

MEETING OF

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

7pm on TUESDAY 10th May 2016

in the Village Hall, Clyro

MINUTES

- 150 **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 and Cllr H Wheeler
- 151 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from County Councillor Gibson-Watt
- 152 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Andrew Lloyd and his son, Richard Bates, Carolyn Blake, Peter and Geraldine Nicholls, James and Nerys Lewis, Tom Fairfield and Doreen Davies.
- 153 **MINUTES:** These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Fforde.
- 154 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None
- 155 **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations Cllr B Morgan (Chairman) who pointed out all fire exits.
- 156 **PLANNING MATTERS:**
P/2016/0397 – Lower House Farm, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RU
Erection of two poultry units, creation of access track, installation of a treatment package plant and all associated works.

Cllr Morgan asked the Council whether they were happy to display the plans and invite the members of public in attendance to comment at that point – all were in favour.

Site plan was displayed. Mr Lloyd confirmed the units were for brooding hens to lay eggs for the broiler industry. There would be 10,000 birds in each of the two sheds. Mr and Mrs Lewis queried the extent of the new sheds compared to the old poultry units and Mr Lloyd confirmed. He confirmed that the free range unit required cleaning out every 56 days whereas the new units would only require annual cleaning. There would be no heating in the sheds but Cllr Hood queried the heat generated by the birds themselves. The eggs would be collected twice weekly.

Tom Fairfield said he had a wider interest that is relevant with National Resources Wales (NRW) and he was also national training provider for dormice, bats etc for Forestry Commission in England and he was aware of all the money Mr Lloyd had spent, but he was concerned about the ammonia concentrations shown at 1mg per cubic metre which affected plants such as ferns and mosses and wildlife. Also the nitrogen plume will affect the trees on the site. He confirmed he was not objecting to anything but just pointing out certain issues in the reports.

Mr and Mrs Lewis expressed their concerns that the smells generated by the poultry units would affect their caravan park business which is currently receiving extremely good reviews. Mr Lloyd confirmed that the manure from the units would be removed to his farm and further worries were expressed about the smell generated by spreading chicken manure on farmland. Cllr Morgan brought up Mr Lloyd's farm

on Google Earth to show the distance from the poultry units which he estimated at 3 miles. Google Earth showed a distance of approximately 2 miles, but this was as the crow flies.

Mr Bates said that he was only 700m from the proposed poultry units and he was concerned about the issue of smells. Mr Fairfield confirmed that there would be smells but this would not be manure – it would be the ammonia plume which should tail off significantly by the time it reaches the caravan park, but the conifers remaining would help to lift the odour plume.

Mr Lloyd concluded by saying that he had originally planned to farm free range chickens but this was no longer viable and he thought this would suit people more due to the annual clean out as opposed to 56 days with the free range option.

Doreen Davies expressed concern about the soakaway and Mr Lloyd confirmed how this would work – that the clean down water would be removed in tanks and taken from the site – only clean water would go to the soakaway.

Mr Lewis again expressed concern that their caravan site was only 225 metres from the site and this would severely affect the reviews they got if people staying were affected by the smell and this would clearly affect their future bookings.

Cllr Fforde asked whether there were any comparable sites that could be approached to check the odours.

Cllr Morgan then asked the other Councillors for their views:-

Cllr Hood said he had concerns about the odour and litter beetles which would involve spraying before the birds were replaced and increased traffic, but other than that he did not have enough evidence to make an objection at this point.

Cllr Bate felt there would be a smell but this was only probable and the documentation supplied said there wouldn't be and you had to go on evidence not probability. The access would be dealt with by Highways and on that basis he had no objections.

Cllr Price said 20,000 hens would not lay 20,000 eggs a day but there needs to be investment in the country so he was in support.

Cllr Carter said it was a difficult decision but there was already planning in place for a unit but felt that this would be an improvement as cleaning out would only be once a year as opposed to every 56 days. Also said that that investment is needed.

Cllr Thomas said it was a good plan – nobody could say how the smell would be but he was in support.

Cllr Fforde said that he felt we needed to invest in the countryside and it was on a main road so didn't feel there would be a problem with traffic.

Cllr Brown said he was in the minority – he was concerned about smell, noise, increased traffic movement and the impact of ammonia rain on trees and wildlife. He therefore was against the application.

Cllr Wheeler said she could not see any problems with the application. She said we were in the country and people had to expect issues like this.

All members of the public in attendance left at this point with the exception of Doreen Davies.

157 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:

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

158 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including:**
SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Cllr Brown confirmed he did not have a report. Cllr Fforde said that the Clyro School Fete was due to take place on 9th July which would include stalls, games and food. In addition there would be a Buttermarket sale on 11th June at 10.30am to raise funds for Clyro School.

159 **POLICE REPORT:** There was no report.

160 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** There was no report.

161 **CORRESPONDENCE:** (*incl*)

1. Powys Archives Newsletter – no action
2. Addendum to consultation documents re: Powys secondary high schools – This was displayed and the clerk would e-mail the link to any Councillors if they required it.
3. May bank holiday recycling and refuse collections update – this was displayed but no changes.
4. Public consultation over delivery of local library services – this was displayed and Cllrs Fforde and Carter requested that the link be forwarded to them.
5. Research survey for Cardiff University – Cllr Morgan confirmed he had dealt with this.
6. Future of Youth Services in Powys – no action
7. Powys Building Standards Consultancy re: naming of new estate – Councillors agreed on Cwrt Edwards and the clerk will confirm this to Powys.
8. Pre-election letter from C.A.R.S – no action
9. Clyro Community Hall re: Queen's 90th birthday celebration tea – Cllr Brown attended a meeting where it was largely agreed that something simple would be planned such as school activities from 2pm – 4pm on Sunday, 12th June and a tea at Clyro Court from 4pm – 6pm. Clyro Court is providing the venue free of charge and the school have agreed to organise the school activities. There is to be a second meeting later this month
10. PCC Candidates and Road Safety – this was Mr Salmon's manifesto but he is no longer in office so this is no longer relevant.
11. Groundwork funding for green spaces in North Wales – not applicable as this relates to North Wales.
12. Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 (post) – the clerk confirmed that the form was largely completed but the previous internal auditor, Dawn Farnworth, is away for 2 years so unavailable to audit but she has found another suitably qualified person to deal with the audit – all members in favour so the clerk will deal with this and the form can be completed and signed off at next month's meeting.
13. C.A.R.S correspondence – no action.
14. The Clerk read out a letter from Post Office concerning the closure of the Post Office which is due to close on Thursday, 2nd June. There have been discussions about an outreach van providing a service twice a week pending a permanent replacement premises being secured, but nothing has been confirmed as yet. Cllr Brown suggested that the Community Council should write to Yvonne Hood thanking her for everything she has done for the village over the years which the Clerk confirmed she would do.

162 **FINANCIAL:**

The Clerk confirmed that bank statements had been received yesterday and the accurate bank balances are in fact – Current A/C - £3,721.08 as the first precept has been received and Reserve A/C - £2,831.58. Payments to include: BT Direct Debit, Clerk's salary proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Wheeler and PAVO invoice, although not included on agenda, proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Hood.
Cheques drawn: £127.82 and £30

163 **AOB:**

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator had been added to the insurance which was due for renewal at the end of May. Cllr Hood asked whether comparative quotes would be obtained and the Clerk confirmed she would look into this.

Cllr Hood proposed that the Community Council make a donation towards the Queen's 90th birthday celebration and Cllr Fforde seconded this. A cheque for £200 was given to Mrs Doreen Davies for this purpose.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:15pm

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