Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: January 19th 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

Cllr Nigel Bowen paid tribute to Cllr Gareth Davies, Gareth was a leading light in our community, he was a friend to many and was liked by everyone and would be very much missed. Gareth had been a Community Councillor for over 30 years and was committed to doing his best by the community. Councillors held a minute's silence to remember Gareth.

Agenda 98: Ten minutes for members of the public: None
Agenda 99: Declarations of interest: None
Agenda 100: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record Proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr MH.

Agenda 101: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Memorial for Michael Rogers – Community Centre has been booked for Saturday 23rd April. Michael's family are organising a celebration of life service in the church followed by a tea in the community centre, caterers have been booked by the family. A bench has been selected made from galvanised steel and painted, we can add a plaque stating "Michael's bench" including delivery would be £956 +VAT (which we can claim back). Cllrs agreed the most appropriate position would be in the church yard and we will approach the church to formally request this. In the meantime, we will set up a "Just Giving" site to ask the community for donations towards the bench. This will be advertised on the Facebook group and also on our website www.castlecaereinion.org.uk Clerk will update the family.
2. Best kept village sign to be taken down and repaired by I T Jerman & Co in Cyfronydd in readiness to place in community centre. Cllr NB will ask for a timeline.
3. Defibrillator training to be c/f to Spring
4. Cllr Clive Jones provided an update on the progress of our circular path, kissing gates have now been installed and we are waiting for improved weather conditions to allow for a new bridge to be put in. New signs will be installed soon and we have asked for additional signs to remind users to be mindful of livestock, take litter home and clean up after their dog.
5. Castle School update - Cllr Paul Roberts provided a written update to inform Cllrs he and his wife had written to Jeremy Miles MS to request he formally looks at the closure of the school and a possible referral.
6. Jubilee celebration ideas. Clerk will put up another post on FB to gauge interest. We will speak to the Landlord at the Red Lion to see if they would hold an event that the community could get involved with.

A letter received from the Recreation Association was read out to the meeting, informing the council that the Trustees of the Recreation Association would be standing down at their AGM on 16th May 2022. The Recreation Association have struggled to find members and with their group growing ever smaller, they feel they can no longer continue to struggle on. They will be writing to each household within the community to appeal for people to come forward and join the Recreation Association, but if by the AGM on 16th May there are insufficient numbers to form a new committee, then they will unfortunately move to close the community centre until such time as there is an interest.

Agenda 102: Playground

1. Playground lease: Councillors discussed the offer of the 10-year lease and the added security the lease would offer the community in terms of protecting the playground from future development; Cllr Gary Human proposed we accept the offer; this was seconded by Cllr CJ – all in favour. Clerk will forward the lease to Cllr Nigel Bowen for his signature.
2. New picnic table – planning preparatory works to commence early spring when weather improves.
3. Playground checks – Annual ROSPA check has been carried out. Written monthly playground checks will be undertaken by Mel Grantham and formally recorded. Fee agreed for the service.

Agenda 103: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £15182.32 / Balance of Playground £73.24
2. Clerk wages December 2021 and January 2022 £625 and expenses £39.50 total £664.50 cheque number 000545
3. Glasdon picnic bench – initial payment before claiming back £945 cheque number 000546
4. D6 Designs – annual hosting fee for website £94.80 cheque number 000547
5. Playground annual inspection via ROSPA £72 (paid by clerk via BACS – clerk to be reimbursed – cheque number 000549
   Cllr GH proposed all payments should be made, seconded Cllr CJ, all in favour.)

Agenda 104: Highway Matters

1. Update on any maintenance work carried out. Cllrs not aware of any works being undertaken since the last meeting, clerk will ask PCC for a progress report and an indication of when we could expect repairs to roads to be carried out and culverts to be cleared (matters have been reported)
2. Golfa Bank traffic lights and associated works. Formal notification works will commence 24/01/2022 leading to full road closure until 14/04/2022. The diversion sings are directing traffic around Meifod, however we will monitor traffic through Castle village and report any significant increases. Clerk has raised concerns regarding the length of the closure and the impact this might have on access arrangements for emergency services.

Agenda 105: PCC planning notices

1. Application Reference: 21/2257/REM, Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission P/2017/1154 (approved plans for Plot 3) Condition Number(s): 2
   Conditions(s) Removal: We wish to amend drawing 003 rev E for plot 3 only to drawing Proposed 5 bed house (plot 3) Swallows Meadow. The current drawing shows a 4-bed dwelling. We wish to revise the 4-bed dwelling to a 5-bed property. Site Address: Land At Swallows Meadow, Swallows Meadow, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool Powys. **Cllr CJ proposed we support the application, seconded Cllr GH – all in agreement.**
2. Application Reference: 21/2193/OUT - Proposal: Outline: Proposed residential development comprising of two dwellings and all associated works. Site Address: Michaels Meadow, Cwm Lane, Castle Caereinion, SY21 9AR: **Cllr MH proposed we support the application, seconded Cllr GH – all in agreement.**
3. Application Reference: 21/2215/FUL - Proposal: Proposed Holiday Let and associated works. Site Address: Moydog Fawr, Golfa, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9BD : **Cllr CJ proposed we support the application, seconded Cllr MH – all in agreement**
4. Application Reference: 22/0030/RES Proposal: Application for reserved matters following the approval of 18/0395/OUT for a residential development of 5 dwellings. Site Address: Residential Development At Tynllan Farm, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9AL **Cllr MH proposed we support the application, seconded Cllr NK – all in agreement**

Agenda 106: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates
3. PTHB –Covid update
4. Play Wales - e-bulletins
5. Powys CHC newsletter & updates
6. NHS updates - bulletins
7. Corporate communications – Powys County council
8. PCC notice of meetings
9. Thank you -St Garmons church
10. Citizens Advice Powys updates
11. Police and crime commissioner communication
12. Jubilee letter – Ceri Nash
13. Available updates from Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust – Hannah Roy
14. Council tax scam alert – Cllr David Jones
15. Montgomery Area Committee meeting dates
16. Red Kite Climate Vision and Strategy Consultation
17. Homestart support services
18. Survey for wellbeing campus in Newtown
19. Local development plan consultation
20. Recruitment of PCSO's

Agenda 107: Attendance at Meetings

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Agenda 108: Any other business

1. The Precept for 2022 / 2023 was discussed and agreed as follows:

	2022/2023 PLANNED
Insurance	£310.00
Int Audit	£40.00
Ext Audit	£250.00
Play Area Inspection (PCC)	£75.00
Monthly Playground Inspection	£180.00
Safe Custody fee	£0.00
OVW Membership	£100.00
Clerks Wages	£4,000.00
Clerks Expenses	£150.00
Clerk/Cllr training	£250.00
Cllr Expenses	£800.00
Electoral cost UNCONTESTED	£500.00
Electoral cost - CONTESTED	£0.00
Annual Website Fee	£100.00
Sub Tot	**£6,755.00**
Grants	
Rec Assoc	£1,500.00
Play grp / CASTLE SCHOOL	£0.00
Churchyard	£500.00
Castle news (add to rec Assoc)	£300.00
Sub Tot	**£2,300.00**
Maintenance	
Play Area & Village Maintenance	£4,400.00

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Contingency fund	£0.00
Sub Tot	**£4,400.00**
TOTAL	**£13,455.00**
Precept Request	**£13,455.00**

2. A resident has raised a concern regarding the new affordable dwellings in Maes Y Wennol:
    - The planning application and subsequent approval stated the two semi-detached affordable homes would be completed before the third bungalow; however, it appears the third bungalow has been fully completed and sold whilst the two semi-detached properties are yet to be complete.
    - The two semi-detached properties' planning was granted on the basis they would be affordable homes, how is the criteria for eligibility decided and how is it being monitored?

    The points raised were brought up with Mr Gwyn Humphreys (Senior Planning Officer PCC) who noted the concerns and advised anyone wanting the local planning authority to investigate the matter would need to complete a planning enforcement complaint form:
    https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9508/planning-enforcement-complaint-form
    Clerk will make further enquiries regarding eligibility requirements for affordable homes and how it is monitored.
3. The Clerk handed in her resignation to the meeting and informed the committee she would be standing down at the next election in May. The Clerk thanked everyone for their commitment and support and stated she would very much like to be involved in the community council in the future. Cllr Nigel Bowen thanked the Clerk for her work. The position will be advertised.
4. Concerns raised regarding street lighting; some maintenance has been undertaken recently which has left some of the lighting malfunctioning.

Agenda 109: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday February 23rd 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 9:05pm