Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: Nov 29th 2023 - 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 Caroline Carey (CC); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ); Cllr Robert Nash (RN)	Cllr Kate Pierce (KP)

Agenda 92: Ten minutes for members of the public: A member of the public came to discuss the Community Footpath and raised concern over the safety of the path, particularly as it appears that the farmers crop has been planted nearer to the brook this time. Cllr NB expressed that the safety of anyone walking the path should come first but ask that common sense be applied and to walk into the crop if necessary. Agreed that the Clerk to report to Calum Carr, Rights of Way & Access Officer, the reply is that *'The public footpath does not run along the brook and actually runs across the field. Whilst a member of the public can divert around an obstruction, which the crop is, it is the farmers legal responsibility to clear a width for the public footpath across the field'*, he will speak with the landowner and report back to the Council.

Agenda 93: Declarations of interest: None

Agenda 94: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr PR, seconded Cllr GH

Agenda 95: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator - Clerk confirms that site checks have been completed and that the recent training was a success with many attending from the Community.
2. Website – C'F
3. Community Speed Watch – The Council will re-visit this in the future if necessary.
4. Community Trail – See response for Agenda item 92, Clerk to continue to chase regarding the work scheduled to take place to install the steps.
5. Castle news/Phone Box – Suggested positioning for the phone box is next to the bus stop, first step is to measure the area, Cllr PR to undertake.
6. Email to Portfolio Holder Peter Roberts – Clerk requested to email back as the website links do not work.
7. School building – Nothing further to report, add to Agenda when new updates received.
8. Report of Ash Tree – Clerk has reported to Landowner the overhanging tree.
9. Delegation of Services – Cllr RN updated the Council with his findings, he has been in contact with Phil Bettley at Berriew Community Council who suggested to appoint a Cllr to attend any future meetings of the Vale of Montgomery Cluster, agreed that Cllr RN investigate this further and to report back to the Council.
10. Cemetery – Cllr AJ informed the Council that a member of the public has raised concern regarding the way head stones are being laid. The Council informed Cllr AJ that the Cemetery is the responsibility of PCC, Cllr AJ to report to them directly.
11. Christmas Trees – Cllr PR has kindly offered to have one of the trees outside his house, one will go to the Pub and thought given to the 3rd, Cllr CJ kindly offered to speak to the owners of the house it was outside last year to see if this was a possibility again.

Agenda 96: 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 97: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £6038.62, Playground £1081.76
2. Clerk wages and PAYE Nov 2023 £280.00, Chq 000630, HMRC PAYE £70.00 Chq 000631
3. Additional expenses presented for approval:
   Members Allowance Cllr PR £156.00, Chq 000632 All payment requests agreed, proposed Cllr CE, seconded Cllr CJ. All in favour

Agenda 98: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Cwm Lane Sign – Ian Jarman (IJ) has advised that we will need a new sign, rather than wait the Clerk is requested to enquire as to whether we can get one ourselves, if so, we will look to obtaining measurements and proceed.
2. Maesgarmon Close – IJ has raised a work report for this and is hoping that the work will be completed shortly.
3. Highway Drains – See Agenda 102
4. Pen Y Brynn – IJ has raised a work report for this and is hoping that the work will be completed shortly.

Agenda 99: PCC planning notices

To discuss the following planning application received:
Application Reference: 23/1729/FUL Grid Reference: E:317930 N: 307532
Site Address: The Gaer Farmhouse , Golfa, Welshpool, SY21 9BD
At this point in the meeting Cllr AJ left the meeting. The Councillors discussed the application and decided to support the application on the basis that the Council will endeavour to support rural businesses where it can. Cllr NB requested Cllr AJ to Call this application in once and for all. Agreed by Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr RN, All in favour.

Agenda 100: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins
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 & Town Council meeting
8. Citizens Advice Powys updates
9. PCC annual ROSPA report
10. Cambrian Lines – Association Membership
11. Ysgol Bro Caereinion – Cllr CE requested that the Council reply to the Consultation, it was agreed instead that a letter to be written, Cllr CE to undertake.
12. Scams – With the recent surge of scam emails, the Clerk is requested to raise awareness

Agenda 101: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CJ has attended the Quarterly PCC & Town meeting held 22/11 whereby Cabinet member Jake Berriman on behalf of PCC Improved Planning Services explained improvements to the service has launched with a new-improved planning website including a step-by-step guide on applying for planning permission in the Powys Local Planning Authority. A new Development manager has recently been appointed and 2 Enforcement Planners to support the planning enforcement service.

PCC have provisionally secured over £17million of Levelling Up Funding from UK Government to promote recreational tourism through transport investment.
The three coherent projects which hope to boost recreational tourism:
Active travel – making it easier for visitors to explore Powys improving accessibility.
Rights of Way – Enable and improve visitors accessibility and valued Rights of Way Network
Resurfacing – improve access to tourist hotspots including National Cycle Network

The Winter Maintenance Programme is under review with less funding available than normal including Gritting of roads. This will come into force next financial year.

Agenda 102: Update from County Councillor

Cllr AJ updated the Councillors regarding the following:
Car Parking – A review is to be undertaken following the price escalation as highlighted by Matt Perry, Interim Director of the environment, also, free car parking will be on offer for long-stay car parks for three key shopping days in the run-up to Christmas.

PCC are very happy with the Ukrainian Settlement which is up to 295.

Budgets at PCC could be cut resulting in less services available for recreational services.

Following the recent Flooding, Cllr AJ has met with Simon Crowther on behalf of Land drainage. He has taken the lead and will be liaising with Highways with regards to the latest flooding issues within the Community. Simon has said that the Culvert and Stream issues will be resolved with himself and Graham Astley leading on this matter. They have already got the highways to clear the drains as promised.
He will liaise with the local highway depot and landowner to try to facilitate the cleansing of the watercourse, and any help from within the Community would be gratefully received.
Cllr AJ will speak to Graham regarding the re-direction of the Stream back to its former direction and report back to the Council with any updates.

Cllr Vincent Goodwin has discussed the 'Highway Resilient Roads Fund' which the B4385 qualifies for. This is Grant dependant, to be on a list for January decision. This could include the stream being diverted along with the other works to be undertaken.

Agenda 103: Any other business

Agenda 104: Date of next meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm (meeting earlier for precept planning)

Meeting closed at: 8.50