Castle Caereinion Community Council.
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Draft Minutes	**Date: 29th October 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 Kate Hamer (KH); Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Darren Oakley (DO)	
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor A. Jones (AJ)	

Agenda 79: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 80: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 81: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr DO, with all in favour.

Agenda 82: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator – Site checks are completed and up to date.
2. Phone Box – The phone box is in much need of refurbishment, the cost for a full restoration can be extremely expensive. Cllr NB knows someone who does shotblasting and will ask them to visit and quote for the work for the Council to consider.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – The top layer of stone and grass has been removed, and the area is now ready for re-turfing at a cost of around £300, it was agreed that the Clerk could proceed and order, when time and weather permits. Thanks are extended to Tom Mason and Tim Robinson who have taken charge of this project.
4. Anti-Poverty Grant - The Clerk has heard back from PCC regarding hiring one of the garages at Maesgarmon, unfortunately, as the garage would have been used for storage and not a vehicle, that hiring one would not be possible as it would break the rules of the tenancy agreement. The Recreation Association has informed the Clerk that there is plenty of space for fruit trees to be planted and suitable storage for any ongoing needs. The area behind Maesgarmon will instead, be used to fulfil the Council's requirement to complete a Section 6 biodiversity plan, with a view to re-wild the area and introduce Native plants.
5. Water Trough – Awaiting a mini-digger when one becomes available.
6. Councillor Vacancy – Clerk to continue to advertise that there is a vacancy for a Councillor.
7. Replacement Bins within the village - James Thompson from PCC had arranged to meet the Clerk for a walkaround the village to assess upgrading some of the bins but disappointingly this did not take place. Clerk to chase him for another date.
8. Station bank – To note that the hedges have been cut.
9. Code of Conduct training recording – The recording has increased from £30 to £60 however the Council agreed that this was value for money and decided to agree to purchase the recording. Clerk to respond.
10. Play area at Land Adjacent Maes Castell – The Council has received an amended proposal consultation for the development of 17 dwellings. 'A revised site plan has been received which includes a Local Area of Play - no details of the proposed play area have been included yet, however please could the Community Council indicate whether they would be interested in taking over responsibility for managing the play area.' The Council discussed this and agreed that as there is already a playground in the proximity to the site that a donation towards an upgrade of playground equipment would be far more suitable. The Council also feel that the area earmarked for a local play area would be more suited to be secured as a green space area.

Agenda 83: Playground

Nothing to report.

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Agenda 84: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £15623.32 (£13123.32 Excluding £2500 Grant)
   Balance of Playground £1104.68
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages Oct 2025 £320.00
   HMRC PAYE Oct 2025 £80.00
   GLM Services £1500.00 - Invoice 3 of 3
   PCC Rospa £78.00 - Annual Playground Inspection
   Clerk Expenses £52.00 - ICO for data Protection subscription.
   For Info: Bank Charges £4.25
   Balance after expenditure £13589.07 (£11089.07 Excluding £2500 Grant)
   All requests for payment approved, proposed Cllr CJ, seconded Cllr GH, with all in favour.
3. Updated budget for the period 1st April to 30th Oct 25

Agenda 85: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House - Update from County Councillor A. Jones, Discussions are ongoing and management are still considering the options.
2. Gelli Lane Sign – To note the reply from PCC that the sign is yet to be ordered as the previous run of signs has not yet been installed.
3. Drainage on Cwm Lane Report ref: 6722-1299-7826-9403 – To note the response from PCC that 'Drain tops have been recently cleared and there are works planned to empty and jet system. No timescale on this.'
4. Pothole/damage to surface road on the left toward the Castle Caereinion: 4396-1474-1464-0072 - To note the response from PCC that 'Highways staff are currently working on surface dressing patching work, once completed they will review the programmed jobs and work towards completing in priority order.
5. Coppice Lane 20mph speed limit sign – To note that this has been erected and is now complete.

Agenda 86: PCC planning notices

No Applications received.

Agenda 87: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices; 6th – 17th 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. Removal of kiosks and telephony in Powys - The telephone box opposite the old shop is according to BT still in use. Clerk is awaiting confirmation that it is disconnected.
8. Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network – (Welshpool Community) Thursday 4th December Cowshacc, 10-12 and 12-1
9. Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme – application by 7th November
10. Sustainable Powys – Let's Talk – Welshpool location, The Livestock Market 27/11/25 7-9pm
11. Wales Air Ambulance Community Council Appeal 2025

Agenda 88: Attendance at Meetings

Clerk has attended 2 webinars, Section 6 Report Online Workshop and Keep Wales Tidy Webinar.
Both webinars provided training and information to the Clerk regarding reporting on Section 6.
All Town and Community Councils in Wales must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems. To comply, the Council must prepare and publish a plan, setting out what they propose to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity, by the end of 2025, and then every three years after this date.

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Agenda 89: Update from County Councillor
County Councillor A. Jones reported the following: Sustainable Powys – Let's Talk – Welshpool location, The Livestock Market 27/11/25 7-9pm, 2 Councillors can attend, Castle Caereinon is yet to confirm attendance, Cllr CJ and Cllr GH will advise the Clerk if they can attend. Powys County Council is calling on all residents to share their views and experiences of living in Powys through the "Let's Talk: Living in Powys" survey. The school bus service is improving after initial complaints. Berriew Primary School has received an interim inspection from Estyn and the results in the report were very good.

Agenda 90: Any other business
Cllr RN advised the Council that the Church will be submitting an application for refurbishment work which will include an area suitable for coffee mornings. The boiler will also need to be replaced with an energy efficient heating system. The Church will welcome any support which will help towards grant funding from external bodies and would like to ask the Council to help promote this with a letter of support.

Agenda 91: Date of next meeting
Next meeting Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7pm. Meeting closed: 19.50