

MEETING OF
CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held at
7pm on Tuesday, 9th May 2017
In the Village Hall at Clyro

M I N U T E S

312. **PRESENT:** Chairman V Price, Cllr D Hood, Cllr J Carter, Cllr E Brown, Cllr Fforde & Cllr A Hood
313. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Ron Francis, Mrs Gill Burgess, Mr Paul Bate, Mrs Margaret Wadley, Mrs Trish Richardson, Mr Ivor Wadley, Mr James Lewis and Mr Roger Wells.
314. **APOLOGIES:** There were none.
315. **MINUTES:** The Minutes for the April meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
316. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None
317. **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations: Cllr D Hood who pointed out all fire exits.
318. **PLANNING MATTERS:**
DIS/2017/0073 – Ashbrook House, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RZ
Application to discharge planning conditions 3 & 4 attached to planning permission P/2016/0513 (lime mortar repointing and lime render colour and finish details)
This relates to a change in the render colour and work has already been commenced.
- DIS/2017/0074 – Ashbrook House, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RZ
Application to discharge planning conditions 3 & 4 attached to planning permission P/2016/0513 (lime mortar repointing and lime render colour and finish details)
As above.
- DIS/2017/0088 – Clyro Church in Wales Primary School, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5LE
Discharge of conditions no. 4, 5, 6 & 23 (P/2016/0802)
No objections.
- P/2017/0419 – Upper Birds Nest, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5SN
Householder – demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement 2 storey extension, conversion of outbuilding to additional living accommodation, works to roof of main building and improved access from highway.
Plans were displayed. Cllrs A & D Hood had been to visit the property and works had been commenced so there may be an application for retrospective planning. The owners have purchased additional acreage so will not affect any neighbouring

properties. All were in favour except for Chairman Price who declared an interest as he knows the owners.

319. **MATTERS ARISING:**

New Community Council website – the current website will be closed at the end of May so Cllr Fforde will look into this.

Appointment of new internal auditor – The clerk will approach Dawn Farnworth to see if she would be able to deal with the internal audit of the annual audit as Kevin Blakey who carried out last year's audit is no longer available.

Policy re: e-mailing list & A Hood's letter – Cllr Fforde wanted to stress that it was agreed that e-mail addresses taken for distribution of the monthly agendas would only be used for that and not for any other purpose. All Councillors were in agreement.

Cllr D Hood said that regarding A Hood's letter there needed to be an arrangement that if there was an open meeting arranged by the Community Council then at the end a census of opinion should be taken at the end. Chairman Price said that the Councillors made their decisions based on their own opinions based on what is good for Clyro and should not be influenced. Cllr Brown confirmed that his understanding of the extraordinary meeting was that he was giving his opinion. Chairman Price said that in future the Councillors should retire to another room to make their decision. Cllr Fforde discussed Cllr A Hood's letter in detail. All Councillors agreed that former Chairman Morgan had done nothing wrong in that meeting. Whilst it was agreed that further discussions need to take place regarding future public meetings and how they are run, no decision would be made tonight. Chairman Price confirmed that County Councillor Gibson-Watt had taken the letter for advice from the County Solicitor. Cllr A Hood expressed his anger that he had not been advised that this was happening.

Support for Hayday Café – Trish Richardson who was in the audience was invited to speak at this point and she said that the Café had been running well since January with an average of 14 attendees, 6 of whom were residents. Most people have a diagnosis of dementia or an association with it. There were 8 volunteers helping to run the Café and they were working in partnership with The Hereford Courtyard Theatre for entertainment. Cllr Fforde proposed that Clyro Community Council pay the rent for the Village Hall for the next 12 months and this was seconded by Cllr D Hood. It was agreed that a cheque would be written at the end of the meeting and the invoice would be sent to the Clerk.

320. **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED AND ACTIVITIES ETC** including **SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT:**

There was no school governor's report as there is no current governor but Cllr Brown said he was happy to update the Community Council and said that the Clyro Primary School was in a very good place, in the top category with stable staff and an excellent head. The new building was coming along well and the children will move into their new temporary accommodation on 25th May 2017 and will return to the new school

in March 2018. Mrs Mairi Fforde was the new chair of governors and Cllr Brown felt sure that she would continue to do a superb job.

Cllr Brown said that he thought it would be appropriate to write a letter of congratulations to County Councillor Gibson-Watt on his recent re-election and also a letter of thanks to former Councillors Wheeler, Bate and Thomas and to former Chairman Morgan.

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

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

323. **CORRESPONDENCE** (incl):

1. Cae Post – recycling community’s plastic film – this was carried over from last month’s meeting and whilst the Councillors all thought it would be a good idea there is the issue of where the bin would be placed. It was agreed to discuss at next month’s meeting again.
2. Village Gateways – JACS (UK) Ltd – this was displayed but the Councillors agreed that they were quite expensive to purchase and as there is an island coming into the village these would probably not be worth the expense. Cllr Fforde requested that the link be sent through to him so he could investigate further.
3. Channel 4 TV programme – Village of the Year 2017 – no action.
4. Localgiving – no action but letter will be kept on file for future reference.
5. Wales Audit Office letter – this referred to a change in the annual auditing fees.
6. Appointment of “Associate Hospital Managers” to Powys Teaching Health Board
7. Play for Wales (post) – no action.
8. Letter from Eluned Morgan (Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales) (post) – no action.
9. Powys Community Health Council’s meeting 11th May 2017 – no action.
10. The Clerk read an e-mail from Janice Bowen concerning 5 events being held as part of Hay Festival at Baskerville Hall and Cllr D Hood confirmed that he had been to see David Hodby who said that the events will be similar to discos held at Clyro Court in the past and will be indoors and at the back of the building so shouldn’t cause any problems.
11. The Clerk read an e-mail from Jenny Francis concerning the tree which was last cut by the Electricity Board two years ago. It cannot now be cut until the end of August so will be put on the agenda for September.

324. **FINANCIAL:**

The Clerk confirmed that the up-to-date bank balances are now – Current A/C £1,775.64 and Reserve A/C £2,832.76. She also confirmed that she has made a VAT reclaim which should shortly be received.

Payments to include: BT Direct Debit, Clerk’s salary, PAVO invoice, refund of postage costs to Cllr Fforde for the flyers and payment of rent for Hayday Cafe.

Clerk’s salary was proposed by Cllr D Hood and seconded by Cllr Brown

PAVO was proposed by Chairman Price and seconded by Cllr Fforde.

Refund of postage to Cllr Fforde was proposed by Cllr D Hood and seconded by Cllr A Hood
Hayday Café payment proposed by Cllr Fforde and seconded by Cllr Brown -
Cheques drawn £127.82, £30.00, £110.00 and £300.00.

The clerk rang through the annual audit form and all relevant questions were answered. It was signed by the clerk and by the Chairman and will now go for internal auditing.

The clerk confirmed that the insurance was due for renewal later this month and that the current insurers had quoted a favourable figure in comparison with quotes given by a competitor so it was agreed to stay with the current insurers – all were in favour. Proposed by Cllr D Hood and seconded by Cllr J Fforde.

The clerk then read out a letter received from former Chairman Morgan which is available upon request but he thanked all Councillors and clerks from the past and wished everybody well for the future.

The Chairman asked whether anybody in the audience was willing to be co-opted. Mrs Margaret Wadley, Mr Ron Francis and Mr Paul Bate all confirmed that they were willing to be co-opted to the Council and Mrs Wadley gave the clerk a letter confirming that Mr Geoff Franks was also willing to be co-opted. A Notice will now be displayed on the noticeboard inviting offers from interested parties to attend next month's meeting.

Cllrs Brown and Carter agreed to remain on the Council for the foreseeable future.

325. **AOB:**

Mrs Doreen Davies asked about the new houses at Edwards Court but was advised that the Council did not have any further information.

Cllr D Hood advised the Clerk that he had attended a meeting at the school and the contractors have agreed to put money into the Community so he requested that new fencing be erected around the play area together with some dog poo bins and for the grass to be cut.

Cllr Brown gave his apologies for next month's meeting as he would be unable to attend.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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