

MEETING OF

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

7pm on TUESDAY 12th April 2016

in the Village Hall, Clyro

MINUTES

136 **PRESENT:** Cllr B Morgan (Chairman), Cllr D Hood (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Carter, Cllr V Price, Cllr E Brown, Cllr J Fforde, Cllr P Bate and County Councillor Gibson-Watt

137 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Cllr Thomas and Cllr Wheeler

138 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Doreen Davies

139 **MINUTES:** These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

140 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Morgan in relation to the planning matter at 142

141 **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations Cllr B Morgan (Chairman) who pointed out all fire exits.

142 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

P/2016/0307 – Land at 3 Begwyns Bluff, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5SR

Demolition of garage and erection of extensions.

Cllr Morgan left the meeting whilst this planning matter was discussed and the meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman Hood for the duration of this matter.

The plans were displayed, both hard copies and on the projector and all were agreed that the objection by the Highways Department was unreasonable. Cllr Fforde said from personal knowledge he had not been aware of any problems with parking or congestion. Cllr Price proposed and Cllr Fforde seconded - all in favour and comment later left on Council website to say the Community Council supported the application.

Cllr Morgan then re-joined the meeting.

143 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Cllr Morgan confirmed that the assets had all been inspected and were fine although the bench sited above the school would soon need levelling as getting more uneven over time.

144 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including:**
SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Cllr Brown reported that sadly there had been an incident of vandalism over the weekend at the school – vandals had presumably climbed onto the school roof and removed tiles and damaged sheds. Paint taken from the sheds was then thrown over the windows. The Powys maintenance man who dealt with the clean up operation took down some ceiling roof tiles at which point a large roof tile also came through the ceiling, luckily this was done in a controlled manner

but the outcome could have been much worse if this hadn't been done. The Police are dealing with the matter and have been very helpful and would like anyone with any information to get in touch.

At this point Doreen Davies who was in attendance was invited to speak and said that a few weeks earlier a youth had been trying to re-start a fire in the graveyard but when challenged he ran off. There is a possibility that the two incidents may be connected.

145 **POLICE REPORT:** There was no report in person but the crime report for Jan/Feb 2016 at 2 in the correspondence section below was displayed and the figures discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would e-mail PSCO Emma Jackson and ask for more regular attendance at the meetings and also copy in Police Commissioner Christopher Salmon.

146 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:**
County Councillor Gibson-Watt's report is set out below:-

Gwernyfed High School and Community Sports Centre

The only public consultation meeting being held to discuss this issue is on the 20th April at the school (various venues linked with screens!) starting at 6.30pm and is an all-ticket affair! Tickets can be booked via the school's website, but anyone without tickets should definitely come along. Powys CC is trying to limit the numbers to limit the impact of local anger over the proposals, but this should be ignored. PLEASE TURN UP! Members of the Council, including me, will ensure people can attend, ticket or no ticket.

I believe the Council should not be conducting this consultation during a National Assembly for Wales election campaign, as while the campaign is underway the people of Brecon & Radnorshire do not have an AM to represent them in the process. Kirsty Williams is on record as having made this point very forcibly, but PCC is ploughing on, because to delay would wreck its very tight timetable of closing both high schools by July 2017, to open as a new school in September 2017.

Highways

Re-lining of the B4351 Clyro to Hay road is still awaited, but due very soon I am told. But the Clyro to Hay footpath work is completed, including widening and re-surfacing it at the 'pinch point' on the brow of the road the other side of the 'ash-tip' entrance. A big improvement, long awaited, but I have given my thanks to the Boughrood depot for the work.

Refuse collection/recycling

I am still receiving complaints about missed collections etc. inconsistencies remain!

Planning

Planning Committee consideration of the application to vary the consent on the site behind the filling station is still pending. Members will note that the applicant has nonetheless completed the roofing and other work on the houses built. Lorry parking on the lay-by remains a considerable irritation for residents of the old council houses. I have been in contact with the developer who has promised to do something about it.

County Councillor Gibson-Watt stressed that he would like as many people to attend the meeting on 20th April as possible to show the strength of public support for keeping Gwernyfed High School open. He

said that it is not a done deal by any means at the moment but that he believes it will be a political decision and not an educational one in the end.

The footpath has been repaired but it is not anticipated that this will be finished with tarmac at any point.

Cllr Brown mentioned an item on the news that morning about a secondary school in the north of the County using delegated funds to bus pupils in from outside their catchment area which is against Powys rules. This made financial sense for the school but was contrary to Powys rules although it had been going on for over 5 years.

147 **CORRESPONDENCE:** (*incl*)

1. Powys Building Standards Consultancy – this was a proposal by the developer to name the new site behind the filling station “The New Court”. Cllr Price proposed that it should be called “Edwards Court” or “Edwards Close” in honour of the late Tom Edwards, a former Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr Hood and all were in favour.
2. Crime Report for Jan/Feb 2016 – as above at section 145.
3. Brecknock Play Commission – see item 12 below.
4. Community Councils – call to action over planned closure of Gwernyfed High School – already discussed during County Councillor Gibson-Watt’s report.
5. Consultation on closure of Bronllys and Talgarth CP Schools – no action as this is already a done deal and a new school in Talgarth is scheduled for 2017.
6. Powys Teaching Health Board – Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People – no action.
7. OPVC Newsletter – Connecting Voices Newsletter – no action.
8. E-mail from Clyro Hall Committee regarding Queen’s Jubilee – Cllr Morgan responded to this but has heard nothing back. Mrs Doreen Davies, as secretary for the village hall, was invited to speak and said that Caroline Lloyd said she had not heard from Cllr Morgan so e-mail possibly gone astray. Agreed that a strawberry tea and sandwiches may be suitable – there is a lot of work involved so it would be best to keep things simple. There are insurance and other matters to consider. Cllr Morgan said that Lyndon Cooper had offered the bottom field on previous occasions and this could be accessed via a gate at the back of the hall – could be used for a marquee and a play area for the children.
9. Play for Wales – Spring 2016 (post) – this was displayed and taken by Cllr Fforde.
10. Easter recycling and refuse collection update - no action as this had passed by the time of the meeting.
11. Walk for Life – Sunday 24th April 2016 (post) – This was displayed and taken by Doreen Davies.
12. Play in Powys – Play Radnor survey
13. Powys Community Health Council’s Radnorshire and Brecknock local committee meeting to be held on 5th April 2016 – no action as date had already passed.
14. PAVO Member’s e-briefing April 2016 – to be forwarded to Cllr Fforde.
15. Invitation to WWU Stakeholder workshop – no action.
16. Powys County Council Second School consultations – already discussed previously.

148 **FINANCIAL:**

The Clerk confirmed that bank statements had been received yesterday and the accurate bank balances are in fact – Current A/C - £2,707.84 and Reserve A/C - £2,831.87.

Payments to include: BT Direct Debit, Clerk’s salary proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Carter and HMRC invoice proposed by Cllr Fforde and seconded by Cllr Brown.

Cheques drawn: £127.62 and £127.80

Cllr Morgan asked whether any interest had been shown in the First Aid course and Cllr Hood said that two had shown interest. Cllr Morgan has advertised it online and is going to produce some more posters.

Cllr Hood then requested that the area of rough ground at the rear of Castle Estate bordering the road be displayed on Google Earth which Cllr Morgan did. He said that dog fouling was a major problem on this area and he wondered whether it would be possible to mow a large strip around the outside of the area and place more dog mess bins around it to encourage dog walkers to use that area to exercise their dogs. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Powys County Council to enquire about this and also to request more signage, a further dog mess bin and a supply of dog mess bags.

It was then also mentioned that the fencing around the play area where the swings are sited has fallen down and County Councillor Gibson-Watt said that he would make enquiries about having this fixed.

The member of public in attendance, Mrs Doreen Davies, was then invited to speak. Firstly she wanted to thank Cllr Hood for bringing up the matter of the dog fouling in the playing area which she said was an issue that affected her as she has grandchildren and the area is a disgrace.

She also thanked County Councillor Gibson-Watt for his speech tonight about saving Gwernyfed High School.

She was very grateful that the footpath had been improved although in the dip there is water over the top of your boots – she asked the workmen if they could do something about it. They put down chippings but not in the right place. She has contacted Julie Lloyd who will look into it.

With regard to the building site she has had a number of issues with parking her vehicle in her drive. Her drive was blocked the other day and when she went down to the site to speak with someone a young lad was sent to deal with her who was very pleasant but ultimately not very helpful. Whilst there she was aware of a very strong smell of sewerage and there had also been a large hole dug but when challenged he said it was a soakaway. County Councillor Gibson-Watt said he had walked around the site and was aware of the smell too but this had gone by the next day.

Mrs Davies said there had been an exchange when at the building site but she was shocked when the next day she was visited by the police who had had a complaint about her language whilst on the site. This is now dealt with.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:11pm

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