Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: February 23rd 2022 - 7.30pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre**	
Participants		Apologies
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Carys Evans (CE)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ); Cllr Michele Humberstone; Cllr Gary Human (GH); Cllr Nicola Kynaston (NK) Cllr Paul Roberts; Cllr Joan Wyatt;	Cllr David Jones

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

Agenda 111: Declarations of interest: None

Agenda 112: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting - prop Cllr CJ, sec Cllr PR

Agenda 113: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Memorial for Michael Rogers – notice of the celebration of life service to be held at 1pm on Saturday 23rd April in St Garmon's church, followed by a tea in the community centre are being displayed. Through the generosity of the community, the fundraising page for a memorial bench has raised £841, the donations from the 100 club raised £87.50 and donations from Lavinia's happy hour raised £65 giving us a total of £993.50 which is a fantastic amount, this will enable us to purchase a bench and also to pay for the groundworks required to install the bench. The clerk will pay the monies from the Just Giving website and donations from the 100 club and Lavinia's coffee morning into the playground account to ensure we are able to keep it separate from the precept. We will hold a meeting with representatives from the church to confirm an appropriate site within the churchyard for the bench.
2. Best kept village sign –Cllr Nigel Bowen has met with IT Jerman & Co and we hope to get the sign tidied up soon.
3. Defibrillator training to be carried out in the Red Lion, we are planning a date at the end of May or early June – we will try and arrange a Thursday evening, depending in the availability of the instructor. Clerk to contact instructor to set a date.
4. Circular path – we are awaiting better weather so that the bridge can be installed. Clerk to query outline of invoice to clarify number of gates.
5. Castle School update - Cllr PR confirmed that sadly the final notice of the school closing at the end of August has been received. We are not yet sure what will happen when the school closes, but the community centre is safe as it is owned by the community. The school have asked about the dragon recycling facilities at the main gate, the meeting agreed the clerk would contact CCRA to see if they might take them on as there is a small income.
6. Jubilee celebration – we have had some people put their name forward to help with the jubilee, Cllr Nigel Bowen asked for volunteers from the committee to set up a new steering committee to support the event organisation and Cllr Clive Jones and Cllr Paul Roberts volunteered. The clerk will arrange a meeting in the pub with volunteers so that we can start making plans. Cllr Nigel Bowen has offered to provide additional support outside of this in terms of equipment we might need for preparations. Once we have a plan the clerk will look at applying for grants including National Lottery and Tyr Gwynt.
7. The CC Recreation Association have sent out letters to each household in the community and have had a good response at their first meeting. We are hopeful they will have sufficient numbers to form a new committee in May.
8. Street lighting issues were reported, but there may still be issues, the clerk will progress chase with PCC.
9. The clerk has received concerns from residents regarding the affordable housing in Maes Y Wennol. The concern raised suggests the dwellings may be sold privately, this may in turn affect the compliance with the affordable housing scheme protocols, as outlined within the planning permission. The clerk has written to Mr Gwyn Humphreys Senior Planning Officer at PCC and he has provided the following guidance:
   "There is no problem in principle with the affordable properties being in private ownership, and being rented out privately, however the proposed occupier would need to meet the definition of 'Qualifying Person' and the rent sought by the owner could not exceed the 'Maximum Rent' as defined within the Affordable Housing Scheme. Should the dwelling become occupied by somebody who is ineligible a planning enforcement complaint should be submitted."
10. Clerk vacancy – the closing date has passed, and we have received one application. The clerk will invite the applicant to our March meeting.

Agenda 114: Playground

1. Playground lease is now with PCC to be updated and we await the final lease for signing.
2. New picnic table – planning preparatory works to commence early spring when weather improves.
3. Playground checks – Annual ROSPA check received and parts to carry out repairs will be ordered directly with the supplier.

Agenda 115: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £17528.82 / Balance of Playground £73.24
2. Clerk wages February 2022 £312.50 and expenses £5.10 - total £317.60 cheque number 000550 prop Cllr MH sec Cllr GH – all in favour.
3. Order Michael's bench via David Ogilvie Engineering - £911 inclusive of VAT, clerk to clarify lead time. All in favour.

Agenda 116: Highway Matters

1. Update on any maintenance work carried out. Some gully work has been undertaken at Penybryn, Berwydd. Roads have deteriorated due to recent bad weather.
2. Golfa Bank traffic lights and associated works. Our community council requested 7 day working to speed up the closure time, but this has been declined as contractors are using the 2 days at weekends to allow for concrete curing. We have requested an update on progress from the trunk road agency.

Agenda 117: PCC planning notices

1. Application Reference: 22/0082/FUL. Proposal: Change of use of agricultural buildings for use as log cabin construction and sawmill and all associated works (resubmission of 21/1195/FUL) Site Address: Buildings at The Gaer Farmhouse, Golfa, Welshpool, Powys. Cllr CJ proposed we support the application as we had supported this last time, Cllr JW seconded, all in favour.
2. Application reference: 22/0264/HH. Proposal Erection of two storey front extension. Site address: 32 Swallows Meadow, Castle Caereinion SY21 9DZ. (details of application received after agenda published.) Cllr CJ proposed we support the application, Cllr JW seconded - all in favour.

Agenda 118: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates
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
8. Citizens Advice Powys updates
9. Jubilee letter – Ceri Nash
10. Montgomery Area Committee meeting dates
11. Survey for wellbeing campus in Newtown
12. Recruitment of PCSO's
13. Dolau School protest – request for support
14. Report on section 47 multi-location meetings OVW
15. Welshpool Mayor - race night
16. Road closure notifications – Cllr David Jones

Agenda 119: Attendance at Meetings

1. None

Agenda 120: Any other business

1. Audit Wales report on Castle Caereinion community council

"*Audit opinion - Qualified "Except for the matters reported below, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:*

- *has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;*

Agenda 120: Any other business

- *that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met;*
- *is not consistent with the Council's/Committee's governance arrangements; and*
- *that the Council/Committee does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.*

Basis of qualification - I am unable to conclude whether or not the Annual Governance Statement properly reflects the governance arrangements in place during 2020-21.
In the Annual Governance Statement, the Council asserts that it had established arrangements to ensure compliance with relevant laws. The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 requires the Council to operate PAYE. There are inconsistencies in the records provided for audit and I am unable to establish whether or not the Council has properly complied with its obligations under the Act.
Other matters arising and recommendations
There are no further matters I wish to the Council's attention."

2. **May Elections**
   Important dates for the May elections for the community council are as follows:
   Notice of election 14/03/2022
   Close of nominations 4pm 5/04/2022
   Statement of persons nominated available online 6/04/2022
   Election date 5/05/2022
   Existing Cllrs retire 9/05/2022
   Newly elected Cllrs take office 9/05/2022
   AGM must be held by 23/05/2022
   Applications to become a community councillor can be completed online or by hard copy. There is no longer a requirement to have a proposer and a seconder, applicants will only require a witness.
3. Speed camera training is being planned for March via the PCSO Hannah Pryce. 3 people have gone through vetting.

Agenda 121: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday March 30th 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 20:25