

MEETING OF

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

7pm on TUESDAY 9th August 2016

in the Village Hall, Clyro

MINUTES

191 **PRESENT:** Cllr B Morgan (Chairman), Cllr D Hood (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Carter, Cllr V Price, Cllr J Fforde, Cllr P Bate, Cllr J Thomas, Cllr H Wheeler, Cllr E Hood & County Councillor J Gibson-Watt

192 **APOLOGIES:** There were none

193 **MINUTES:** The Minutes for the July meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

194 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

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

196 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

P/2016/0802

Construction of a new primary school and associated works at Clyro Church in Wales Primary School, Clyro, Hereford

The application and associated documents were displayed and discussed. The application involves building a new school on the site of the old school which means the children will need to be relocated to an alternative site for the period of the construction works. Originally there was no provision for a kitchen and the proposal was that food would be brought in from Hay School but after further discussion it was agreed that the new site should include a full sized kitchen as opposed to a servery. The Governors are delighted at what is offered by the new site and the fact that the people running the project are listening to the Governors and there is flexibility to reconfigure the plans. The new school will have the capacity to take up to 150 pupils. It is hoped that the new school will be up and running for the start of the new school year in September 2018.

Cllr Price objected to the application as he believes the site was a poor place to build a school in the first place and construction traffic will cause further problems. It was argued that throughout the period of construction there wouldn't be any parents or children visiting the site so construction traffic wouldn't be an added problem. Cllr Bate had reservations about the construction of the new schools and the projected lifespan of the buildings which is said to be 60 years. Cllrs Hood, Thomas & Wheeler had no objections. Cllr Carter felt that a 30mph speed restriction should be put in place although it was pointed out that this had been asked for previously. Cllr Brown has a vested interest as School Governor and had no objections and Cllr Fforde felt that the building was ugly but functional and had no objections. All in favour with the exception of Councillor Price.

197 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:

(a) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Cllr Morgan confirmed that although the signs were all fine the benches were both damaged and needed to be replaced. Cllrs Morgan and Hood will inspect the benches and obtain estimates for replacements for the September meeting.

(b) DONATION TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL: This was discussed briefly at last month's meeting and it was agreed by all that a donation should be made of £150. It was agreed that this would be a one-off payment to a very good cause, even though it is out of the local area, and this was proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Brown. A cheque was written and signed and Cllr Morgan will drop it off.

(c) REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SOME OR ALL OF BENCHES AROUND VILLAGE: Cllrs Morgan and Hood are to obtain quotes for 2 replacement benches as above.

198 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including: SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT:** Cllr Brown reported that the new academic year began on Monday, 4th September 2016.

199 **POLICE REPORT:** The Police report was displayed for July 2016 (this is available upon request). There were 177 calls received that required attendance from the Police and 28 recorded crimes in the Hay policing area between 1st and 31st July.

200 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** This was displayed and is also available upon request. County Councillor Gibson-Watt discussed the High School situation and said he was cautiously optimistic about the situation. It is now clear that the original proposal for Brecon and Gwernyfed High Schools will be significantly different when the matter is re-considered in September. Gwernyfed has a very good budget management system and this is becoming a strong reason why it should be kept open. Clyro Primary School's budget has been affected by the loss of 10 pupils due to the threatened closure of Gwernyfed High School.

The waste recycling issue is an ongoing problem and County Councillor Gibson-Watt is pressing the Council to find ways to utilise the "wrong" type of plastic as this is the real reason why film plastics are not being recycled – it is a financial reason in that it is not worth anything.

The planning variation application for the new estate is due to be determined later this week. The Council did not make any comment as they did not have enough information to hand to make a decision.

He had been advised by the Highways Department that Clyro could have a flashing speed indication sign and he would chase this up.

Cllr Morgan showed images of protruding hedges along the pavement opposite the petrol station which is pushing pedestrians further out onto the pavement, and County Councillor Gibson-Watt said he would deal with this.

201 **CORRESPONDENCE: (incl)**

1. PAVO Member's e-briefing July 2016 – no action
2. Secondary Consultation Update – no action
3. C.A.R.S. update 16.07.2016 – it was agreed that the Clerk would write to thank C.A.R.S for keeping us informed but saying that we didn't require further information at this time.
4. Planning Decision Notices – 24.06.2016 – 08.07.2016 – none relevant so no action
5. Powys Council Tour of Britain Shop Front Competition – no action
6. C.A.R.S. update 22.07.2016 – as per 3 above
7. Planning Decision Notices – 08.07.2016 – 22.07.2016 – no action
8. Brilley Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan – no action
9. Gwerynfed Project Planning Update – displayed previously

10. Notification that planning application P/2015/0982 – Section 73 application - is to be considered at meeting on 11.08.2016 at County Hall.
11. C.A.R.S. update 30.07.2016 – no action as per 3 above
12. Letter regarding fundraising for Queen Elizabeth Hospital briefly discussed at July's meeting – see above
13. E-mail about the existing dog waste bin – Cllr Morgan will check on the location of the current bin as it is believed there is a rubbish bin and not a dog waste bin and will report at next month's meeting.
14. With regard to the Lower House poultry unit there is another plan which has been submitted which involves pushing the hedge back and making a bigger splay entry onto the site. County Councillor Gibson-Watt confirmed that the Council are still waiting for Natural Resources for Wales response about the emissions issue.
15. E-mail from Powys County Council regarding plastics recycling was displayed and read by the Clerk. The Council advised that their crews were instructed to only leave boxes which included considerable amounts of non recyclable plastic film. A plastic film is any plastic that is thin enough to be scrunched up in the hand or able to be folded twice. Plastic film accounts for 200 of the 70,000 tonnes of recycling that is collected. This should be disposed of in the wheeled bins or purple sacks.
16. HAGS catalogue (post) – no action
17. Parkers Wholesale Dutch bulb catalogue – no action.

Councillor Bate left the meeting at this point as he had a pre-arranged appointment.

202 **FINANCIAL:**

The Clerk confirmed that the up-to-date bank balances are now – Current A/C - £2,979.92 and Reserve A/C - £2,831.87.

Payments to include: BT Direct Debit, Clerk's salary proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Wheeler and PAVO invoice proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Fforde.

Cheques drawn: £127.82, £30 and £150 for Queen Elizabeth Hospital Charity.

203 **AOB:**

Cllr Morgan said that there was a silver birch tree as you turn into Begwyns Bluff which was overhanging and also the hedge along the footpath to the school is growing out into the path in places and a branch is hanging down. County Councillor Gibson-Watt said that he would deal with this matter.

Cllr Thomas said that although not a Council matter, there would be a BBQ at his home on Saturday, 20th August which was organised by the Lions and would be £10 per ticket and all were welcome.

Cllr Brown offered his apologies that he would not be able to attend September's meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:05pm

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