Castle Caereinion Community Council.
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Draft Minutes	**Date: 26th November 2025 - 7.00pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre** **To join this meeting via Teams:** Community Council | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join Meeting ID: 931 798 291 206 4 Passcode: vD2zV2	
Participants		**Apologies**
Chairman: Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB) **Clerk**: Lucy Mason (LM)	Cllr Clive Jones (CJ); Cllr Gary Human (GH); Cllr Paul Roberts (PR); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO)	Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Kate Hamer (KH)
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor A. Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 92: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 93: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 94: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr PR, seconded Cllr CJ, with all in favour.

Agenda 95: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator - Site checks are up to date
2. Phone Box refurbishment and email from BT – Cllr NB reported that someone has been to look and quote for shotblasting, repair work and repainting for approx. £2200. The Council agreed to proceed, proposed Cllr PR, seconded Cllr CJ, all in favour. Correspondence has been received from BT, following a report of possible theft of the phone box from Cwm Golau. The Council safely moved the phone box for a restoration project, once completed it will be relocated within the village. The Clerk will confirm the safe relocation of the box to BT.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – The turf has been laid thanks to Tom Mason and Tim Robinson. Thanks, are also extended to Aneurin Lloyd who has kindly been strimming around the village.
4. Anti-Poverty Grant – Clerk to purchase the trees and tools required for this project. The final report to be completed by 31st January 2026.
5. Water Trough – Awaiting a mini-digger for the work to be done.
6. Councillor Vacancy – Clerk to continue to advertise the vacancy.
7. Replacement Bins within the village – Clerk has met with James Thompson from PCC. The Coppice Lane bin needs replacing and re-siting to a safer and more visible place, suggested to go by the salt bin. The remaining bins are being replaced with new XL bins.
8. Delivery of new bench – The bench has been delivered and thanks to Cllr CJ for bolting it into place.
9. Christmas Trees – The 3 wooden Christmas Trees are safely stored at the Community Centre and available for positioning once confirmed with all the owners.

Agenda 96: Playground

Rospa report sent to GLM Services for small repair work required. Clerk to contact PCC for companies who can come and look at the basket swing for maintenance work to be completed.

Agenda 97: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £13359.87 (£10859.87, Excluding £2500 Grant)
   Balance of Playground £1105.26
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages Nov 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE Nov 2025 £80.00
   Glasdon (New Bench) £823.06
   Castle Caereinion Recreation Society £1800.00
   St Garmons Church £500.00

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Agenda 97: Finance

For Info:
Bank Charges £4.25
Turf £229.20
Balance after expenditure £9832.56 (£7332.56 Excluding £2500 Grant)
All requests for payment approved, proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CJ, with all in favour.

3. Audit report for the year ending 31/3/25 - Clerk read out the response from Audit Wales:
Qualified. The Annual Governance Statement is not consistent with the Council's internal controls and governance arrangements for the year: • The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, requires the Council to create and publish a plan for councillor and staff training. The Welsh Government provides statutory guidance on this, which states that the plan must be approved by the full council and include details on the type of training, participant numbers, timeframe, and cost. The Council has not met its obligation under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to create and publish a training plan for members. • The Council does not publish on its website the information it is required to publish electronically by section 55 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 It was noted that the 23/24 audited annual return was not published on the council's website.

As a result of the Audit, The Council will need to do the following:

The Council requires a training plan to be implemented, and The Clerk will set this up. Some Councillors have already taken part in training courses, and these will be added to the plan, Clerk to also ensure that all Councillors are aware of the importance of training courses and provide the dates of current courses available, in January, when the budget is set, the cost of training needs to be considered.

The Clerk needs to ensure that all financial information is uploaded onto the Castle Caereinion Website and asked Cllr PR to help with this. Clerk and Cllr PR to take this forward.

Agenda 98: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House - The response from PCC is that they are currently awaiting further advice following the return of letters from residents.
2. Gelli Lane Sign - The item was included in the recent Tidy Towns submission and awaiting production.
3. Drainage on Cwm Lane – Subject to successful procurement of Sell2Wales tender, a hired jetter and crew starting in the new year to be deployed.
4. Pothole/damage to surface road on the left toward the Castle Caereinion Station – Outstanding surface dressing jobs are currently the highest priority and must be completed before other tasks can be considered.
5. During the recent storm, and flooding just past Chapel House, Cllr NB telephoned County Councillor A. Jones and the response was very quick from PCC who came out to alleviate the issue. Cllr NB would like to thank them for their swift actions and pass on our appreciation. Clerk to email Dave Gardner.

Agenda 99: PCC planning notices

Application Reference: 25/1537/FUL Grid Reference: E:315678 N: 306251 Proposal: Erection of extension together with renovations and remodeling, installation of treatment plant and all associated works Site Address: Upper Dolarddyn, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9EX
The Council discussed this application and resolved to support it.

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Agenda 100: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 20th – 31st Oct
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions, and updates
3. Play Wales - e-bulletins
4. PAVO – Community Conversation & Fair
5. Powys teaching health board; Better Together
6. Russell George Newsletter
7. Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network – (Welshpool Community) Thursday 4th December Cowshacc, 10-12 and 12-1
8. Sustainable Powys - LET'S TALK! - Welshpool, 27/11/2025, 19:00 - 21:00 @ The Livestock Market
9. One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting - 21/01/26 - remotely on Wednesday 21 January 2025 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm, 1 Councillor can attend.
10. Rospa report for the playground

Agenda 101: Attendance at Meetings

None attended.

Agenda 102: Update from County Councillor

County. Councillor A. Jones also would like to mention and thank the team that came out during the recent storm, clearing the drains by the Chapel House.
Resurfacing work has been undertaken within the ward, with more on the list. There is a new surfacing team at PCC and they are getting some jobs done.
A briefing regarding the National Park was held, PCC are still in opposition of the proposal.
There is an application with the planning department to allow black bin waste to be taken to Abermule.
The Welsh Government confirmed this week that Powys will receive a 2.3 per cent rise in its Revenue Support Grant for 2026–27

Agenda 103: Any other business

The Council would like to see the phone box by the old shop repaired and back to a good working order. Clerk to ask for an update from BT.

Coppice Lane is heavily used by 8-wheel tankers emptying the sewerage works. Cllr NB would like to know if PCC could get a contribution from Severn Trent for compensation to repair the road. The Council is aware of Severn Trent's 5-year plan for an upgrade to the works and the Council would like to ask how this is progressing and ask for a timescale of completion. County. Councillor A. Jones to investigate or find out who to contact.

Agenda 104: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7pm (earlier due to precept planning) Meeting closed: 19.37