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6th August at 7pm, this will give members of the public the time and opportunity the discuss their views and any concerns.

Agenda 41: Declarations of interest: None declared

Agenda 42: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, Proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CJ with All in favour,

Agenda 43: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator – Clerk confirms that the site check has been completed.
2. Phone Box - The power to the phone box has been disconnected and the box is ready to be moved.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – Rather than wait for a mini-digger to become available it has been suggested that the top layer could be removed with some willing Volunteers.
   The Clerk is holding a Coffee Morning on Sat 2nd August with the intention to set up a volunteer group and this can be added to the list of community jobs to be completed.
4. Anti-Poverty Grant/Maesgarmon Garages site – The Clerk reported that in order for the Council to manage this project, it can form a bespoke committee with clear terms of reference that include delegated authority to spend money to deal specifically with this project. It was agreed that Cllr RN, Cllr KH, Cllr GH and Cllr DO shall become the Commitee members and the Clerk can contact them and ask for funds to be spent from the grant, once received. The Clerk has made enquiries with PCC to see if any of the garages at Maesgarmon are available for the project to use as a secure storage solution.
5. Parking at new development - Nothing to report therefore this can come off the agenda.
6. New Bench - Clerk to obtain prices for one that will fit the base already there.
7. HD Cymru - Cllr CJ has received a reply that HD Cymru accept that the sewerage system is at overcapacity and that they are having to tanker in to empty the sewerage regularly. The works are part of a 5-year plan, Cllr CJ to follow up with a request for a timescale of the works suggested.
8. Noticeboard – The Council would like to extend thanks to Chris Garrett and Tim Robinson for the improvement work done to the Noticeboard.
9. Water Trough – Cllr NB would like to see the trough reinstated, proposed GH, seconded Cllr KH.

Agenda 44: Playground

April – June 2025 Playground Inspection sheets received with no outstanding action

Agenda 45: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £10636.85, Balance of Playground £1102.83
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages July 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE July 2025 £80.00
   Cadwallader & Co (Internal Auditor) £66.00

Agenda 45: Finance

GLM Services £1545.00 (2 of 3 Invoices for the year)
For Info: Bank Charges £4.25
Balance after expenditure £8621.60. All requests for payment approved, Proposed Cllr RN, seconded Cllr PR with all in favour.

3. Quarterly Budget updated and presented to the Council.
4. Model Financial Regulations – Clerk to create Password log for Risk Assessment

Agenda 46: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House – This will be discussed as part of the Public meeting, 6th August.
2. Gelli Lane Sign – Sign is still waiting to be replaced by PCC.
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.'
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 is requested to chase all outstanding issues.

Agenda 47: PCC planning notices

Application Reference: 25/0938/FUL Grid Reference: E:316424 N: 305375 Proposal: Erection of 17 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

This will be discussed at the Public meeting 6th August, Clerk to ensure that the extension to comment is still in force.

Agenda 48: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 27th June – 18th July
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions, Keep Wales Tidy Nature Grants
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. Powys teaching health board; Better Together
5. Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
6. Russell George Newsletter
7. New PAW training schedule 25/26
8. Welshpool, Llanfair and Montgomery Locality Network – Minutes from 4th June, next meeting 4 September 2025 at 10.30am - 12pm - this meeting will be held online
9. Code of Conduct Training – Recording for Councillors available (approx £30) - Accepted
10. Cwm Golau road – Cllr Gareth Jones has chased with PCC and the response is 'to see if there are resources to provide stop and go so the jet patcher can attend'
    Cllr NB is concerned that the Jet Patcher will not be sufficient, and the Clerk is requested to ask for any updates on this matter.

Agenda 49: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CJ and Cllr GH attended the PCC Countryside Volunteer Programme.
The idea of setting clusters was discussed, the idea being a collective group working within Communities. Team Leaders could be selected who will then be able to provide training and help towards obtaining funding. Footpath maintenance was discussed, Callum Carr from PCC produced a map of footpaths that have been maintained.

Agenda 49: Attendance at Meetings
Other footpaths to be reinstated were requested at the meeting.

Agenda 50: Update from County Councillor
Cllr AJ updated the Council regarding the following matters: Welshpool High School has been put into special measures by Estyn, with Attendance being part of the problem. Welshpool Recycling Booking system. Although the system seems to be working well, there is frustration from residents, particularly from those, who may struggle to use the new steps that are in place. The system has been put in place to allow more time for staff to help. There is a review due to take place in October and anyone who needs more information can email: waste.contracts@powys.gov.uk or visit: www.powys.gov.uk/recycle New National Park – National Resources Wales has looked at the proposal and have advised to go forward to Consultation which is the next step.

Agenda 51: Any other business
Coppice Lane, the 20 mph sign needs looking at as it isn't visible enough. The grass on the Llanfair side of the new electric pole at the development on the left of the bottom of Swallows Meadow needs looking at, the ride on mower cannot access the area anymore due to the way the area has been left by the developer. There are 3 bins at the bottom of Swallows Meadow and a dog waste bin down Cwm Lane which is rusty and needs replacing, the Clerk suggested we move 1 of the bins from Swallows Meadow, Clerk to investigate. Also, the bin by the bus stop is very smelly and perhaps the bottom has rotted away. Cllr NB suggested the Clerk to look into plastic inserts instead of steel ones that will eventually rot away.

Agenda 52: Date of next meeting
Public Meeting: Wednesday 6th August at 7pm, followed by a Council meeting. Next meeting Wednesday 27th August 2025 at 7pm. Meeting closed: 19.50