

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 11th December 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 and members of the public, Jennie Morgan, Mr and Mrs M Anthony, Ron Francis, Mr and Mrs Waring, Ms J Bowen, Mr L Cooper, Mr J Cooper-Lally

APOLOGIES: Cllr Hood and Cllr Franks who also sent an email asking the Community Council to accept his resignation with immediate effect. The Community Council thank Cllr Franks for his time given to the Community during his time on the Council.

MINUTES: The Minutes for the November 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 is in order.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application [18/0810/FUL](#).** Clyro Hill Farm, HR3 6JU – *Change of use of land, four shepherd huts for holiday use. No objections.*
2. **Application [18/0902/FUL](#).** Cefn Barn at Wernog – *Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling. No objections.*
3. **Application [18/0972/FUL](#).** Kilverts School – *Installation of a door to the rear of the building. No objections.*

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Standing orders – *Vice Chairman Wells has worked through the standing orders to tailor them to Clyro Community Councillor and will send amended copies out to Cllrs for comment. Chairman Brown thanked Vice Chair Wells for his work on this area.*

2. Defibrillator news – *Vice Chairman Wells reported on the training given by Cariads, all participants enjoyed and learnt how easy it is to use the defibrillator in an emergency. A video is on the website and the clerk is in discussion regarding Cariads part in the ongoing maintenance of the unit.*
3. Financial matters – *Chairman Brown proposed keeping enough in the reserve account to keep us going for a year in case of emergency. Councillors agreed to this. To transfer funds from the current account to the reserve account a letter must be written and signed by two signatories requesting it. The clerk will do this and ask for the reserve account statement to be sent quarterly.*
4. Clerk – *The Clerk submitted an invoice for 5 hours to cover the extra hours spent on the Ombudsman investigations. Councillors all agreed this extra payment.*

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Lewis attended his first Governors meeting and reported that the move to the new school has gone well, the teaching and learning environment is a real positive for both staff and children. There are 92 children in school who raised £174 for Children in need. Councillors are invited to the School Christmas concert, 21st December 2pm. Pleasing test results have been received and the Clerk will send a letter to congratulate the school on these.

POLICE REPORT: No report received this month.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See appendix A.

CORRESPONDENCE (incl)

1. Emails/letters from Clyro residents relating to the reporting of planning matters – *Chairman Brown explained the Community Councils position as far as planning matters go, the Community Council only give their opinion as a statutory consultee. Members of the public can give their opinion via the Powys Planning website. A discussion ensued that brought to light (via County Cllr Gibson-Watt) that Powys County Council are no longer obliged to write to all neighbouring properties when a planning application is put in. This means that neighbours can be unaware of planning applications at the relevant time. The Community Council will, going forward, publish on the agenda the application number and description as detailed on the Powys County Council website. The Community Council website clyro.org also has a planning map that can be used to access planning applications.*
2. Welsh Government - *Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.*
3. Powys County Council – *Precept letter and form- Chairman Brown proposed not increasing the precept amount, all agreed.*

FINANCIAL: Chairman Brown revisited the decision to donate Dial-a-Ride £100, he proposed increasing this to £250. Cllr Carter seconded, and all Councillors agreed.

Current A/C £4000.68 (as at 4th December 2018) Reserve a/c £2,833.53 (as at 5th April 2018)

Payments to be made: BT Direct, Clerks salary and Dial-a-Ride

Cheques made out for £127.62 and £250. Chairman Brown proposed and seconded by Vice Chairman Wells.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms J Bowen expressed her disappointment at the Community Councils decision on a planning application, Chairman Brown reiterated that members of the public can make comments about planning matters on the Powys Planning website.

The meeting was closed at 8.04pm

Following the meeting interviews were held for the casual vacancies that the Community Council has presently.

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

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11/12/18

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

Discussions still underway over the timeline for when the new build will take place. This will require phased closure of some areas of the school while it is underway, so will require careful planning. But all proceeding to plan so far.

Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment

No new issues with the school itself. It took a while to get it sorted, but the flashing lights on the 20mph advisory signs either side of the school junction are now working.

School Transport

Although no problems are occurring locally (as far as I am aware), significant problems are being experienced with pupils having to use the public service buses (e.g. from Boughrood/Llyswen to Ysgol Calon Cymru in Builth Wells), with difficulties over punctuality and the fact that some pupils are still having to stand.

Highways

Concerns are being expressed that not enough salt has been distributed to the bins and salt piles around the road network. If anyone is aware of a lack of salt in places where it is normally piled or in any of the bins, please let me know asap.

Recycling – Green Waste

The Council's Cabinet consultation 'survey' on the future of green garden waste recycling (see Powys CC website) has now finished. To recap, 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. I welcome the fact that the new proposal is that the kerbside collections will be composted/recycled. However, many people value the waste banks and I am opposed to their removal. The consensus seems to be that we need both methods of collection.

The matter will now go to the council's Cabinet for decision shortly.

Social Care

Adult Social Care performance has stabilised across the county and is experiencing a more stable budget position. Problems with domiciliary care providers' ability to recruit staff are affecting the speed at which care packages can be provided. The average wait of 21 days hides significant variation. Recruitment remains a high risk area in adult social care and is a problem that may become worse as the population of Powys continues to age and more young people leave the county.

Despite significant recent improvements, concerns still persist about the council's Children's Social Services. The Care Inspectorate Wales has been back for a further inspection of the service and its report is awaited. 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. A service restructure is underway to try to reduce running costs and improve effectiveness, but this will require careful scrutiny to ensure service quality is maintained while the changes take place.

Housing

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

The new water pipe installation at the (mostly former) council houses in Clyro is well underway, with Welsh Water due to be on site from yesterday to install the filed main behind the houses.

Planning

The proposal for a new house in the orchard above the Village Hall, which the council considered at its last meeting, has excited a lot of interest locally. I have requested that the application be determined at committee rather than under delegated powers by officers.

Contact: 01497 820434 or 07971048737 or cllrjgw@powys.gov.uk