

## CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

**7pm on TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

in the Village Hall, Clyro

### MINUTES

- 123 **PRESENT** Cllr B Morgan (Chairman), Cllr D Hood (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Carter, Cllr V Price, Cllr J Thomas, Cllr P Bate, Cllr E Brown and County Councillor Gibson-Watt
- 124 **APOLOGIES** Apologies received from Cllr Fforde and Cllr Wheeler
- 125 **MINUTES** These were accepted as a true record save for the fact that Mr and Mrs Lloyd were in attendance and not Mr and Mrs Lewis and signed by the Chairman.
- 126 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None
- 127 **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations Cllr B Morgan (Chairman) who pointed out all fire exits.
- 128 **PLANNING MATTERS:**  
P/2016/0166 – Land at Bushfield Farm, Bronydd, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RX  
Change of use of land to form an extension to existing caravan site comprising pitches for 11 touring caravans, 16 additional tent pitches, siting of 4 log pods, change of use of existing barn to provide indoor leisure facilities, erection of a fenced area to form caravan storage enclosure including formation of associated roadway, landscaping and associated works  
Plans were displayed and site viewed on Google Earth – no objections and all were in favour.
- 129 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:  
  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** The Chairman confirmed that the assets had been inspected and there were no problems to report. The Chairman confirmed he had taken advice and the defibrillator at the Village Hall has now been added to the Community Council's assets as has the Village Green. The Clerk will check that the defibrillator is included within the Council's insurance.
- 130 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including:**  
**SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Brown said that his report this month was very brief and confirmed that Spring term ends on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March with a service in St Michaels at 2pm and everyone is invited.
- 131 **POLICE REPORT** There was no report.
- 132 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:**  
County Councillor Gibson-Watt apologised that due to a computer glitch it appeared that most of his report had not been included in the e-mail sent to all Councillors earlier. What had been received was displayed and County Councillor Gibson-Watt said that he would re e-mail the report later.

The Council will be aware of the decision taken by Powys County Council's Cabinet to issue for public consultation the proposal to close Brecon and Gwernyfed High Schools by September 2017 with the aim of creating a new built 11-16 high school in Brecon and in the meantime to create the new school to operate as one from September 2017 on the two existing sites. County Councillor Gibson-Watt spoke against the proposal at the Cabinet meeting as did other councillors. The public consultation will start in a couple of weeks' time.

#### Further Developments:-

CC Gibson-Watt then reviewed the report that went to Powys County Council's Cabinet on the issue and it is clear that the Cabinet did not receive any information from officers about the extent of the Big Lottery Fund's (BLF) investment in the Gwernyfed High School site in 2005-2007 period, despite CC Gibson-Watt's clear advice to officers and cabinet members when he was elected again to the Council in August last year that they should look into it before making any decisions. CC Gibson-Watt was Vice-Chair of Governors at the school during that period and played a leading role in drawing up proposals for the creation of the sports pitches etc, so he knew about the grants. Lottery Funding always comes with conditions and the scheme was to buy the college farm and sell off the bits the Council didn't need and keep the remaining bits and use these as sports facilities. Lottery funding was £371,000 or thereabouts and the conditions imposed at the time meant that because the money was used to purchase property the Lottery will retain an interest in the site for 80 years – 10 of which have expired. This is not necessarily fatal to Powys County Council's plans, but is of considerable concern that members of the cabinet received none of this information previously. This is clearly a very serious matter but we don't know where this will lead – if there is any change to the status of the site such as its use or proposal to dispose of it, then BLF would have to be in agreement for that to take place. The Lottery's principal purpose is to support communities and Gwernyfed is much used by the community. The business case put forward includes a value for Gwernyfed site - £700,000 to £800,000 – the total scheme cost is 43 million so this is a small amount relative to total, but if they can't dispose of the Gwernyfed site then what will they do with it. County Councillor Gibson-Watt thinks the Lottery won't worry about closure of school but will object to the closure of community sports facilities. The school is in total control of sports facilities and not Council – these were handed over by them last year. This has made matters much more complicated. County Councillor Gibson-Watt confirmed that a 4.25% council tax increase was being proposed. Tenders had been submitted for new primary schools.

Due to a £2,000,000 budget increase refuse collections will remain 3 weekly.

#### 133 **CORRESPONDENCE** (*incl*)

1. PAVO Member's e-briefing February 2016 – agreed this would be forwarded to Cllr Fforde
2. Request for money for the Urdd – no action taken as the Community Council do not donate to organisations outside of the area.
3. Updated Statement of Community Involvement – Agreed that the Clerk would forward this to Cllr Hood
4. Powys County Council Application Ref: P/2015/0166 – already discussed under planning above
5. Reminder regarding submission of the Deposit Powys Local Development Plan 2015 – Agreed that this should be displayed and discussed at the April meeting
6. Notification of fuel poverty – nest scheme – no action
7. E-mail from Hay Town Council regarding the footpath between Clyro and Hay – all Councillors were in agreement that Hay Town Council should comment on the works required to the footpath
8. Ombudsman principles of good administration and records management – no action
9. PAVO Stakeholder feedback report – no action
10. PCSO Helen Scott re: minority/Muslim groups – not aware of any such groups so no action
11. PAVO Member's e-briefing March 2016 – agreed this would be forwarded to Cllr Fforde

Cllr Brown confirmed that Clyro Community wanted to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June and it was agreed that Cllr Morgan would speak to Caroline Lloyd, the new Village Hall Clerk.

Following last month's meeting when Cllr Morgan had suggested running First Aid courses for the community, he had researched courses which included a baby safe course – 4 hours at a price of £288 inclusive of VAT for up to 12 people and an adult course which was 3 hours at the same price – and it was agreed that posters could be made and displayed to see whether there was any interest within the community before the Council committed to spend money on the courses.

Cllr Morgan also discussed the proposal regarding a further projector for the Village Hall – the cost would be between £200 and £300 for a projector to be mounted on a trolley which would then involve problems of where to store it or an overhead projector would be considerably more expensive. This could be used for Flicks in the Sticks which would recover some of the money expended. Cllr Morgan will investigate the cost of an overhead projector.

134 **FINANCIAL:**

Bank balances – Current A/C - £3,532.52 and Reserve A/C - £2,831.58.

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

Cheques drawn: £127.62 and £30.00

135 **AOB**

Cllr Price asked whether a response had been received regarding the cutting back of the hedge on the road out of Clyro and the Clerk confirmed not but said that County Councillor Gibson-Watt had said he would look into this and he confirmed he would.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:00pm

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