Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: January 24th 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 Robert Nash (RN)	Cllr Caroline Carey (CC); Cllr Kate Pierce (KP). Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)

Agenda 105: Ten minutes for members of the public: None
Agenda 106: Declarations of interest: None
Agenda 107: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ

Agenda 108: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Defibrillator update - Clerk confirms site check are up to date.
2. Website update – Clerk offered to have a look and come up with some suggestions of improvements and will go from there.
3. Community Trail update - Completed.
4. Phone Box update – There is still uncertainty around whether the suggested repositioning by the bus stop is in a Conservation area. Cllr CJ and Clerk would like to know if it could go somewhere more 'visible', for example by one of the benches, with a concrete base and solar power for lighting if required, any more thoughts to be discussed at next meeting.
5. Delegation of services update & Montgomery Rural Cluster - Cllr RN updated the Cllr's with their report following the meeting on 24th January. Although the points raised regarding joining the Cluster were valid and the Council did discuss the annual fee of £250 it was agreed that the Council will not join at this time, Clerk to email Phil Bettley to inform of our decision but thank them for the opportunity.
   Cllr NB backed this up by stating that the Council feel very supported by Cllr AJ and thanks go to him for his support over the years.
6. Montgomery Rural Cluster – See Point 5.
7. Cemetery update – Cllr AJ was not present but the response from Carwyn Jones, senior environmental officer is as follows:
   'It is not against policy to have kerbing around graves and a precedent has been set by allowing this to happen at other sites. PCC do prefer not to have them for ease of maintenance but do not enforce it. As long as the dimensions are correct, they leave them alone as it is a delicate matter'.

Agenda 109: 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.
   The paperwork for the lease is available for signing and can be sent out. Clerk has asked for the paperwork to be sent to Clerk address and it will be brought to the next meeting.

Agenda 110: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £10893.93, Balance of Playground £1084.78
2. Clerk wages December 2023 £280.00 Chq 633, Clerk wages Jan 24 £280.00 Chq 635, HMRC Dec and Jan £140.00 Chq 636
3. D6 Website hosting £106.80 Chq 634 (Reimbursed to Clerk – paid privately)
4. Community Heartbeat training and pads £278.34 Chq 637
   All payment requests agreed, proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr GH, All in favour.

Agenda 111: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Cwm Lane Sign – Confusion by PCC where the sign is missing from, Clerk has provided sufficient photo evidence, Dave Gardner at PCC will order new sign, review next month.
2. Maesgarmon Close – Resident confirms that the work has been completed and thanks extended to the Council for chasing PCC.
3. Highway Drains – PCC are catching up after all the recent floods and any work to be undertaken in the near future.
4. Pen Y Brynn – Clerk to check if this has been completed.
5. Upper Dolarddyn – Cllr NB thanked PCC for the speed at which the work was done at the Culvert.

Agenda 112: PCC planning notices

1. Application Reference: 24/0058/HH Tynllan Farm Castle Caereinion Welshpool Powys SY21 9AL Proposal: Change of use of land to form additional residential curtilage – The Council discussed this and decided to support the application.

   The following applications were received and would have reached their deadline date therefore the Council discussed via email:

2. Application Reference: 23/1766/HH Ivy House Castle Caereinion Welshpool SY21 9AL Proposed replacement of existing roof, demolition of lean too conservatory. Creation of loft rooms, replacement side extension and rear extension. **The council discussed this and decided to support the application.**
3. Application Reference: 23/1873/TRE Ivy House Castle Caereinion Welshpool SY21 9AL Proposed Removal of a monkey puzzle tree within a Conservation **Area The council discussed this and decided to support the application.**

Agenda 113: **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: Quarterly PCC & Towns Council meeting Weds 21st Feb at 6pm
8. Citizens Advice Powys update
9. Shrewsbury & Telford hospitals
10. Welsh Air Ambulance
11. Gardening Club – Request for funding, the Council discussed this and decided not to offer additional grants on the basis that they support local Community groups and also, that the Recreation Society already offers low booking fees. Clerk to write and inform of decision.
12. One Voice Wales – Application for training bursary signed and sent to OVW

Agenda 114: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr RN – Vale of Montgomery Cluster
Cllr GH – Burgess Land Trust

Agenda 115: **Any other business**

1. To discuss and agree the Precept for 2024/25 – Clerk presented Cllr's with the Quarterly budget for the 3 months Oct – Dec 23, along with precept spreadsheet for planning purposes.
   Precept agreed as follows:

Agenda 115: Any other business

Precept	**2024/2025**
Insurance	350.00
Int Audit	150.00
Ext Audit	450.00
Play Area Inspection (PCC)	72.00
Safe Custody	0.00
Monthly Playground Inspection	180.00
OVW Membership	110.00
Montgomery Cluster Membership	0.00
Clerks Wages	4500.00
Clerks Expenses (Stationery, postage etc)	100.00
Clerk/Cllr training	250.00
Cllr Expenses	800.00
Electoral cost - UNCONTESTED	0.00
Electoral cost - CONTESTED	0.00
CCRA - Room hire	0.00
Legal Fees - Playground (money in acc)	0.00
Website	120.00
Sub Tot	**7082.00**
Grants	
Rec Assoc	1500.00
Play grp / CASTLE SCHOOL	0.00
Churchyard	500.00
Castle news	300.00
Sub Tot	**2300.00**
Maintenance	
Play Area & Village Maintenance	4700.00
Contingency fund	
(Defib pads £68.34)	600.00
Sub Tot	**5300.00**
TOTAL	
Precept	**14682.00**

Agenda 115: **Any other business**

2. Christmas Trees – The Council would like to give thanks to Cllr PR, Joan & Richard at The Red Lion Pub and to the family of the late Danny Davies for having the trees made available for all to see and enjoy. The Council extends its thanks to Clive Jones Electrical for supply and fitting the lights to the trees.
3. Parking at entrance to village – Cllr NB raised the issue of parking once more, Clerk to contact Richard Glover-Davies to ask how long he anticipates that this will continue.
4. Cllr NB informed the Councillors that Cllr CC has sent in her resignation letter, the Council would like to send their thanks for all their contributions and help over the years.
5. Cllr NB informed the Councillors that Cllr KP has also sent her resignation letter, however after a re-think has decided to 'give it some more thought'. The Council is grateful to Cllr KP for all their contributions and help during their time as councillor and will await further instruction.

Agenda 109: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday February 28th, 2024, at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 8.35