Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Agenda	**Date: February 28th 2024 - 7.30pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre**	
Participants		Apologies
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Lucy Mason (LM)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ); Cllr Gary Human (GH): Cllr Paul Roberts (PR); Cllr Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Kate Hamer (KH); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 110: Ten minutes for members of the public: None

Agenda 111: Declarations of interest: Cllr CJ declared an Interest in Agenda item 117

Agenda 112: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CE, All in favour.

Agenda 113: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Defibrillator update – Clerk confirms the site checks are up to date.
2. Website update – Clerk has received further assistance, thanks to Michelle Humberstone for her ongoing help and guidance.
3. Phone Box update – Cllr PR suggested that the Salt Bin could be relocated to the other side of the bus stop, making room for the phone box in its place. The other suggestion is to re site it near the bench on the opposite side of the road. It was decided to arrange a walk around the village to see suitable areas available.
4. Welsh Air Ambulance Questionnaire/Feedback – Deadline for completion of the Online Questionnaire is Feb 29th, Clerk is requested to complete on time.
5. Response to Freedom of Information Request – Completed and sent off 5th Feb, within the 20 day deadline.
6. Dyfed Powys Police – General Meeting between Police and Local Councillors, Date to be Confirmed, Clerk will attend if suitable date and time.
7. Parking at New Housing development – Continues to be an issue, Clerk has contacted Richard Glover-Davies who says that there is a delay on the arrival of the cover for the Culvert, however there should be sufficient parking in the development. Agreed to monitor the situation and contact RGD if it continues.

Agenda 114: Playground

1. Clerk has confirmed with Harrisons that the community council is happy to proceed on the basis of a 10 year lease of the playground
   Paperwork received from Harrisons which will need approving and signing. Cllr PR and Cllr CE signed the lease, and copy, with Clerk as witness. Clerk to return to Harrisons.

Agenda 115: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £10227.13, Balance of Playground £1086.50
2. Clerk wages January 2024 £280.00 Chq 638, HMRC Feb £70.00 Chq 639 – Proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ, All in favour
3. Precept acknowledgement received Fri 26th Jan.

Agenda 116: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Cwm Lane Sign – Dave Gardner has ordered a new sign, it hasn't been received yet but will be fitted when it does.
2. Highway Drains – Cllr NB raised concern regarding the turning to the Berwydd in that the problem is just creating more backlog and asked Cllr AJ for any update. Cllr AJ will speak to Dave Gardner, with particular interest in the Relief Road Resilience Fund.
   The Council would like to know what happened to the money set aside the repair the Castle to Berriew road, as promised, when the main road to Welshpool was shut and Castle road used as a relief road.
3. Pen Y Brynn – Clerk has spoken to Ian Jarman, another drain has been fixed instead of the one reported, there are 2 cones on the actual one now, Clerk to check if work has been completed.

Agenda 117: PCC planning notices

1. Application Reference: 23/1864/FUL Grid Reference: E:317191 N: 307354 Proposal: Installation of ground mounted array of photovoltaic panels with associated electrical control panels Site Address: Welshpool Golf Club, Golfa, Welshpool, SY21 9AQ – The council discussed the application and decided to support the application, all in favour (excluding Cllr CJ)

Agenda 118: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates:
   Free I.T, Social media and website training available for 2 Councillors (Dates sent via email)
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 Weds 21st Feb at 6pm
8. Citizens Advice Powys update: Community Outreach
9. Shrewsbury & Telford hospitals
10. Freedom of Information request for any meetings between the council and CPRW (Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales)
11. Powys Environmental Education Cluster Agenda and Minutes
12. Hafren Dyfrdwy Roadshow Dates

Agenda 119: Attendance at Meetings

1. Cllr PR has attended the latest Recreation Committee meeting. The WI are holding an Easter Bingo event in the Community Hall On 15th March and the Recreation Society are looking to hold their first 'Daylight Disco', potentially at the end of April.

2. Cllr CJ has attended the PCC Quarterly meeting held 21st February 2024.
Matt Perry, The Director shared a presentation which included:
Senior Management Structure,
Car Park Review,
Sustainable Powys
Shared Prosperity Fund
Start up Business Grants
New Recycling Regulations
The leader provided an update, the council is proposing a balanced budget, there are other councils proposing a higher council tax increase that Powys who propose 7.5%.
Cllr Berrimen shared a presentation during the Planning update, he confirms he intends to improve the speed of planning applications. Planning officers have two or more fixed working days in the office and the remainder from home.
Responding to the Climate Emergengy, Liz Hutchings gave a presentation which referred to Net Zero
Alison Merry, Powys Teaching Health Board gave a presentation on the importance of healthy weight within the population and how to prevent obesity.

Agenda 120: **Any other business**

1.Cllr CJ provided a photo to the Council and raised a concern regarding an area in the village which looks unkept.
Clerk to enquire if the partly grassed area in front of the 2 new homes opposite Swallows Field has any further plans.

2.Cllr CE reported in January that a tanker had caused damage to a section of Cwm Lane by getting stuck in the Verge, the road appears to be crumbling away and could be very dangerous. Cllr CE to assist Clerk with evidence of whom the tanker was and Clerk to investigate further and report.

3.A member of the public has reported (via the Clerk) that one of the gates on the Community Trial needs looking at, as it isn't a big job the member of public will have a look at themselves, if it needs further repair Clerk will report to Callum Carr.

4.New Councillor, Clerk has received interest in the position, candidate to be contacted and invited to attend the next meeting.

Agenda 121: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday March 27th, 2024, at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 20.30