

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at  
7pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
In the Village Hall at Clyro

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Cllr V Price (Chairman), Cllr E Brown (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Bate, Cllr J Fforde, Cllr D Hood, Cllr G Franks, Cllr A Hood, Cllr R Wells and Cllr J Carter.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, Margaret and Ivor Wadley

**APOLOGIES:** Trish Richardson, School Governor

**MINUTES:** The Minutes for the December meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. *[1] Cllr D Hood stated that as he and Cllr A Hood left the meeting at 7.50, they therefore couldn't vouch for anything that was discussed after that time.*

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations: Chairman Price who pointed out all fire exits and advised that the meeting point was by the church gate.

**PLANNING MATTERS:** There were none.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1: Precept.

The clerk told the meeting that last year we claimed £5,000 and this year, the maximum we would be able to claim is £4668.84 which is based on £7.86 per elector and there are 594 electors in the Clyro ward. Our expenditure to date is £2,668 and an estimated spend to end of March 2018 to be £4,100. Cllr D Hood enquired if there was any more precept to come in and it was confirmed that we have received the last payment in December.

Cllr D Hood proposed that we leave the precept as it is but this was not possible as the maximum we could claim would be £4,668.84. It was therefore proposed that we go for the maximum as we already have over £6,000 in the bank with no great expenditure planned.

Cllr Brown proposed that we go for the maximum of £7.86 per elector and this was seconded by Cllr J Carter, this was unanimously agreed and the clerk will submit the precept form.

**REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED AND ACTIVITIES ETC:**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT:** There was no report as the school had not met since the last council meeting.

**POLICE REPORT:** In correspondence

Amended 13/02/18 - [1] *Cllr D Hood replaces Cllr A Hood*

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:**

County Councillor Gibson-Watt distributed his monthly report and this is available upon request

There was nothing more to add but an item not covered was the issue regarding the mains Powys County Council owned water pipe at the Old Council houses and he advised that there is a plan to make this pipe redundant as it has already burst twice this winter and then re-connect them to the main water main. This becomes problematic as some of the houses are still council tenanted and others are owner occupiers. A residents meeting is being set up and Councillor Gibson Watt wanted the community councillors to become aware of this as they would probably be approached about this.

Cllr Brown enquired about what was happening with regards to the planning at Nos. 1 and 6 Edwards Court. Councillor Gibson Watt advised that the windows at either end have been given permission to unbrick the top floor windows but not the windows on the gable ends overlooking the houses either side. It was dealt with under delegated powers and Cllr Gibson Watt felt very aggrieved about this decision as it went against our revised consent.

Another issue that Councillor Gibson Watt had was the placing of planning notices which were not visible from the main road, only on the private road which serves the houses and the excuse given to him was that there wasn't anywhere suitable to place these notices.

**CORRESPONDENCE (incl)**

1. British Ironwork Centre – Feedback Engagement Form – *no action*
2. Powys Teaching Health Board – Dates for drop in sessions for Major Trauma Network for South Wales, West Wales and South Powys – *no action however, Cllr Gibson Watt Wales told the committee that Wales doesn't have a major trauma unit and this is a very important issue and there is good argument for one to be opened in Wales, either Cardiff or Swansea because at the moment we currently have to go to travel to Stoke or Bristol. He advised that if anyone does have time, then they take the time to take a look.*
3. Community Council Decision Notices between 24/11/17 and 08/12/17 (pdf) – *plans passed for 1 and 6 Edwards Court, which was discussed earlier in the meeting.*
4. Email from Bethany Morral at Motifcreative regarding Community Council website – *no action*
5. Email from PAVO – annual survey – *no action*
6. Email from Community Health Councils - seeking volunteers to become CHC members- *copy to be placed on the notice board*
7. Email from Law commission – Copy of Law Commissions consultation paper on planning in Wales – *Cllr D Hood requested a copy be sent to him (via Cllr A Hood)*
8. Email from Lisa Aspinall, gov.wales – Review of Community and Town Council Sector- *Cllr A Hood requested a copy to be forwarded to him*
9. Police Report – *Its' contents were noted and a brief discussion was held*

**FINANCIAL:**

Current A/C £3,278.72. Reserve a/c £2,832.95 (as at 5 December 2017)

Payments to made: BT Direct, Clerks salary and sundries (ink and paper), Clerks training.

Cheques made out for £231.60 and £118.80. Cllr D Hood proposed and seconded by Cllr Fforde.

**AOB:**

Cllr Alan Hood raised the question about the protocol of placing items onto the agenda, Cllr Price quoted the code of conduct [2] *and* standing orders which states that any items that need placing on the agenda, that you contact the clerk or the chairman at least a week before the meeting and they don't necessarily have to place them onto the agenda

1. Assistance to be requested from Powys County Council to provide gritting / salt bins at locations off the main A438 so that residents can clear their respective roads for safety reasons - *Cllr Gibson Watt to ask Powys County Council for a bin to be sited on Buttercup Meadow.*
2. The provision of funds for Community Councillor training programme – *Cllr Price confirmed to the meeting that there are funds available for Community Council training and if anyone finds a suitable training programme, to bring the details to the meeting for approval prior to booking and all reasonable expenses would be met.*
3. The preparation of Internal Resolution Procedures for inclusion in Clyro Standing Orders – *Cllr A Hood has requested an addition to the standing orders as it is a recommendation from the Ombudsman office that there is a resolution procedure in place to prevent unnecessary complaints going to his office, they are up to 5,900 so far to the end of December and some of the complaints can be dealt with in-house if they are properly put together and it is a properly constituted arrangement within their own community councils – Cllr A Hood to circulate details of an Internal Resolution Procedures for discussion at next months' meeting.*
4. That the documents proposed by Cllr Brown and adopted at the November meeting be made available to all Councillors in their present format – *Cllr Brown wanted it noted that they were not 'his' documents and that they were sent to every member of council last June for review. The documents that were approved at the last meeting were the original documents that everyone agreed to and have not been altered in any way.*

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cllr V Price, Chairman)

Amended 13/02/18 - [2] Wording changed [*and*] replaces [*on the*]