Castle Caereinion Community Council Minutes.
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Minutes	**Date: May 28th, 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 Kate Hamer (KH); Cllr Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO);	Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)

Agenda 14: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 15: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 16: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr RN, seconded Cllr DO, All in favour.

Agenda 17: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator: Clerk confirms the site check is up to date.
2. Phone Box: Plans to move and relocate by the bus shelter continue.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field: The area on the right, by the entrance to Swallows Field, has been left by the developers unfinished, despite the Council requesting it to be put back to its original state.
   The Clerk asked whether the area could now be adopted as an area to introduce native plants and wildflowers. Clerk will take this idea forward as part of the Section 6 'Biodiversity' Action Plan that the Council must complete.
4. Section 6 'Biodiversity': Clerk reported that the area behind the garages at Maesgarmon has had a path cut through, this will enable an analysis of anything wild growing there. Although a post onto social media regarding the project received enthusiasm and support, the Clerk is aware that not everyone is on social media and therefore would like to erect a signpost supplying more information. Clerk is to investigate an appropriate signpost and provide the Council with the cost for approval.
5. Parking at new development: Clerk to chase Kevn Jones at PCC for a response to the Councils letter regarding the continued parking out of the curtilage of the development.

Agenda 18: Playground

The Council would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Melvyn at GLM Services and thank him for his speedy return to work despite a period of illness.

Agenda 19: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £13293.67, Balance of Playground £1101.47. Cllr CE raised the question of the reserves and whether the Council could use the funds towards something for the village, a new bench for example. Rather than move the bench in the playground, the Council have decided to purchase a new bench, this will replace the rotten and unsafe one that was removed from opposite the bus stop.
   The new bench would ideally be made of something with more of a lifespan than wood, Clerk is requested to investigate and update the Council.
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages May 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE May 2025 £80.00
   Zurich Insurance £300.33 - 1/6/25-31/5/26 (Confirmation received from Zurich 'Your cover has not changed; your premium has reduced this year due to changes in the way we rate certain lines of cover)
   GLM Services £1547.99 - Labour £1500.00 plus £47.99 Adhesive and decking oil
   All requests for payment approved, Proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CE with All in Favour.
3. Model Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment: Clerk to update the Council with the latest Financial Regulations.

Agenda 20: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House: Nothing to report, Cllr NB requested the Clerk to escalate.
2. 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.
3. Potholes between Penybryn and Ty Mawr Report ref: 0317-4364-8786-2478: Ongoing, Clerk to Chase.
4. Drainage on Cwm Lane Report ref: 6722-1299-7826-9403: Ongoing, Clerk to chase.
5. Potholes by the Castle Caereinion railway line Report ref: 8912-5815-8107-8274 - Completed
6. Pothole/damage to surface road on the left toward the Castle Caereinion Railway Line: 4396-1474-1464-0072: Ongoing, Clerk to Chase.

Agenda 21: PCC planning notices

To discuss the following application received:
Application Reference: 25/0642/FUL Grid Reference: E:317915 N: 305480 Proposal: Erection of 3 no. dwellings with driveway, parking provision, landscaping, and other associated works Site Address: Land South of Cwm Lane, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9AR

The Council discussed the application and made the following observations:
The development was for 1 dwelling, then 2, and now 3 and the Council must raise the question of where these developments are going to end.
The access to the development has limited visibility, no walkway for pedestrians and the increased traffic will add to the pressure on Cwm Lane, already limited by its narrow width.
Hafren Dyfrdwy states that 'the development should not commence until the drainage plans for the disposal of foul and surface water flows have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority' and the Council is already concerned about the vulnerability of the existing sewerage system being near capacity.
The Council feel that the proposal is out of character for that specific area, therefore the Council **objects to the application.**

Agenda 22: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 21st April – 9th 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; DBCC - Electoral Review Programme 2025 (ERP 2025)
6. Russell George Newsletter
7. New PAW training schedule 25/26
8. Classic Lanes Rally 2025 Motorsport Event on 14th and 15th June 2025
9. Welshpool, Montgomery & Llanfair Caereinion Locality Network Meeting – 4th June 2025, 10.30am 'The Feathers Association' Welshpool.
10. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Minutes, next meeting at Llanfyllin at 7.00pm on Monday 7th July.
11. Biodiversity Pilot Group for Community & Town Councils
12. Kerry Community Council Public meeting about the sale of Powys farms Sarn Village Hall 7.00pm, 27th May 2025

Agenda 23: Attendance at Meetings

1. Cllr PR attended the latest Recreation Association AGM and was pleased to say that there is no change to the existing Chair and other Committee members.
The Diocese have been contacted once more, for an update regarding the school building and grounds.

Agenda 23: Attendance at Meetings
The Committee members are looking into a biodiversity project, for the grounds around the Community Centre. 2. Cllr GH has attended the Burgess Land Trust meeting, details of how to apply for the grant will be sent out shortly, applications need to be submitted by September.

Agenda 24: Update from County Councillor
Apologies were received.

Agenda 25: Any other business
1. Cllr RN updated the Council regarding the recent report of an inspection cover to the foul drainage system for Nos 1 and 2 School Cottages which was leaking onto the main highway. Contractors were called to the site and spent considerable time trying to rod the drains and remove the obstruction that had resulted in the outflow to the mains sewer being blocked, eventually they were able to clear the accumulated sewage from within the school properties outflow. Hafren Dyfrdwy have returned since and said that the area will be added to a regular maintenance scheme for future monitoring. 2. Due to all Councillors being present at 7pm, The Council decided that all future meetings, unless otherwise stated, shall commence at 7pm. Proposed Cllr NB, seconded Cllr CE with All in favour.

Agenda 26: Date of next meeting
Next meeting Wednesday 25th June 2025, at 7pm. Meeting closed: 19.35