Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: June 28th 2023 - 7.30pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre**

Participants		Apologies
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Lucy Mason (LM)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ): Cllr Caroline Carey (CC) Cllr Paul Roberts (PR); Cllr Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Kate Pierce (KP); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)	Cllr Gary Human (GH)

Agenda 27: Ten minutes for members of the public: None
Agenda 28: Declarations of interest: None
Agenda 29: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr CC

Agenda 30: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Defibrillator Update – Clerk declares that the site checks are up to date, next one due w/c 24/7. Cllr CE to ask Castle News to announce that The Council are looking to hold a training session, if enough interest expressed.
2. Website – The existing website needs some updating and making more user friendly. Cllr KH will look into this and provide the council with prices. Clerk raised the issue of Internet Security and will look for a price for the Clerk emails.
3. Community Speed Watch – Cllr CE will ask Castle News to advertise that we are looking for volunteers, if enough interest Clerk will make contact with the local PSCO to contact 'GoSafe'
4. Model Standing Orders – New standing orders have been updated by One Voice Wales which have been distributed to the councillors. It was agreed to adopt the new standing orders, proposed by Cllr CE, seconded by Cllr CJ – All in favour. Cllr RN pointed out to the Clerk that the blanks would need completing, Clerk to action.

Agenda 31: 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.

Agenda 32: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £6651.00 Balance of Playground £1078.23
2. Financial Statements amendment and Annual return – Clerk presented the revised financial statement to the councillors and the completed annual return for signing, The changes to the financial statement were accepted and agreed, proposed by Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ, All in favour.
3. Clerk wages June 2023 £280 cheque no 000612, HMRC PAYE £70.00 Chq 000613 presented for authorisation, proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ, All in favour.
4. Addition of Signature of Cllr CE to banking mandate – Completed and accepted by Lloyds Bank.
5. Online Banking – Clerk presented no further expenditure for authorisation.

Agenda 33: Highway Matters

1. Cwm Lane Update – PCC have said that will be resurfacing next year, the sign is at the Depot – Clerk to chase up again.
2. Culvert at Lower Cefn and Gelli Lane – No formal notification from PCC has been received but reports that the work has been completed.
3. Little Cwm Lane and Maesgarmon Close – Clerk will chase once more.
   Afternote, PCC Highways seen repairing road on Coppice Lane 3/7, Clerk to confirm if the scheduled works have been completed.

Agenda 34: PCC planning notices

No new applications received.

Agenda 35: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins: Model standing orders updated for the start of the Municipal year, 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 Town and Community Council meeting Thursday 6th July (via Teams)
8. Citizens Advice Powys updates
9. PCC annual ROSPA report

Agenda 36: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CC has been provisionally booked onto the OVW Innovative Practice Conference.
Cllr PR has attended the latest Castle Recreation meeting where things are progressing, Capital expenditure of a new ride on mower, storage shed and New doors and windows have been purchased. The Committee are also looking into the possibility of Solar Energy and any Sports Grants available to fund a new fence (or alternative) for the football field. CCTV is also on the agenda and the Secretary is attending a meeting with PAVO to discuss what money is available to the Community Hall as a whole.

Agenda 37: Update from County Councillor

Cllr AJ updated the Council 'I have retained my seat on the planning committee after the reduction in places. The audit Wales report on the planning department recommended some improvements in performance. Historically there has been a large number of IPU applications in Powys which have taken up officers time causing delays etc. IPU's are now on hold awaiting Gov decisions. This has helped officers to catch up on processing applications. Backlog has dropped from 900 to approx. 500 . Time taken to process applications is also reducing. Enforcement cases have also reduced from 750 to 550. 2 enforcement officers have been employed. These are the improvements asked for.
Climate and Nature emergency is at the forefront of decision making in all aspects of the councils work to enable Powys to reach the Govs target of net zero by 2030. There is a financial impact to reach this target which may well have an impact to deliver services. The pre-planning application for a large windfarm to manufacture Hydrogen just gives an insight of the future.
There is also a concern of the delivery of broadband across Powys now that one provider, Broadway, has gone into administration. The industry has been challenged to hopefully deliver full coverage by 2028'

Agenda 38: Any other business

Cllr CJ asked the Clerk to chase PCC Countryside Services as the path on Cwm Lane was on their list of repair for the summer time.
Cllr KH informed the Council that a member of the public has offered to upgrade the existing planters in the village, thought to be given where to re site the existing planters but the offer would be greatly received from the Council.

Agenda 39: Date of next meeting
Next meeting: Wednesday 26th June at 7.30 Meeting closed at 7.55