Castle Caereinion Community Council Agenda.
Clerk: Mrs Lucy Mason, 4 Swallows Meadow, Castle Caereinion, SY21 9DZ.
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Minutes	**Date: March 26th, 2025 - 7.30pm** **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 Carys Evans (CE);	Cllr Kate Hamer (KH); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)

Agenda 131: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 132: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 133: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, Propsed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr CE with All in favour.

Agenda 134: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator - Clerk confirms site checks are up to date.
2. Phone Box - Cllr NB has another email address to follow up regarding the line.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – Ongoing plans with I T Jerman continues.
4. Parking at new development - The deadline for the reply from the enforcement team has lapsed and despite chasing the Clerk has no updates. Clerk requested to ask Cllr AJ for assistance if no reply is received in the coming days.
5. Code of Conduct adopted by Cllr DO - Clerk confirms that Cllr DO has adopted the Code of Conduct, has set up a Council email address and is now receiving Council correspondence.
6. Powys County Council – Open Space Questionnaire – The Council examined the map and contents of the email. Clerk requested to reply with the following observations: Recreation Fields are not marked, The private pool and Allotments up Henrhyd Lane and the Community Trail.

Agenda 135: Playground

Inspection Sheets received from GLM Services covering the period Aug 24 – Feb 25

Agenda 136: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £9263.97, Balance of Playground £1099.82 Clerk provided bank statements for verification purposes.
2. Quarterly Budget updated
3. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages March 2025 £300.00
   HMRC PAYE March 2025 £75.00
   OVW Membership £127.00
   GLM Services Playground Inspections and repairs £151.80
   Bank Balance after all expenditure debited £8610.17.
   All requests for payment approved, proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CJ with All in favour.
4. Model Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment – Clerk is checking with the Insurance Company that the Council has adequate cover for the 'Lone worker policy', which needs to be included in the Risk Assessment. Clerk also pointed out that the Council needs a 'Clerk handover policy' in the event of the Clerk being unavailable.

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Agenda 137: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House - Cllr NB and Cllr AJ attended a meeting onsite with Primesave and the Architect. Cllr NB said that the developers are keen to work together for ideas regarding the existing Culvert, which could include a donation towards future maintenance. Cllr AJ informed the Council by email that he is still chasing Lyn Parry about the ditch clearing opposite the Chapel House and although the works are imminent there is still riparian contributions to be agreed.
2. Manhole Cover in between traffic calming – to note that the job is completed
3. Culvert at Cefn Crin – to note that the job is completed
4. Gelli Lane Sign – Graham Astley has informed the Clerk that the sign is due to be manufactured and will be installed when the resources are available.
5. Potholes between Penybryn and Ty Mawr Report ref: 0317-4364-8786-2478
6. Drainage on Cwm Lane Report ref: 6722-1299-7826-9403
7. Potholes by the Castle Caereinion railway line Report ref: 8912-5815-8107-8274

Agenda 138: PCC planning notices

No Applications have been received.

Agenda 139: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices – None received
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates – Free Training places available
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. Powys CHC newsletter & updates
5. NHS updates - bulletins
6. Corporate communications – Powys County council
7. PCC notice of meetings: Quarterly PCC & Towns Council meeting –
8. Citizens Advice Powys update
9. Dyfed-Powys Police –
10. Local PCSO Monthly Check in – Speeding through Village reported
11. Vyrnwy Frankton Project – Consultation open until 16th April.
12. Russell George Newsletter
13. Shrewsbury & Telford hospitals
14. Powys Training Health Board
15. Welshpool, Montgomery & Llanfair Caereinion Locality Network Meeting – 4th June 2025, 10.30am 'The Feathers Association' Welshpool.
16. One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales Joint Event – 27/3/25 10-1.30 via Zoom – Cllr RN booked onto.
17. Montgomeryshire Area Committe minutes 27/1/25, next meeting Pontrobert Community Hall 8/4/25 7.30 - Cllr CJ to attend
18. One Voice Wales - Senedd Review Final Determinations, Senedd report published on Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector
19. PAVO – Invitation to join
20. One Voice Wales - Launch of the New One Voice Wales Website
21. One Voice Wales – Section 6 Reports 2025 Clerk to attend webinar 11am 3/4/25
22. Powys County Council – Open space Questionnaire for completion by 28/3/25

Agenda 140: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr PR has attended to latest Recreation Association meeting. There are 2 events planned, the first one on 17th May which will be a BBQ and Outdoor sports (weather permitting)
There will also be a Summer Fete, July 12th which will include bouncy castles, live music etc.
Details of both events will be announced shortly.

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Agenda 140: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr NB advised that the Tirgwynt Community Fund, which provides funds for the local Community will be taking applications shortly with the deadline to apply end of May.

Cllr RN provided an update regarding St Garmons Church which holds local events including Messy Church, a creative arts session for children. The Church will be undergoing some major work to the existing seating arrangements which will see some existing pews being relocated upstairs allowing for free seating downstairs, a small toilet and a kitchen area. The internal doors are also going to be replaced to allow for more light. The Church hopes that Grants available will help towards the cost of these repairs and improvements.

Agenda 141: Update from County Councillor

Apologies given.
Cllr AJ advised the Clerk beforehand to look out for the 'Anti-Poverty Locality Grant'.

Agenda 142: **Any other business**

The bench opposite the bus stop needs repair, Clerk to ask GLM Services to investigate the repairs.

Cllr RN talked about a survey by the Skipton Building Society, which investigated affordability of homes within the 6 regions, the lowest of the 2 regions being Ceredigion and Powys, the figure for first time buyers being able to afford a house in Powys was 2.7% of those seeking to buy for the first time.

Agenda 143: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday April 30th, 2025, at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 20.10.