

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at  
7pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
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, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr J Morgan and Cllr R Francis.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, Mr L Cooper, Mr J lally-Cooper, Mr R Kirkland and Mrs Anthony

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Hood.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes for the December 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:** None

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Standing orders – *Vice Chairman Wells has worked through the standing orders and sent them out for Cllrs to give opinion. Cllr Carter raised a point regarding the amount of time a member of public may speak at a meeting this was found to be incorrect and amended. Cllr Morgan suggested that the financial reports be looked at biannually at the monthly meeting, this was agreed. Following these amendments, Councillors unanimously accepted the new standing orders with immediate effect. Chairman Brown requested that the May agenda should include standing orders, code of conduct, assets register and risk assessment to allow them to be reviewed or accepted at the first meeting of the year.*
2. Defibrillator maintenance – *The Clerk reported that despite emailing and leaving voice messages she has had no reply. As there does not seem to be any other companies offering this service the Clerk will continue to make contact.*

3. Messenger magazine– *Chairman Brown will be submitting a simple defibrillator instruction note to The Messenger community magazine to allow people who didn't come to the training to also learn how easy it is to use. A copy of this will be put in the entrance of the village hall.*

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT:** Cllr Lewis reported that the Head is finalising the details for the rental of the school hall, the Community are encouraged to use the hall by contacting the school for information. Cllr Lewis added that the school were thrilled with the letter that the Community Council sent congratulating them on their test results.

**POLICE REPORT:** PCSO Hawkins has transferred to Brecon and PCSO Swales will be taking his place covering our area with PCSO Scott. Neither PCSO could attend this meeting.

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE (incl)**

1. Castle Mound, rubbish problem – *Chairman Brown invited Mr Kirkland to speak about the rubbish that has been left at Castle Mound, he explained the mess and how it is only going to worsen. As the County Council had been made aware of the issue, this time they have cleared the area of most of the rubbish however some has blown up the hill making it difficult to get to. Vice-Chairman Wells shared that the owner of the mound was actually his family and in the past, they have been active in keeping the mound tidy. He will keep an eye on the area in future.*
2. One Voice Wales, Road safety meeting – *no action*
3. Jenny Francis, village green – *Vice-Chairman Wells will have a look at pollarding the hazel tree that Mrs Francis has enquired about.*
4. Road closure, welsh water – *Vice-Chairman Wells to add information to the website*
5. One Voice Wales, Brecon and Radnor meeting – *no action*
6. Mary Hughes, broadband – *it was agreed that the Clerk would reply to the correspondence advising that Dr Hughes contact Kirsty Williams AM as she is championing the lack of broadband or unhelpful broadband speeds.*

#### **FINANCIAL:**

Current A/C £5,382.26 (as at 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019) Reserve a/c £2,833.53 (as at 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

Payments to be made: BT Direct, Clerks salary and HMRC

Cheques made out for £127.62 and £95.80. Cllr Lewis proposed and seconded by Cllr Carter.

#### **A.O.B**

Vice-Chairman Wells shared that One Voice Wales has training courses that are very useful, the Clerk will circulate any dates of courses that come up in our area.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs Anthony explained how she wasn't happy with the word "excited" being part of the Community Council reports. Chairman Brown assured that when we find the word, we will amend it and he will initial the change.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm

**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](http://www.clyro.org)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

## Appendix A

### **CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**08/01/19**

### **REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.**

Happy New Year!

#### **Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre**

No further news at present. Spring Term started on Monday this week.

The Council has been reviewing the delegated schools funding formula (the amount of money distributed to school governing bodies to employ the staff and run the schools). While this has been happening many schools' budget position has deteriorated (not Clyro C in W School's I am pleased to say), especially in the secondary sector. On current projections all of Powys's 12 high schools will be operating under a deficit position, some with deficits of over £1m. The funding formula review will not fix this serious problem, which is now a high risk issue for the council and the schools affected and is already having a significant effect on many pupils' learning.

#### **Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment**

No new issues.

#### **School Transport**

It will be interesting to see if the significant punctuality and standing problems experienced through the Autumn Term by pupils having to use the public service buses (e.g. from Boughrood/Llyswen to Ysgol Calon Cymru in Builth Wells) are addressed during this term. Thus far there is no sign that the current council Cabinet is willing to change its policy.

More locally, I am pleased to say that the system seems to be running smoothly.

### **Highways**

Concern was expressed that not enough salt had been distributed to the bins and salt piles around the road network. Although the salt bins were actually all filled to the brim highways officers were concerned that leaving salt in piles can be very wasteful, as if it is not used it gets washed away, which also causes pollution. However, at my request reasonable-sized salt piles have been placed around the minor road network locally, which is welcome. If members are aware of places where a salt pile is needed but is not there, please let me know.

### **Recycling – Green Waste**

To recap, 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 the consensus seems to be that we need both methods of collection.

The Cabinet member for waste & recycling now says that the decision to remove the green waste banks has already been made and the 'consultation' was about what should replace that system! That was not what most council members (including me) understood to be the case and so it looks as though the green waste banks will be removed shortly. I remain very opposed to this change.

The matter will now go to the council's Cabinet for decision on the replacement scheme shortly, but as the Cabinet's draft budget proposals include 'savings' that the new scheme will produce it appears that the decision is already made.

### **Social Care**

Problems with domiciliary care providers' ability to recruit staff are persisting and affecting the speed at which care packages can be provided. Recruitment remains a high risk area in adult social care and other services.

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 still awaited but due to be published imminently. 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. Previous restructures have contributed to the service's problems.

### **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. I am due to meet housing officers soon for further discussions and will report further to the community council next month..

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