

## MEETING OF

### CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

7pm on TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

in the Village Hall, Clyro

### MINUTES

164 **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, Cllr J Thomas, Cllr H Wheeler and County Councillor J Gibson-Watt

165 **APOLOGIES:** None

166 **MINUTES:** The Minutes for the AGM and for the May meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

167 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

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

169 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

P/2016/0513 – Ashbrook House, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RZ

HH: External alterations to dwelling.

This is an application to remove the old cement based render and replace with lime render and also to re-point the exposed brickwork – plans were displayed. All in favour and no objections.

P/2016/0500 – New Barn Cottage, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5SG

Proposed agricultural building for housing horses and machinery.

Plans were displayed – all in favour and no objections.

P/2016/0495 – Ashbrook House, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RZ

LBC: External alterations to dwelling.

As per application P/2016/0513 above – again, no objections and all in favour – this concerns the Listed Building aspect of the planning.

P/2015/0983 – although this was not on the agenda the matter was discussed – the application is concerning the removal of the windows on the second floor and frosted glass being utilised in windows overlooking neighbours. County Councillor Gibson-Watt had received notice of a Section 73 application submitted that affected the rest of the site and not just plots 1 – 6 but the Community Council had not received notification of this. County Councillor Gibson-Watt will forward details to Cllr Morgan and to the Clerk so that an extension for consideration can be arranged.

P/2016/0618 – Clyro Hill Farm, Clyro, Hereford

Section 73 application for the removal of condition 2 attached to permission PR5824/03 relating to occupancy restrictions at Clyro Hill Farm.

Again, this had not been included on the agenda as the notice was received after the agenda had been distributed but after a brief discussion it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at next month's meeting.

170 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Cllr Morgan confirmed that the assets had all been inspected and were fine.

- 171 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including:**  
**SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT:** Cllr Brown confirmed that unfortunately there had been another incident of vandalism at the school last weekend. It is suspected that the offender was the same person or persons who targeted the school previously, but this time there had been some forensic evidence left which would hopefully lead police to the offenders. If anybody has any information that may help the police would like to hear from them.

On a happier note a contract has been awarded to Willmott Dixon to construct the new school. It will be a steel structure with a lifespan of 60 years and they would have a choice of finish, either brick, render or cladding. The inside of the school will be modular and will include an area for expansion and early years children. The new hall will accommodate all pupils. Everybody is extremely happy with the superb facilities that will be offered. There will be a hard play area, adequate parking and the plan includes all new furniture. There will be underfloor heating which will be powered partly by liquid gas and party by solar panels. All 5 new local schools will be completed by the end of March 2018, and the contractors will be on site for a 45 week build from early 2017. The new school building is to be on the site of the existing school.

- 172 **POLICE REPORT:** There was no report.

- 173 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** which read as follows:-

My sincere apologies for being absent from last month's meeting.

### **Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre**

An EGM to discuss Powys County Council's policy and decision making process for education and schools services will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. A Motion will be debated proposing that responsibility for deciding on whether to lose or reconfigure schools returns to the full County Council, rather than with the Council's ruling Cabinet as is currently the case. Although the Council's chief legal officer originally advised that this would be both unconstitutional and contrary to current legislation, he has now conceded that this is not the case, following recent events in Pembrokeshire where that County Council overturned proposals from its Cabinet on school closures.

The political dynamics of the debate have now changed with the appointment of Kirsty Williams AM as Secretary for Education in the Welsh Government. For example she has already begun the process of drafting a rural schools policy (which bizarrely Wales does not have, although both England and Scotland do). Other developments will certainly follow.

### **Highways**

Members will note that, for the first time in living memory, the Clyro to Hay road has proper road markings. The footpath work is now completed and the path sprayed to remove any grass growing through.

### **Streetlights**

The light outside Regent House is now working and the lights along the A438 through the village have all been fitted with LEDs. They are bright and have certainly improved highway and pedestrian safety, but if any newly re-started streetlights are causing a nuisance to local residents please let me know.

## Planning

A further Section 73 (Variation of Conditions of Consent) application has been submitted for the development adjacent to Clyro Court Farm. The consultation period is 14 days from the 08.06.17 and no doubt the CC will be debating the application.

After a flurry of enquiries from local residents when the application for the new poultry unit at Lower House was submitted, I have received none over the past 2 weeks. However I am aware that there is significant concern about the application locally. A committee date for its determination is awaited.

## Recycling and Waste Collections

Problems are still occurring with recycling waste sometimes not being picked up from certain addresses (especially one belonging to a member of Clyro CC). and the three weekly trade waste collection is proving to be a big problem for some catering establishments, although alternative arrangements can be made with the County Council. If any commercial establishment needs advice about this, Council officers will visit, free of charge, to provide the advice.

New instructions about which types of plastic can be left in the red boxes for kerbside collection is being issued shortly, but I anticipate considerable confusion will result!

### 174 **CORRESPONDENCE:** (*incl*)

1. Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (post) This was dealt with at the end of the meeting.
2. Secondary Schools Consultation – extension period – consultation period now ended so immaterial.
3. Future of Youth Services in Powys – Powys are looking to pass on the youth services but County Councillor Gibson-Watt is extremely worried by this and cannot see how the services will be improved.
4. Gwernyfed High School Consultation update – displayed and Cllr Fforde asked that this be forwarded to him.
5. Hay-on-Wye swimming pool – displayed – Powys County Council state that they require the area for the construction of the new school but it is felt very strongly that the swimming pool is very beneficial to the school and to the pupils. Requested that the Clerk write and e-mail with the Council's objections and support for the school.
6. May bank holiday refuse and recycle collections – no action as dates now passed.
7. Hausman Hughes re: affordable housing – confirmed new site will be known as Cwrt Edwards/Court. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Hughes as to when would be a convenient time for the Councillors to visit the show home.
8. Talgarth & Bronllys Consultation report - displayed – no action.
9. Cultivation street & local doorstep challenge – displayed – no action.
10. Powys Community Health Council's schedule of meetings for 2016/2017 – displayed – no action.
11. PAW/Planning & Training, Welshpool – displayed but Clerk to ask whether any courses will be held in Builth Wells in the future.
12. HAGS outdoor play equipment (post) – this was displayed.

13. Bronllys Community Land Trust Newsletter No. 4. County Councillor Gibson-Watt explained that a new trust is being set up to manage the site around Bronllys Hospital. A Community Land Trust has been set up and it costs £1 to become a member. A Community Land Trust has legal status and is therefore able to apply for funding and grants. They have many good ideas such as building affordable housing for sale and for rent. A re-sale of any sold property would be back to the Community Land Trust. They are also considering building accommodation for dementia patients so that they can live with their partners. County Councillor Gibson-Watt suggested that perhaps the Council could ask a representative to attend a future meeting to make a presentation.
14. Talgarth & Bronllys Publication of Statutory Notice – displayed – no action.
15. E-mail from Hausman Hughes regarding new development – An explanation of why they are not able to call the new properties “affordable housing”. Cllr Bate requested a copy of this be sent to him which the Clerk will do.
16. Powys County Council digital newsletter – displayed – no action.
17. Powys High School Consultation – key submission – as above – point 2.
18. Citizens Advice Powys News May 2016 – displayed – no action.
19. Advert to appoint members – Powys Community Health Council – displayed – no action.
20. E-mail regarding planning decision notice notifications – this was displayed and Cllr Hood suggested that it be printed and displayed on the notice board outside the Hall and possibly online to advise the public how to view planning applications.
21. Campaign Group & Governor Consultation Responses – repeat communication.
22. Kompan outdoor fitness concept – displayed – no action.
23. PAVO members e-briefing June 2016 – no action.
24. Library service public consultation drop in session – displayed – no action.
25. Future of Youth Services in Powys – repeat communication.
26. Plastic Film update – waste awareness – displayed.
27. Invitation to reception at Royal Welsh Agricultural Show 2016 – no action.
28. Powys Archives Summer newsletter – displayed – no action.

175 **FINANCIAL:**

The Clerk confirmed that bank balances are – Current A/C - £3,721.08 and Reserve A/C - £2,831.87. Payments to include: BT Direct Debit, Clerk’s salary proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Fforde, payment to internal auditor proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Wheeler, payment to HMRC proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Morgan and payment to Zurich proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Carter and PAVO invoice, although not included on agenda, proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Hood.

Cheques drawn: £127.82, £25.00, £95.80 and £251.85.

The Clerk then read out the Annual Governance Statement (Part 1) and replies given and noted and then (Part 2). The Chairman and Clerk then signed and dated the approval and certification after all relevant sections approved and completed.

176 **AOB:**

Cllr Hood requested that it be recorded that it was agreed by all who attended that the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration event went very well and was extremely well attended. There should be a vote of thanks for all who helped to make the celebrations go so well. In addition thanks should go to Doreen Davies, without whom the event would not have happened. Sadly due to personal circumstances Mrs Davies was unable to attend and had to withdraw her support, but without her vision and hard work at the outset the event would not have happened.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:23pm

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