

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 11th September 2018
In the Village Hall at Clyro

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr E Brown (Chairman), Cllr R Wells (Vice Chairman) Cllr P Bate, Cllr G Franks, Cllr A Hood, Cllr J Carter, Cllr V Price and Cllr R Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, Margaret and Ivor Wadley, Lyndon Cooper, Carolyn Blake and Neil Dobson

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hood and PCSO Helen Scott

MINUTES: The Minutes for the August meeting were discussed for content as Cllr A Hood would have liked to see more detail of the full discussion that was held regarding the bus stop and vehicles using it as a short cut. Chairman Brown proposed to accept the minutes as written, Cllr V Price seconded this and a vote was taken. Six were in favour of the proposal and two were against. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

RESPONSIBLE PERSON for the duration of this meeting for fire regulations: Chairman Brown who pointed out all fire exits and advised that the meeting point was by the church gate.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: as reported last month, all in good order.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. 18/0334/FUL - the application was reviewed and discussed including an invitation to the applicant Mr Cooper who was in attendance to explain the site. The Community Council had no objections to this application.
2. DIS/2018/0089 – the reply from the planning department was discussed and no further action is required.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. AED training – The Clerk is working on getting a date during November for this.
2. Clyro bus stop – Cllr Franks gave feedback to the Community Council from the research that he has undertaken. *He explained how he had contacted the Police and asked a traffic officer if the signage on the bus stop made it an offence to drive across it as a short cut, the officer confirmed that it would be an offence. Cllr Franks went to County Hall, Llandrindod Wells to speak to the relevant people about getting the signage updated. He was told that there was no one there that could help as they all work from the depots. Members of the public are not allowed to go to the depots, so he was given the helpdesk number, he rang and asked for someone in the Highways department to ring him to arrange a meeting to review the bus stop. He received no reply to this request. Cllr Franks then contacted our PCSO's, PCSO Hawkins replied initially but no action came from it. Cllr Franks has sat at the bus stop and counted the vehicles that are committing the offence. Four occasions gave him eight people using the bus stop as a short cut. Cllr Franks did not receive any reply from Highways.*

County Cllr Gibson-Watt filled in some history of the road and bus stop. He advised people to upload photos of offenders/vehicles onto the Go Safe website, the Police will act on these photos. Cllr Price added to the history of the bus stop and the road into the village giving an explanation as

to why the offenders think they can drive across the bus stop. Chairman Brown asked that Community Councillors do not use the bus stop as a roadway and for County Councillor Gibson-Watt to request updated signage and road marking.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Nothing to report yet as the school has only just returned after the Summer holidays. The Clerk will check that Cllr Lewis is being processed.

POLICE REPORT: See appendix A

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See appendix B

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Council tax leaflet – no action.
2. P.Worral – the request to remove the signage from the village green was voted on and unanimously agreed that no action was to be taken.

FINANCIAL:

Current A/C £4710.54 (as at 4th September 2018). Reserve a/c £2,833.53 (as at 5th April 2018)
Payments to made: BT (direct debit) and clerks' salary.
Cheque made out for £127.82. Cllr V Price proposed, and Vice-Chair Wells seconded.

AOB:

Cllr Franks suggested that a notice be put in the box outside the Village Hall to warn motorists that they were being watched and would be reported if seen using the bus stop as an access to the village as this is an offence.

Cllr A Hood asked that the advisory group for the standing orders and code of conduct be given an extra month to work on the project. It was agreed to add the item to November's agenda.

Carolyn Blake extended her gratitude to the Community Council for challenging Powys Planning to explain changes made to the plans for the poultry sheds.

Neil Dobson encouraged the Community Council to improve the Clyro.org website by creating an advisory group to add some depth to the site. More Community information and input from local businesses. Vice-Chair Wells agreed to discuss ideas with Mr Dobson.

The meeting was closed at 8.04pm

Members of the public are invited to attend council meetings and to contribute at the end of business. Minutes and agenda available on request. Also displayed on website www.clyro.org

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

Appendix A

Hay and Surrounding Area Monthly Updates.



DMT officer	PCSO 8057 Helen Scott
Date:	September 7th 2018 Report for August 2018.
Neighbourhood area:	Hay on Wye Neighbourhood Policing Team area (NPT)

Priorities: For August and September 2018

- **#OpHeirloom** - This is our summer campaign to highlight and tackle domestic abuse within our community. It has been identified that reports of domestic abuse to Dyfed-Powys Police are higher during the summer than any other time of year. Visitor numbers throughout summer month's increase within Dyfed-Powys and this will inevitably impact upon us.
- In response to this throughout August and September we will be running a force wide operation, Op Heirloom. Some of the aims of the operation are to:
 - Ø Safeguard the community and protect those most vulnerable.
 - Ø Hold perpetrators accountable at every opportunity.
 - Ø Protect Victims & Children from serious harm
 Neighbourhood policing teams will raise awareness of the subject within our communities.
- ***Don't be afraid to report anything that concerns you. It's not interfering and could really help someone at risk of domestic abuse.***
- **Rural crime awareness** – Due to the rural nature of our communities we can experience many different sorts of crimes from wild life crime to thefts from farms and isolated properties. This can include for example the theft of heating oil and quad bikes. Neighbourhood policing team officers will be attending local shows and events throughout the summer to promote crime prevention in our rural and isolated areas.
 - Remember to lock quad bikes away at night and never leave the keys in the ignition.
 - Please report suspicious activity. If possible record vehicle details and descriptions of people involved.
- **Community Speedwatch** – We continue to look for volunteers for our Community Speedwatch groups in Hay, Talgarth and Erwood. This is an excellent initiative which allows members of the community to have an active role making a positive impact in their local community. For more information email helen.scott@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk or Jason.hawkins@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

August 2018 ; Call Received – 164 Crimes Recorded - 40

Appendix B

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11/5/18

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwenyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

No further news at present, although the £7m+ capital investment in the school facilities and sports centre is still on track as far as I am aware.

Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment

The new school in Clyro will be formally opened by Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education in the Welsh Government, at 9 for 9.30am on Mon. 24th September 2018, completing the process of the Gwernyfed catchment transformation programme. Now the county council has to ensure that the new schools are provided with enough revenue funding to sustain them, which is a continuing serious concern (see ref. to social care provision below).

School Transport

Powys CC's consultation on its draft revised school transport policy has ended. We await the council's Cabinet's response, although it looks likely that the Cabinet will approve the proposals contained in the consultation document, subject to further work being done on the post-16 education proposals (charging learners for transport).

Highways

The tidiness of the grass cutting on the highway verges across the county has improved post-heatwave, which is welcome.

'Blue Badge' consultation

The county council's consultation on a proposed policy of charging disabled drivers to park in disabled bays in council car parks finished some while ago, but the response of the council's Cabinet is still awaited.

Social Care

While all the indicators point to an improving situation in the provision of Adult Social Care across the county and a more stable budget position, as reported last month concerns still persist about the council's Children's Social Services. The number of Looked After Children (LAC) has stabilised, but at unprecedented levels (about 230). Early intervention services to support families in difficulty are being 'rebuilt' after a period of decline and will be the subject of a debate at this week's Health, Care & Housing Scrutiny Committee. Overspend projections in Children's Services for 2018/19 are still rising monthly, following a significant overspend in 2017/18 and concerns are growing about the impact this level of spending will have on Powys County Council's ability to spend and invest on other services, including statutory ones. The Welsh Government-appointed Improvement & Assurance Board is increasingly focusing on the position in Children's Services as matters improve in Adult Social Care.

Area by the Bus Stop in Clyro.

Debate has surfaced about the status of the tarmacked area in front of the bus shelter in Clyro. This area was part of the A438 road until the 'by-pass' was built in the mid-1960s by the former Radnorshire County Council and a re-configured junction was created adjacent to it. For as long as I can remember the area has been restricted for use by vehicles to those that require access to the bus stop and (current) house behind it, which was formerly the site of a retail business (pottery). As is clear from the painted signs on the surface of the entrances to this area and the circular signs and their associated wording mounted above both entrances this means that only pedestrians, buses and vehicles accessing the residential dwelling there can use this area of tarmac.

I am awaiting legal advice about the actual legal status of the area, but the traffic restrictions are clear. For clarity, contrary to rumour I have not had a meeting on-site with highways officers and/or the Community Council Chairman.

Verbal advice about my conversations with the local Police will be given at the meeting.

Planning

No significant issues to report in the Glasbury CC area other than those referred to in the council agenda.

Recycling

It sees that the council's Cabinet will be consulting on whether to remove the green waste recycling bins in the council's main car parks in the autumn, to replace them with a charged-for kerbside service. Personally, I am very opposed to this idea, but would urge the council to respond to the consultation when it occurs to give its own views.

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