Castle Caereinion Community Council Minutes.
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Minutes	**Date: 25th June 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 Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)	Cllr Paul Roberts (PR)

Agenda 27: Ten minutes for members of the public: Angela Kennett attended the meeting to offer her assistance with any gardening and volunteer work within the village.
The council extend their thanks for the offer, and attendance at the meeting. Angela would like to paint the pillars outside the old shop, the Council suggested that she contact the owners to discuss.
Another member of the public Chris Garrett would like to offer some maintenance to the existing Noticeboard, The Council would like to thank them for their kind offer and ask that they contact the Clerk to arrange for the key.
Agenda 28: Declarations of interest: None declared.
Agenda 29: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ, All in favour.

Agenda 30: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator - Clerk confirms that the site checks are up to date.
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 – The Council would like to thank the volunteers who have removed the weeds and larger debris from the area, the next step is to obtain a mini digger to remove the surface layer, which is heavy with stone, ready for returfing the area. Cllr NB kindly offered to help with the mini digger. Thanks, are also extended to Tim Robinson who has done a brilliant job clearing weeds from around curb edges within the village. The council hope that this sense of community spirit continues.
4. Anti-Poverty Grant – The nomination from Cllr AJ has been submitted, Clerk to complete the application form and budget. If successful, the Council would like to purchase raised beds and some fruit trees for the unused area being the Maesgarmon garages. The introduction of a wildflower garden and a bench will also be researched.
5. Parking at new development – The Council discussed the reply from the enforcement team and were dissatisfied with the lack of answers as to who is responsible for restoring the highway verge and when it will happen. The reply suggested that the Council had been consulted and were 'happy' with the plans, and this is certainly not the case. The Council will continue to keep a watching brief on this and the Clerk has requested a copy of the local Council Enforcement plan that PCC has adopted.
6. New Bench – The Council are looking into the purchase of a bench for opposite the bus stop, the existing platform will need measuring and assessing first.
7. Swallows Court – A resident has reported that there is not a sign for the 6 houses and often deliveries are going astray. Clerk reported to PCC and the reply is that Swallows Court is served by a private access road off Tudor Court, the residents would need to report to Barcud and ask for a sign to be provided, or they can pay for a sign themselves.
8. Weeds – A report of weeds along kerb edges and pavements around the Village was discussed, it is hoped that with the increase of Volunteers available that jobs like these can be completed. It would be useful if a community group could be set up.

Agenda 31: Playground

Nothing to report.

Agenda 32: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £11041.10, Balance of Playground £1102.20
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages June 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE June 2025 £80.00 - All requests for payment approved, Proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ, All in favour.
3. Model Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment – Clerk to update existing Risk Assessment and Standing Orders to reflect the new starting time 7pm.

Agenda 33: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House – The reply from John Forsey, Head of highways was discussed, due to bird nesting season, and there being evidence of newts, an application to land drainage will need to be made with a timescale of September/October as a guide, with an appropriate measure put in place. The Council will continue to monitor this for further updates.
2. Gelli Lane Sign – Sign is still waiting to be replaced by PCC.
3. Potholes between Penybryn and Ty Mawr Report ref: 0317-4364-8786-2478 - To note that the job is Completed
4. 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.'
5. 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.'

Agenda 34: PCC planning notices

None received.

Agenda 35: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 12th - 23rd May
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. Local PCSO – Due to staffing there is no local PCSO at present, online reporting is advised or by contacting 101.
10. PCC Countryside Volunteer Programme - Welshpool and Montgomery Locality – Monday 14th July at 7:30pm at Welshpool Town Hall – Cllr CJ and Cllr GH to attend.

Agenda 36: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CJ has attended the latest Welshpool, Llanfair, Montgomery Locality Meeting, some matters covered included:
Health Hub at Newtown, Youth Clubs and Mental Health.
An important message from Dionne Ward, the PSPA Association Raising awareness of 2 rare neurological conditions; PSP- Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and CBD - Corticobasal Degeneration. There is no cure and no medication available. Cover the whole of Wales. Offering training to professionals. Often mis-diagnosed as

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Parkinson's, MSA or Stroke. Life expectancy 5-7years, need for a whole MDT around the person. Dionne discussed symptoms of PSP and CBD, and how they differ from other conditions and gave further information about the support that PSPA offers to those suffering these conditions. Referrals directly to Dionne and there is a helpline available. Gaps identified are a lack of Men's Sheds/Groups, the need for Volunteers and the lack of Carer's. Cllr CJ Also brought up the that the Sewerage system in the Village is a problem - Lucy from Hafren Dyfrdwy will link Clive with colleagues to help.

Agenda 37: Update from County Councillor
Cllr AJ reported the following: Bus route proposals will be published within the next month. The Local Development Plan is due to be published in September. The Anti-Poverty locality fund needs to be applied for by the 31st of July.

Agenda 38: Any other business
Cllr NB would like to see the old water trough at the end of school lane reinstated. It would need the concrete base removing. Cllr NB to investigate if this can be done. Cllr GH brought up the road condition by Cwm Golau, Cllr NB requested the Clerk to write to Llanfair Town Council to enquire if they had reported it to Highways. Cllr RN has been in contact with the Diocese about the old school building and gardens. Any correspondence to be supplied to the Recreation Association to be discussed at their next meeting.

Agenda 39: Date of next meeting
Next meeting Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7pm. Meeting closed: 8pm