Castle Caereinion Community Council
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Draft Minutes	**Date: Wednesday 30 September 2026, 7.00 pm** **Venue: Castle Caereinion Community Centre** **Remote attendance:** Members of the public may join the meeting via Microsoft Teams using the details below. 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 Tim Robinson (TR)	Cllr Robert Nash (RN); Cllr Kate Hamer (KH)
Also, in Attendance	County Councillor A. Jones (AJ); Lyn Parry, Senior Manager Highways Operations at PCC	

Agenda 65: To provide a ten-minute public participation session: The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Lyn Parry and two members of the public. The members of the public attended to observe how the Council conducts its meetings.

Agenda 66: To receive declarations of interest: Cllr NB declared an interest in agenda item 72 and completed the declaration of interest form.

Agenda 67: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2026. It was resolved that the minutes be agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr GH and seconded by Cllr PR, with all in favour.

Urgent business: Cllr Kate Hamer has resigned as councillor. The Council expressed its thanks for her commitment and service and wished her well. The Clerk will notify Electoral Services and begin the process of appointing a new councillor.

Agenda 68: Matters arising

1. Lyn Parry, Senior Manager, Highways Operations at PCC, led a discussion on how the Council can work more closely with Highways to ensure road issues are addressed in a timely manner. The PCC portal remains the preferred method for reporting road issues, including potholes, salt bin replenishment and fly tipping. Lyn's presentation, outlining PCC Highways' approach, will be shared with the Council for distribution to the community.
   Cllr TR asked whether weight restriction limits could be enforced. Lyn explained that the principal challenge in introducing weight restrictions on local roads is enforcement, including the availability of staff to monitor and follow up on enforcement matters.
   Cllr TR explained that the Council had recently been discouraged from purchasing speed monitors for the village, following advice from Highways that telemetry data did not indicate speeding within the village. Cllr TR asked whether this telemetry data included larger vehicles entering the village, such as older tractors. Lyn agreed to seek clarification from Chris Lloyd.
   Lyn informed the Council about the Lengthsman Scheme, an initiative to devolve some minor highway works to parish councils and advised that Powys County Council may consider the scheme in future.
   Cllr NB explained that when Golfa Bank was closed, traffic was diverted through the village. The County Councillor at the time advised the Council that a Highways Agency budget was available and that the road would be inspected, with any defects addressed and funded by Highways rather than Powys. Lyn was asked to investigate this matter.
   Cllr NB asked what maintenance is planned for the B4385, as the road is degrading.
   Several larger potholes on Coppice Lane have been repaired and the condition has improved; however, the repair work is already deteriorating. Lyn agreed to confirm whether any further works are scheduled.
   The Council thanked Lyn for his valuable attendance.
2. The defibrillator site inspection has been completed, with the next check due on 7th October.
3. The telephone box refurbishment remains in progress.
4. The water trough proposal will be reconsidered once an update is received from Bill Brown. However, the Council noted that, in May 2026, it was agreed that it was unlikely water was still flowing through the trough; therefore, there are currently no plans to reopen it.
5. The One Voice Wales Cost of Living small grant for £500 has been received towards hosting a Community Engagement Event.
6. The Clerk has requested further information regarding a Go Safe programme for the village. Due to current high demand, a delay in response is expected.
7. Correspondence received in August regarding vehicles parked at Maesgarmon Close was discussed. This has been passed to the traffic warden in Welshpool and will be discussed again in October if the situation has not improved.
8. PCC has replenished the salt bins in the village, including the newly located bin at Swallows Meadow. Residents can view the winter gritting programme using the interactive map on the PCC website: Winter service in Powys - Powys County Council. Any requests for additional salt bins in the village will be discussed at the October meeting.
9. The path at the bottom of Swallows Meadow has been tidied. The Council thanked Billy and Amanda for their assistance.
10. It was resolved to bring the date of the October meeting forward to 21 October 2026.
11. The Council noted its thanks to the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway for its invitation to the Charles Beyer Commemoration Train.
12. It was resolved to promote 'Save Our Hospitals' by displaying a poster on notice boards and social media.

Agenda 69: Playground

It was noted that the wooden train had been removed following the RoSPA report, which identified it as unsafe.

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Agenda 70: Finance

Bank statements were provided to substantiate the following balances:

- Treasurer's Account: £14286.16
- Playground Account: £1110.08

Payments from the Treasurer's Account for approval

- Clerk wages, September 2026: £340.00
- HMRC PAYE, September 2026: £85.00
- ICO data protection fee: £52.00
- GLM Services: £1666.67

For information

- Bank charges: £4.25

Projected balance after approved expenditure

- Treasurer's Account: £12138.24
- It was resolved to approve payments totalling £2147.92 from the Treasurer's Account. Proposed by Cllr GH and seconded by Cllr PR, with all in favour.

Agenda 71: Highway Matters

Highway matters were discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

1. Highway drains and flooding at Chapel House.
2. Drainage on Cwm Lane.
3. The condition of the B4385, including the section leading to the Welshpool junction.
4. The condition of the road towards Welshpool Golf Club as far as the first cattle grid.

Agenda 72: PCC planning notices

1. Application Reference: P/26/0974/FUL
   Proposal: Construction of slurry store and associated works
   Location: Land at Lower Berwydd , Castle Caereinion, Welshpool, SY21 9AU
   Cllr NB declared an interest and abstained from the decision. The Council discussed the application and resolved to raise no objection.

Agenda 73: Correspondence

1. Powys Planning Decision Notices — Decision notices will no longer be issued directly and can be viewed on the Powys Planning website.
2. One Voice Wales — News bulletins, training sessions, Motions for 2027 Annual General Meeting, Letter to Member Councils - Community Boundary reviews.
3. Play Wales — E-bulletins.
4. PAVO — Monthly newsletter and e-bulletins.
5. Powys Teaching Health Board — Advance notice: Better Together Pre-Consultation Business Case to be published this week (16th September) Better Together community engagement Monday 28 September 11:00–12:30 Online via Microsoft Teams
6. Welshpool, Llanfair & Montgomery Locality Network — Details of the next meeting will be shared when confirmed
7. Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner — updates
8. Green GEN Cymru — new monopole design for Towy Teifi and Towy Usk projects
9. Machynlleth Town Council - Message to Mr David Farnsworth, Assistant Director of Community Services at the Powys Teaching Health Board
10. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has published its Guide to the 2030 Review of Senedd constituencies.
11. Hafren Dyfrdwy - Support in the Community Events Welshpool Town Hall, Corn Exchange Thursday 1st October 10:00-14:00

Agenda 74: Attendance at Meetings

Cllr CJ and RN attended the Montgomeryshire Area Committee 17.9.26 and the minutes have been distributed to council members.

Agenda 75: Update from County Councillor

County Councillor AJ provided the following update:

1. As previously discussed, residents can use the PCC website to view the gritting map: https://en.powys.gov.uk/gritting. Residents wishing to suggest additional salt bins should contact the Community Council.
2. Powys Teaching Health Board has agreed to hold a county-wide consultation on future health services, which is due to open next week.
3. County councillors can call in planning applications to have them referred to a planning committee for consideration, if the application raises significant issues.
   Planning application P/26/0493/FUL, which has been called in, is not scheduled for consideration this month. County Councillor AJ emphasised the importance of residents with strong views engaging collectively with planning officers and making representations in support of the reasons for calling in the application. The relevant date will be shared with the Council once confirmed.

Agenda 76: Items for Future Agendas

1. Any update regarding the appointment of a new councillor is to be discussed.
2. Any requests for additional salt bins within the village are to be discussed.

Agenda 77: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 7pm.
Meeting closed: 20.04