Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: February 22nd 2023 - 7.30pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre**	
Participants		Apologies
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Lucy Mason (LM)	Cllr Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Gary Human (GH); (CC); Cllr Paul Roberts (PR);Cllr Kate Pierce (KP); Adrian Jones (AJ); Cllr Caroline Carey (CC)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ) Cllr Joan Wyatt (W)

Agenda 115: Ten minutes for members of the public: None
Agenda 116: Declarations of interest: None
Agenda 117: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr Gary Human, seconded Cllr Paul Roberts.

Agenda 118: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Section of the Community Footpath – Calum Carr from PCC will write to the landowner, Clerk to reply to Calum accepting his offer to write to reportee directly.
2. Gate not shutting correctly and consideration of steps and handrail (footpath on Cwm Lane) – awaiting response from the Footpath's Officer – Calum has received correspondence that people are finding it difficult to negotiate, he advises this is something for PCC to do but it won't be done until the summer.
3. Defib course requested – Clerk to look into training and someone to test the appliances.
4. Cllr's reminded to provide specific Cllr email addresses. Clerk confirms that all email addresses are now in the correct Cllr format.
5. Best kept village signs – Some have now been put up in the meeting room in the Hall, consideration to be given for the heavy sign in the future.
6. Castle News – The production costs of the newsletter have kindly been donated back to be used towards the community.
7. Coronation Party Plans – Actual time of the Coronation yet to be announced. Early suggestions are a BBQ and live music at the Red Lion with bunting outside, potentially put up the end of April. Further plans to be discussed at the next Recreation meeting.

Agenda 119: 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 but with the Landlord or Tenant both having the ability to terminate at the end of year 5. Awaiting paperwork from PCC.
2. ROSPA report received, 1 minor requirement regarding a bung missing on the slide, Mel Grantham has agreed to order and repair.

Agenda 120: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account (1/2/23) £5593.57/ Balance of Playground (9/1/23) £1075.19
2. Clerk wages February 2023 £266.73 cheque no 000596, HMRC PAYE £66.60 Chq 000597
3. Previous Clerk raised concern that bank statements are no longer being received. New Clerk is now receiving the statements following an update to the correspondence address.
4. Clerk has set up a PAYE scheme for the council, deducting the correct Tax from Salary and paying directly to HMRC
5. Since the closure of Lloyds Bank a hub has opened at the COWSHACC on a Tuesday. Previously described as 'everyday banking', Cllr NB visited and reported that it is only for advice only, no actual banking facilities available. Agreed the Clerk to look further into online banking.

Agenda 121: Highway Matters

1. Cwm Lane Update – Cllr CE reported that the Pot-Holes have been filled in, however they seem like a 'temporary fix' as an example it would be unable to tolerate Bad Weather. Cwm Lane was used excessively following the road closure on The Golfa Bank and needs further consideration. Adrian will ask again if there are any plans for further work.
2. Culvert at Lower Cefn – Cllr Adrian Jones will follow up to check it is on the list of work to be completed.
3. Jetter for drains across ward – More Jetters are due to be purchased
4. Cllr PR reported that there are Pot Holes at the entrance to Swallows Meadow which are getting worse likely to be due to the increased traffic including building contractors – Clerk to report to PCC
5. Cllr Adrian Jones advised the Clerk that the first contact for Highways is Jacqui Jones at PCC, followed by David Gardner.

Agenda 122: PCC planning notices

1. No New applications were received for consideration.
2. Planning application 22/0910/FU – Planning permission has been granted and at the time of consultation the Community Council did not receive the option to consider the revised plans with alteration to the original application.

Agenda 123: 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. PCC annual ROSPA report
10. Community Grant to Support Cost of Living. (See AOB)

Agenda 124: Attendance at Meetings

None

Agenda 125: Update from County Councillor

1. Cllr Adrian Jones opened with the news of the Air Ambulance in Welshpool which is to remain and operate until at least 2026, although this is a great result the pressure should continue in support of the Air Ambulance.
2. Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meetings - Cllr AJ commented that the invitation to all community councils to attend the next online meeting would not only be important but an opportunity to talk directly to PCC, and to ask any questions the Council may have.
3. Training – Cllr AJ expressed the importance of Councillors attending training courses and to follow the Code of Conduct for Community Councils. It was agreed the Clerk to look into further.
4. Cllr AJ suggested that the Community Council might like to join The Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster of Councils, which explores new ways to deliver better services to their communities and that should we want further information to contact Phil Bettley in Berriew.
5. Cllr AJ stated that the annual increase in Council Tax would need to be 15% to account for shortfalls within the budget, however it has been suggested that there will be a Cut in Local Services to cover some of the Shortfall. That evening it has been confirmed that the increase to be 5%

Agenda 126: Any other business

1. Training – Cllr PR would like to be booked onto the online training course 'Use Of Websites' on 21/3/23, Clerk to book and confirm to PR. Clerk would also like to be booked onto the next 'Clerk training' online course, and Cllr CE will look at the latest list on courses and advise which one Clerk to book them onto.
2. The Bus Timetable located at the Bus Stop is out of date and on more than one occasion pedestrians have been left stranded, not knowing when the next bus was due to arrive. Clerk to contact PCC and ask for an updated timetable for the village bus stop.
3. Cllr CC agreed to be the Representative for One Voice Wales – Clerk to email and advise One Voice Wales.
4. Cllr GH being the current representative for The Burgess Lands Trust, reported no emails being received – Clerk to email The Burgess Lands Trust to include Cllr GH in any future emails.
5. Community Grant to Support Cost of Living Activity – PCC are gathering a list of potential community organisations that support Powys residents – Cllr NB asked the Clerk to look into further and to ask Cllr NB for any further help and guidance.
6. One Voice Wales (Section 6) 'The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems duty for Town and Councils Review – Clerk to complete and to ask Cllr CE for guidance.
7. Cllr NB read out a letter of resignation from Cllr JW with immediate effect. The Council would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the support and commitment during their time as Councillor. Clerk will advertise the position.
8. Defib testing – With the resignation, consideration to be given for someone else to take over this role.

Agenda 114: Date of next meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th March, at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.20