

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 13th November 2018
In the Village Hall at Clyro

MINUTES

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Gibson-Watt, PCSO Jason Hawkins and members of the public, Lyndon Cooper, Stacey Cooper-Lally, Joe Cooper-Lally, Jennie Morgan, Ron Francis, Dawn Farnsworth Thomas Lloyd and Carys Bate (representing Rhosgoch YFC)

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hood and Cllr G Franks

MINUTES: The Minutes for the October meeting 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: Chairman Brown has checked all assets, and all are in good order.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Hawkins reported that there have been some attempted burglaries and an attempted car theft in Hay-on-Wye these are being investigated. Clyro bus stop has been an area of concentration and PCSO Hawkins will report next month on any prosecutions. The caravan that had been left in a bad state in the layby on the Bronydd side of Clyro has been removed, there is no way of telling who left it there and PCSO Hawkins appealed to residents who may know something to get in touch with the Police. Chairman Brown asked if there were any plans to carry out random speed traps, PCSO Hawkins will speak with PCSO Scott who is heading up the speed watch groups to see if there is anything that she can offer Clyro residents to help with the ongoing issue of speeding through the village. The full report can be found in Appendix B. PCSO Hawkins left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING MATTERS: 18/0840/FUL Waverleigh (land adjacent to) – Discussion with the applicants ensued and there were no objections to this application.

18/0688/FUL The Start– The applicant explained the plans for the development and the Council voted five in favour and one abstention.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro Bus stop – *Covered by County Cllr Gibson-Watt in his report.*

2. Police presence – *Chairman Brown explained that we have a thin covering of Police presence in our area and is now hopeful that we will see more of the two PCSO's that cover our area.*
3. Community Council vacancy – *There are three interested parties who will be invited to attend at 8pm after next months meeting to answer some questions about why they would like to join the Community Council and what they can bring to the Community Council.*
4. Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment – *Chairman Brown proposed that we adopt the standing orders as they stand, the risk assessment as it stands and the code of conduct as it stands. With the proviso that they will be discussed at the first meeting passed the AGM. Vice Chairman Wells asked if the standing orders are the new (Model Standing Orders) or the old as the Community Council have used for many years. Vice Chairman Wells proposed that we look at the model standing orders now. Chairman Brown asked Vice Chairman Wells to head up this task and the Clerk was requested to send out the Model Standing Orders to all Councillors for comment back to Vice Chairman Wells by November 30th. It was agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment as they stand and revisit the Standing Orders next month.*
5. Public Spaces Protection Orders – *There are no orders in Clyro.*
6. Rhosgoch YFC – *Thomas Lloyd and Carys Bate gave the Community Council an interesting insight into the workings of the YFC, including charity work, competitions with other YFC groups, theatre trips, drama and many other activities. The group are looking to purchase a storage container to enable costumes, props etc to be kept safe and dry. A conversation resulted in the agreement that a link would be set up on the Community Council website to the Rhosgoch Gossip (monthly newsletter with a column prepared by the YFC) Thomas and Carys were thanked for attending.*

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Lewis has now had his DBS certificate and can attend the next Governors meeting.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: This can be found in Appendix A.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Annual return for financial audit – *The Clerk explained that the audit has come back with some areas that need improvement, internal auditor needs more direction including a letter of engagement, audit procedures need to be followed, the Community Council and the Clerk need to show that the budget is being monitored effectively (in the minutes), the Clerk needs to display the audit notice and take a photo to show it on the notice board, high level in the reserve account that needs spending, and fixed assets on the form were incorrect on both 2016/17 and 2017/18. The Clerk will investigate and learn from these areas of improvement.*
2. Hay and District Dial-a-Ride – *A letter was received giving details of what Dial-a-Ride is and inviting the Community Council a donation towards the running costs. Chairman Brown proposed to donate £100, Cllr Lewis seconded, and all Councillors were in favour.*
3. Powys – Countryside Services – *no action required*

FINANCIAL:

Current A/C £4,220.98 (as at 2nd November 2018) Reserve a/c £2,833.53 (as at 5th April 2018)

Payments to made: BT Direct, Clerks salary and sundries (ink).

Cheques made out for £231.60 and £118.80. Cllr Bate proposed and was seconded by Vice Chairman Wells. The Clerk has not received a statement for the reserve account, Chairman Brown will investigate this and enquire how to transfer money from the reserve account into the current account.

Chairman Brown requested that the Clerk put in an invoice for extra hours that were completed during the period when the Ombudsman was collecting evidence and information.

Chairman Brown explained the history of the defibrillator and the upcoming training session that Cariad Training are going to deliver. He proposed a donation of £100 to Cariad Training, Cllr Lewis seconded, and all agreed.

AOB: Vice Chairman Wells thanked Brian Morgan, Jasper Fforde and Rod Kirkland for supplying photos for the Clyro website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carys Bate shared some information about an app for smart phones called Good Sam that is very useful in emergency situations.

The meeting was closed at 8.12pm

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

Appendix A

**CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
13/11/18
REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.**

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

No further news at present.

Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment No problems or issues in relation to the new school have been reported to me. All seems to be going well.

School Transport

Powys CC's Cabinet has formally approved the new school transport policy, subject to further work being done on the policy for post-16 education transport.

Highways

No major issues to report, although I am pleased to see that some of the very minor roads in the Clyro Community Council area have been quite recently resurfaced, following my reporting of their very poor condition. Given that the Highways, Recycling and Waste department is now somewhat overspent in this financial year and further savings are to be required next year such improvements may alas become a rarer sight.

Recycling – Green Waste

The Council's Cabinet has now issued a consultation 'survey' on the future of green garden waste recycling (see Powys CC website). The proposal is that the green waste 'banks' in places such as Hay's main car park are to be removed and a charged-for kerbside collection service introduced. Currently residents can buy orange bags and leave their garden waste out with the three-weekly refuse for kerbside collection, but that green waste is then put in landfill. Bad idea and I welcome the fact that the new proposal is that the kerbside collections will be composted/recycled. However, given how much people value the waste banks I am opposed to their removal, as are many people. We need both methods of collection. Council is invited to respond to the consultation, which ends on the 3rd December 2018.

'Blue Badge' consultation

As reported to the Council 6 months ago, the county council's consultation on a proposed policy of charging disabled drivers to park in disabled bays in council car parks finished many months ago, but the response of the council's Cabinet is still awaited.

Social Care

I am pleased to report that it continues to be an improving situation in the provision of Adult Social Care across the county and a more stable budget position. However, concerns still persist about the council's Children's Social Services. The number of Looked After Children (LAC) has reached unprecedented levels (about 235). 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 is already having on Powys County Council's ability to spend and invest on other services, including statutory ones. The service was recently subject to a further inspection by the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW), whose report is now awaited.

Area by the Bus Stop in Clyro.

It appears that debate about the tarmacked area in front of the bus shelter in Clyro has continued. As I said before, for as long as I can remember the area has been restricted for use by vehicles to only those that require access to the bus stop and (current) house behind it, (formerly the site of a retail pottery business). As far as I am concerned as the local county councillor, there is no ambiguity about the restrictions applicable to this area – all vehicles are prohibited from using it other than public service and school transport buses and vehicles accessing the former pottery dwelling. The signs to that effect are clear if a little aged.

Housing

Proposals for new social/affordable housing on the green area between Castle Estate and the A438 are still being developed and are due to be subject to further public consultation in the coming year.

Planning

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

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Appendix B

Hay and Surrounding Area Monthly Updates.



NMT officer	PCSO 8057 Helen Scott
Date:	November 1st 2018 Report for October 2018.
Neighbourhood area:	Hay on Wye Neighbourhood Policing Team area (NPT)

Priorities: For November and December 2018

- **Halloween and Bonfire celebrations** - During the Halloween and Bonfire celebrations, officers are increasing patrols in their communities to reassure people and to enable us to react quickly to anyone who uses Halloween or bonfire night as an excuse to commit anti-social behaviour. Some of our residents do worry when trick or treaters knock the door. While we do not want to spoil people's enjoyment, we also don't want it to get out of hand and cause people to feel threatened in their own home.
- The 5th November - Bonfire Night also known as Guy Fawkes or Firework Night is another chance to enjoy a party or to go to an organised firework display. The fire service has asked that we emphasise that an organised display is the safest way to enjoy fireworks. They are also lots of fun!!
- Always make sure your pets are safe at home in a quiet place. They can be very frightened by the noise and could be injured by bonfires and fireworks.
- **Scams** - Breconshire neighbourhood policing team are continuing to warn local communities about the rise in telephone scams in the county, particularly scams targeting the elderly. Information has been received relating to scam callers who have been reporting to be from HMRC and have been targeting individuals in the south and west of the county.
- **Op Santa**- Be safe and nice to all this Christmas. With Christmas fast approaching we're launching our annual Operation SANTA (Safe and Nice to All). Dyfed Powys is a safe place with low crime, but during the festive celebrations it's easy to forget to take sensible steps to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. You can expect to see your local officers out and about on the streets as we increase our patrols to keep your area safe over Christmas. Throughout December we will be giving you crime prevention advice on how to enjoy Christmas safely. For a daily dose of crime prevention advice, a behind the scenes look at policing during Christmas and a bit of festive fun, look out for our Facebook #OpSanta advent calendar on www.facebook.com/DPPPolic. For more top crime prevention tips follow us on twitter @DyfedPowys and @ (ADD NPT TWITTER ACCOUNT). Use #OpSanta to join the conversation.

October 2018 :
Call Received – 139
Crimes Recorded – 22 (inc Theft, Shoplift, Harrassment, Cannabis, Flytipping)