Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	**Date: September 29th, 2021, 7.30pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre**

Participants		Apologies
Vice Chairman: Cllr Gary Human (GH); **Clerk**: Carys Evans (CE)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ); Cllr Gareth Davies (GD); Cllr Michele Humberstone; Cllr Paul Roberts (PR); Cllr Nicola Kynaston (NK); Cllr Joan Wyatt (JW);	Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) Cllr David Jones (DJ).

Agenda 62: Ten minutes for members of the public: None

Agenda 63: Declarations of interest: None

Agenda 64: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting Prop cllr PR, seconded Cllr GD

Agenda 65: Matters arising from the minutes

1. Memorial for Michael Rogers - Survey results were discussed, clerk to contact Michaels family to ask their views and we will discuss further at our next meeting.
2. The Queen's 70 years celebration June 2nd – 5th 2022. Limited response from community, agreed to defer until January.
3. Picnic table – preparatory works to be carried out soon.
4. Best kept village sign to be taken down and repaired to place in community centre. Clerk to contact local company.

Agenda 66: Playground

1. Playground lease, request to extend get out clause for 10 years and lease for 25 years – awaiting response from PCC.

Agenda 67: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £15805.88 Balance of Playground £73.24
2. Clerk wages September 2021 £368.82 (including £56.32 expenses)– cheque number 000536 prop Cllr JW, sec Cllr CJ
3. GLM services – £1404 – cheque number 000535 prop Cllr JW, sec Cllr CJ
4. Grant cheques to be prepared for next meeting – confirmation on playgroup situation

Agenda 68: Highway Matters

1. Update on maintenance work on gullies / culverts. No works have been carried out to date, Clerk to ask for update on timescales.

Agenda 69: PCC planning notices

1. No new planning applications (checked 14/9/2021).

Agenda 70: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates
3. PTHB –updates
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. Repair café Wales
11. Statutory notice for school closure proposal published
12. Initial proposals – Boundaries Commission Wales
13. Home Start Cymru – PCC
14. Welshpool vaccination clinic - PTHB

Agenda 71: Attendance at Meetings

1. Cllr MH attended OVW innovative practice conference. See attached appendix for details.

2. Cllr MH attended recreation association meeting: coffee morning and film club were well attended. There is a Christmas fete on Sunday 5th December, they are looking into holding a table top or car boot sale in the near future.

Agenda 72: Any other business

1. Statutory notice for school closure proposal published (objection period ends 7/10/2021). Cllr PR provided an update. There is a petition online and hopes everyone will sign it. The community council will be preparing a formal objection letter to the statutory notice to close the school and ask for consideration in setting up a federation between Welshpool church in Wales school and Castle school. Some further concerns with PCC's change of policy regarding transport, initially transport was to be provided to nearest school, they are now offering transport to the nearest church school on a 'case by case' basis, which is unfair to families. Objection period ends 7.10.2021.
2. Unfortunately, we have had some damage to an item of playground apparatus (wobbly bridge), the apparatus has been cordoned off and repairs will be carried out during October.
3. **We have received reports of people misusing playground equipment late in the evening and trying to cause damage, we ask anyone who notices anyone attempting to damage our playground equipment to report the matter to the police ASAP. The equipment is for everyone and we all need to play our part in looking after it.**
4. The toddler swings need to be replaced as the rubber has perished on the seats, they have been tied back so they cannot be used at present. Clerk to speak to supplier.
5. Grit bins need to be restocked and as they are looking a little overgrown, clerk will contact PCC and GLM services.

Agenda 73: Date of next meeting

Next meeting: 7:30 pm – Wednesday 26th October 2021

Meeting closed: 20:50

Appendix 1 (supplied by Cllr Michele Humberstone following attendance at the OVW Innovative Conference)

The following notes are a snapshot of the key points I took away from the conference. If anyone wants more detail on a particular area, I may also have further notes or links to organisations and support and the conference was recorded and should be available soon:

Kevin Griffiths, Welsh Government - Future for Community and Town Councils in a post covid world

- Change in mindsets and transitions occurred due to pressure from Covid and finance
- Rebecca Griffiths is keen to listen – strengthen autonomy/local ownership
- Accessibility to council meetings
- Key areas

20 minute communities and community regeneration an absolute priority
Digital divide
Participation and diversity – role of CC to encourage people to take part in community
Lyn Cadwallader Chief Executive of One Voice Wales

- Finding our own place better for residents – depth of insight
- Democracy more local - citizenship and sense of place
- Unitary authorities and community councils working together
- Videos to be issued in Autumn promoting participation –
    - Development of community plan – cluster with other villages
    - Local representation
    - Delivering projects of value to encourage volunteers eg biodiversity
    - Working with 3 rd sector organisations/engage through partnering
- Engaging with residents – explain what CC does vs unitary authority
- Planning and vision documents – prepare and issue to community to make plan more tangible
- CPR training – defibrillator - they are looking at gaps in community – (Ann suggested one outside community
- centre)

Mold Town

- Community fridge
- Repair Cafe
- Legal advice from OVW on voucher scheme

Carmarthen Town

- Adapted website and FB to meet demands of community through covid
- Large volume of email contact

Barry Town

- Festival of flowers
- Festival of light (instead of fireworks)
- Youth Council – monthly

Geoff Robinson – The Green Agenda – focus on SECTION 6 Biodiversity Duty in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

- NO MATTER HOW SMALL – each community council has a duty
- Wildflowers/grass cutting regimen/ plant trees/recycling (repair café)/litter picking/ allotments –
- REQUIREMENT THAT WE PUBLISH A PLAN!! EVERY 3 YEARS – NEXT DUE END OF 2022 – TEMPLATE SENT
- 2019 – report due to be published in next few weeks – more guidance for smaller authorities
- All decisions and plans should be made with section 6 consideration and evidence – eg we could relate this
- for Gaer Farm decision – less pollution etc

Kevin Griffiths – Self Assessment Process for Councils

- Things councils MUST/SHOULD/COULD do

- Tool almost finished being developed – pilot in autumn (sign up if like to).
- Areas covered –
    - Vision & Purpose
    - Leadership & People
    - Engagement & Partnership
    - Business Processes
    - Resources and financial management
    - Evaluation – priorities for next 12-18 months

Deryck Evans – Governance & Accountability

- Value for Money – Economy/efficiency/effectiveness
- Financial Management and Governance annual report 20-21 published new year (ish)
- This year asking for review of Community Council reports on well-being of future generations

Points for discussion/investigation

- Create a 5 year plan (alone or with cluster) – focus on community hall (ie potential for multiple use day
- centre)?
- Investigate reporting template on Section 6 Biodiversity
- 3 rd party schemes such as PLACES FOR NATURE – entirely geared towards deprived/minority groups – unless
- we have any of these in our community we will not receive any funding for this particular scheme – this
- situation will not be exclusive to this partnership - what do we know about our community and the
- demographic?
- Focus on digital divide was a constant reference through conference – investigate schemes and utilise to
- rebuild use of community hall with this in mind (ie using as a daytime workplace/internet café/IT training for
- community etc).
- Communication – email/website/FB – we are part-way there but need to review and push on
- Survey entire ward for what they want and how they want to hear from us – sign up for newsletter? But
- mainly somehow establish demographic – for ages and diversity so that we can put a plan together.