Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

[i]Agenda	Date: Sept 27th 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 Kate Pierce (KP); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ); Cllr Robert Nash (RN)	Cllr Carys Evans (CE) Cllr Caroline Carey (CC)

Agenda 66: Ten minutes for members of the public: None

Agenda 67: Declarations of interest: None

Agenda 68: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr GH

Agenda 69: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator update and training session – The Clerk informed the council that the site checks were up to date, a spare pad has been ordered and also, that the training session has been booked for Monday 6th November. It however was agreed to change the time to 7PM and not the 6PM provisionally booked. Clerk to confirm and ensure sufficient public awareness via Castle News and social media.
2. Website update – The Clerk has sent the log on to Cllr KP to look into the website and make any recommendations or suggestions.
3. Community Speed Watch – Clerk reports that no further interest received. The council discussed the recent changes to the 20mph zones in the village, Cllr PR reported that some 30mph signs remained and would need changing, Cllr AJ updated the council to say that all signs would be 'rectified in due course'. The council went on to discuss other ways of deterring speeding within the village, suggestions included a mannequin with a HI-VIS jacket which does help in other communities.
4. Community Trail – The Clerk updated the Council with news that despite numerous emails to Countryside Services that no response had been received. Cllr AJ will chase once again and the council asked the Clerk to email, expressing the dissatisfaction from the lack of response and movement on the matter.
5. Weed Spraying and Grass Verge cutting. Weed spraying appears to be completed. The Clerk informed the council with news that the late cycle of grass cutting has started but suspended due to maintenance of the machines used to cut close to the roadside. Once re started the Verge by the junction will be cut.
6. Castle news – Cllr CE to provide an update which will include the defib session. The Clerk has heard back from Castle News stating that a PDF of the newsletter can be uploaded onto the community website, and ensuring additional copies of the Newsletter within the community were discussed.

Agenda 70: 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 71: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £10529.06, Playground £1078.96
2. Clerk wages and PAYE Sept 2023 £280.00, Chq 000621, HMRC PAYE £70.00 Chq 000622
3. Additional expenses presented for approval:
   Cadwallader & Co – Independent review of accounts £60.00 Chq 000623
   Clerk expenses (Anti-Virus) £41.49 and Postage of accounts for Audit £8.95 = £50.44 Chq 000624
   Castle Recreation Association – Grant £1500 plus Castle News £300 (paid to Rec) Total £1800 Chq 000625
   Castle Church – Grant £500 Chq 000626
   All payment requests were Proposed by Cllr GH and seconded Cllr PR, All in favour

Agenda 72: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Cwm Lane Sign – The sign remains at the depot; The Clerk has been told it will be fixed back into position once the 20mph work has been completed.
2. Maesgarmon Close – The Clerk has heard from Ian Jerman at PCC Highways, he has been out to look and can see a pothole and some loose chippings, a works report has been written up.
3. Barn Farm – The Clerk informed the council that this has been reported to Traffic Wales.
4. Highway Drains – The Clerk was asked to chase the Jetter works, which were scheduled for around August time.
5. Cllr NB asked the Clerk to report to Traffic Wales the loose manhole/culvert on the left at Pen Y Brynn.
6. Cllr GH informed the Clerk that there were a few streetlights out within the village, Clerk to report to PCC once reference numbers received from Cllr GH.

Agenda 73: PCC planning notices

None

Agenda 74: 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 postponed until further notice
8. Citizens Advice Powys updates
9. PCC annual ROSPA report

Agenda 75: Attendance at Meetings

None

Agenda 76: Update from County Councillor

Cllr AJ informed the council that a meeting to discuss phase two of the PCC winter service review has been held which would eventually see the priority routes for gritting agreed.
The Council discussed the salt bins in the village, and it was agreed to check all salt supplies – Clerk to organise and order any if required.
The job of PCC CEO moves into the interview stages for any shortlisted candidates for the role.

Agenda 77: Any other business

Cllr NB proposed that the existing phone box at Cwm Golau be re sited within the village. It would make an ideal place for additional copies of the Castle Newsletter. It would need to be agreed where the phone box would go, suggestions included near the bus stop but would need more thought. Cllr NB offered to pay £500 towards the maintenance of re siting the phone box and the council thanked him for his generous offer. Proposed Cllr NB, seconded Cllr GH

Cllr NB informed the Council that he has received remarks within the community raising concern about the additional Inset days that PCC schools are currently undertaking. The question being asked why these days aren't being tagged onto half term holidays, instead of occurring throughout a normal school term, causing disruption to pupils and parents, and added pressure locally where children go to different catchment area schools, forcing parents to take extra time off from work or look for additional support elsewhere. Cllr NB asked the Clerk to email the Portfolio Holder Peter Roberts and express the feelings from the community.

Agenda 77: Any other business
The Clerk asked if the AGM could be held one week forward from 29th May 2024 to 22nd May 2024, the date was agreed.

Agenda 78: Date of next meeting
Next meeting: Wednesday 25th Oct at 7.30pm Meeting closed at: 8.25