Minutes - Castle Caereinion Community Council

Minutes	Date: Sept 25th, 2024 - 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 Hamer (KH); Cllr Adrian Jones (AJ)	Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Carys Evans (CE); Cllr Daniel Ellis (DE)

Agenda 66: Ten minutes for members of the public: None present
Agenda 67: Declarations of interest: None declared
Agenda 68: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr PR with all in favour.

Agenda 69: Matters arising

1. Defibrillator – Clerk confirms that all site checks are up to date, Cllr GH reported that the light is flashing white, however upon further inspection from the Clerk the defibrillator unit is flashing green meaning it is in working order, it is the backlight that is flashing white. Clerk will investigate further.
2. Phone Box and bench – Gareth from Jerman's has been to inspect and work is ongoing. The unsafe bench will be removed, and the plaque retained for relocation in the phone box.
3. Unkept area at Swallows Field – As point 2, Gareth from Jerman's has been to inspect.
4. Multi Location meetings – Cllr KH has kindly offered assistance to the Clerk, and they will liaise on this matter shortly.
5. Notice Board location – The planning application for No 3 the Row included relocation of the Notice Board, however the Council would like to know if it can stay in its current position, Clerk has heard back from PCC Planning department whom have stated that if the notice board doesn't impede visibility then there is no need to relocate, Clerk will need to speak to the developer to discuss further.
6. Drain cover at Swallows Meadow – A member of the public has raised concern regarding the concrete covered drain that used to be a large open grill that took runoff from Watery Lane. The Council would like to know what precautions have been taken to ensure that this has been factored into the flood calculations, as this area has flooded in the past. Clerk to take this further.
7. Post Box – Cllr NB asked the Clerk to make enquiries as to where the post box at the finger post has gone, Clerk has reported to Royal Mail and has received a reference number whilst further investigation from Royal Mail continues.

Agenda 70: Playground

Nothing to report.

Agenda 71: Finance

1. Balance Treasurers Account £9528.25, Balance of Playground £1094.36
2. Expenditure for Approval from Treasurers Account:
   Clerk wages Sept 2024 £300.00 Cheque 665
   HMRC Sept 2024 £75.00 Cheque 666
   GLM Services £1596.67 Cheque 667
   All requests for payment approved, proposed Cllr GH, seconded Cllr CJ with all in favour.

Agenda 72: Highway Matters

To discuss any update of the following reported issues:

1. Highway Drains/Flooding at Chapel House – see update from Cllr AJ Point 76
2. Manhole Cover in between traffic calming – Clerk to chase
3. Dolarddyn Loose Utility Manhole – Work has been completed.
4. Culvert at Cefn Crin – Work was not completed despite the Council reporting back in 2022. The Clerk would like to thank GLM Services for their assistance and Clerk has reported to highways once again. A works report has been raised from PCC.
5. Hedge at Finger Post – Completed.
6. Hedges and Verges coming into village from Railway – Clerk to chase

Agenda 73: PCC planning notices

To discuss the following planning application:

Application Reference: 24/1112/FUL Grid Reference: E:316424 N: 305491 Proposal: Conversion of ground floor shop into 1 residential dwelling together with single story extension and associated works Site Address: Post Office House, Cwm Lane, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool SY21 9AL – *Extension granted to allow for discussion at the meeting from PCC Planning Department.*

The Council discussed this and decided to support the application, however the Council would like to know if there are plans for the post box and the Street light to be relocated to a suitable place.

Agenda 74: Correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices
2. One Voice Wales - News Bulletins, training sessions and updates - Innovative Practice Conference 2024 Wed 16th Oct Royal Welsh Showground
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 & Towns Council meeting – Wed 11th Dec 6pm (Teams), plus minutes of previous meeting
8. Citizens Advice Powys update – Trustee recruitment
9. Dyfed-Powys Police – Police and Crime Bulletin/Neighbourhood watch
10. One Voice Wales – Youth engagement and cost of living initiatives, Capital Grant Funding programme,
11. Powys Public Services Board Climate Event- October 10th
12. Russell George Newsletter
13. Shrewsbury & Telford hospitals
14. Powys Training Health Board
15. Welshpool, Llanfair and Montgomery Locality Network meeting
16. Llanfair Caereinion and district Police liaison - Sept (date tbc)
17. One Voice Wales – Code of Conduct 'Members and Officers'

Agenda 75: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr PR has attended the latest Recreation Association meeting, the committee were very happy with the turn out for the fete and received great reviews. They hope to host another one next year, further fund-raising events to be discussed and the date for the Christmas Fayre has been set as Sunday 1st December. Cllr NB gave thanks to the Recreation Committee members and all those involved.
Cllr PR also talked about the Old school building and how discussions have been exchanged between the Recreation Association, The Diocese and Powys Estates. As there is a question of ownership and rights of way Cllr NB suggested that the Recreation Association seek some legal advice moving forward.

Cllr CJ has attended the latest PCC and Town and Community Council meeting and reported back to the council.
There were 2 main topics:
Vaping. The significant uptake of vaping among young people and the associated health risks was highlighted and the need for a campaign, The campaign will address the alarming trend of vaping, seeking to educate

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young individuals to help make informed decisions regarding vaping. The environmental concerns were also raised, such as the disposal of vapes and the explosive nature of lithium ion batteries, which can cause significant disruptions and hazards.

Road Safety Crisis in Powys. A report emphasising Powys' high rate of road accidents and fatalities was discussed. The report identifies Powys as having one of the highest rates of road accidents and fatalities in the UK, prompting a call to action and address the ongoing crisis through collaborative effects with Safety Partners and the Welsh Government.
Cllr CJ raised concerns about road maintenance and safety, particularly regarding blocked drains and the need for better road management.
Another concern is the shift from drink driving to drug-related driving offenses.
An increase in Police presence is required with speed cameras which effectively reduces speeding.

Cllr NB attended the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway annual Steam Gala, he enjoyed his day on the train and the vintage bus return journey.

Cllr GH attended the latest Burgess' Land Trust meeting, Groups can apply for funding but during the latest round of applications, none were received from Castle Caereinion.

Agenda 76: Update from County Councillor

Cllr AJ updated the Council with the news that he had received confirmation from Clive Jones at PCC that the scheme to alleviate flooding near the Chapel House has been agreed. The work has been scheduled to take place this Autumn. As the bad weather continues The Council asked that this matter should be chased in 2 weeks time. Cllr AJ will chase Clive Jones at PCC and Clerk will chase Lyn Parry. Cllr NB thanked Cllr AJ for his help regarding this matter.

Cllr AJ commented on the update from Cllr CJ, explaining that building on 'Sustainable Powys' is the way Powys County Council services and how they are delivered will dramatically change as the Council transforms to meet future budget pressures. The 4 core areas will see 13 localities into Clusters, each having their own Senior Officer who will have to respond to issues or point them in the right direction.

Agenda 77: **Any other business**

Notification of road closure received from Hafren Dyfydwy.
24th October – 30th October, plans to install a new water main connection for the development off B4385, close to junction with Swallows Meadow. Clerk has posted onto the Community Facebook page to raise awareness.

Agenda 78: Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday Oct 30th, 2024 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 20.15