Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: November 24th, 2021, 7.30pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre**	
Participants		Apologies
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Carys Evans (CE)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ); Cllr Gareth Davies (GD); Cllr Michele Humberstone; Cllr Paul Roberts (PR); Cllr Joan Wyatt (JW); Cllr David Jones (DJ).	Cllr Gary Human (GH); Cllr Nicola Kynaston (NK);

Agenda 86: Ten minutes for members of the public: None
Agenda 87: Declarations of interest: Cllr GD agenda item 93.1
Agenda 88: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting Prop Cllr MH, sec Cllr CJ

Agenda 89: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Memorial for Michael Rogers – Cllr NB and Clerk met with Recreation Association and Church representatives to discuss ideas for a memorial for Michael. Michael's family are planning a service to celebrate Michael's life in 2022 to be held in the church followed by a tea at the community centre, date to be confirmed. Options for a bench are currently being discussed and a memorial wall is also being discussed.
2. Best kept village sign to be taken down and repaired by I T Jerman & co in Cyfronydd, with a view to it being placed in community centre.
3. Defibrillator training – plans for training to take place in Spring 2022.

Agenda 90: Playground

1. Playground lease, request to extend get out clause for 10 years and lease for 25 years – response received offering lease for 10 years, Cllrs to discuss further at next meeting. Cllrs expressed concern that PCC are reluctant to extend the lease beyond 10 years as they may wish to use land for council houses in the future. Cllrs would like PCC to look at the purchase of new or used properties in the community (as other communities have done) to use as council homes in the future rather than taking away our playground which is used by many families.
2. Playground equipment repairs have been carried out on the wobbly bridge by the manufacturer, and the swing is also repaired. Our thanks to Melvyn for carrying out repairs to the swing.
3. The new picnic table for the playground has arrived and has been temporarily stored at Tynllan Farm, the community council wish to pass on their thanks to Gareth Davies for his kind offer to store the bench until the ground works have been carried out.

Agenda 91: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £17,594.82 Balance of Playground £73.24
2. Clerk wages November 2021 £312.50 cheque number 000542 Prop Cllr JW Sec Cllr PR
3. St Garmon's church grant £200 cheque to be rewritten payable to St Garmon's Church Castle Caereinion number 000543 - Prop Cllr JW Sec Cllr PR
4. GLM services – swing repair / labour £57 cheque number 000544 - Prop Cllr JW Sec Cllr PR
   All in favour for agenda items 91.1 – 91.4

Agenda 92: Highway Matters

1. Update on maintenance work on gullies / culverts – PCC have been in touch and have promised works to be carried out as soon as they can. Cllr DJ stated a budget of £2 million was agreed for Highways in Powys but does not believe any of it has been spent in our ward.
2. Response regarding Golfa Bank traffic lights and associated works from Alan Brandon, Programme Delivery Manager for Transport Division in the Welsh Govt: "The Welsh Government is currently going through the formalities of appointing a contractor to undertake the works and a construction commencement is envisaged in late November subject to the availability of materials necessary to complete the works."

Agenda 93: PCC planning notices

1. 21/1832/HH - Dewis Gwyn, Cyfronydd, Welshpool SY21 9EQ - Demolition of shed and two storey oak frame extension. Cllr CJ proposed we support the application, sec Cllr PR, all in favour.

Agenda 94: 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. Old people's commissioner bulletin
10. School visit from PCC - Cllr David Jones
11. Citizens Advice Powys updates
12. Llanfihangell CP school
13. Police and crime commissioner communication
14. Climate and ecological emergency bill motion
15. Welsh Govt. research into role and renumeration of Cllrs. (OVW)

Agenda 95: Attendance at Meetings

1. Cllr NB & Clerk attended Recreation Association meeting 15.11.2021- as per agenda item 89.1
2. Cllr MH attended a local coffee morning and received a presentation from a resident proposing improvements to the village. Clerk to invite resident to next meeting. Clerk to ask PCC if we would be permitted to change village sign and place planters around the sign by next meeting.

Agenda 96: Any other business

1. Update on circular paths (Cllr Clive Jones) The complete works is now going to be undertaken by a contractor nominated and recommended by Calum at PCC Countryside Services (No Community Volunteers required). This situation has been put past the National Lottery Grant to make sure we are not breaking the grant rules. PCC will invoice our community council for the monies to cover the entire cost (equivalent to grant). We anticipate works should start fairly soon. Cllr CJ will liaise with Philip Stallard to discuss H & S training for a potential volunteer group that may be involved with village improvements. Clerk to email Calum Carr to discuss invoicing timescales.
2. Update on Castle School (Cllr Paul Roberts) – In August 2022 Castle will lose its school. On the 23rd of November 2021, PCC's Council's Cabinet considered the Objection Report in respect of the proposal to close Castle Caereinion Church in Wales School from the 31st of August 2022. The Cabinet agreed to proceed with implementation of the proposal. The Council has now published the Objection Report and the Decision Letter which is attached, and is also available on the Council's website at: https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/10560/Castle-Caereinion-Church-in-Wales-School Some concerns over transport to school and funding being decided on a case by case basis. Cllr Roberts reported there will be a new catchment area map released soon. Cllr Bowen thanked Cllr Roberts for his hard work in trying to save the school.
3. We now have a number of volunteers who have gone through police checks and are ready to commence their speed camera training. We look forward to seeing them in action.
4. Pot holes reported on Pen Y Herber lane. Clerk to report to highways.

Agenda 97: Date of next meeting
Next meeting: Please note due to Precept submission requirements, the January meeting will be earlier in the month: 7:30 pm – Wednesday 19th January 2022. Meeting closed: 20.40