

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 12th February 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, Cllr R Francis and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Gibson-Watt, PC J Cahalane and members of the public, Mr Cooper, Mr Cooper-Lally, Mr A Lloyd, Mrs M Lloyd, Mr T Lloyd, Mr B Morgan, T Richardson, Mrs Anthony, Mr J Lewis, Mrs N Lewis, C Blake and N Hopwood.

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES: The Minutes for the January 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** [18/0476/FUL](#). Land at Tymawr, Brilley, HR3 6HN – *Siting of two temporary static caravans for agricultural workers.* No objections.
2. **Application** [18/1143/HH](#). Cwm Cyn Felin, Clyro, HR3 5SE. – *Erection of single storey extensions to the front and side, together with a raised decking area.* No objections.
3. **Application** [19/0165/FUL](#). Racquets Farm, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5RS – *Change of use of land (some retrospective)* No objections.
4. **Application** 19/0199/TRE. Ashbrook House, Clyro, HR3 5RZ – *Reduction of the crown of a yew tree.* No objections.
5. **Update** [P/2016/0397](#). Lower House Farm, HR3 5RU – Vice Chairman Wells invited Mr T Lloyd to report the reasoning behind the amendments, Mr Lloyd explained, and a discussion ensued.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Standing orders – *Vice Chairman Wells has finalised the standing orders and all Councillors have received both electronic and hard copies.*

2. Defibrillator news – *Chairman Brown proposed employing the services of Cariad to service and maintain the defibrillator for the next two years for a donation of £200. They will also run more training sessions. The Council unanimously agreed this proposal.*
3. Financial matters – *Chairman Brown reported that £1000 has been transferred from the current account to the reserve account. This gives £3800 in the reserve account which is roughly the annual cost of running the Council. Chairman Brown proposed that the Council donates £250 to The Welsh Air Ambulance (as shown in Correspondence, number 5), Cllr Carter seconded this proposal, and all agreed to this donation. Chairman Brown invited Mr T Lloyd to read out a letter that Rhosgoch YFC have sent to the Community Council requesting financial assistance. Cllr Morgan requested some extra information on the financial standing of the club. Mr T Lloyd explained that whilst their fundraising will cover the costs of running the club, they can't stretch to purchasing a storage unit to keep all the materials needed to take part in competitions and activities. Cllr Carter proposed a donation of £500, Chairman Brown seconded this and asked that the club keep in touch with reports maybe on a quarterly basis. Seven Councillors agreed and one abstained so £500 will be donated.*
4. Local Development Plan – *Councillors are encouraged to read and pass comment on the plan either online or at the library.*

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Lewis reported that there had been an emergency Governors meeting called as someone from Powys County Council sent an email to headteachers saying that breakfast club funding was going to be cut. The public outcry was so loud and quick that the email was backtracked, and the emergency meeting was cancelled.

POLICE REPORT: PC Cahalane reported that it has been a quiet period for policing in the area. Vice-Chair Wells acknowledged the value of the twitter reports that Dyfed Powys Police issue on a regular basis. PC Cahalane agreed that it is a useful tool and explained how social media can help solve crimes. He also informed the Council of the Dyfed Powys Community Messaging system (DPCM), it is a system that sends a text or email alerting members of the public to crime occurring in their area. PC Cahalane suggested that a text alert is better than an email as it is received instantly. To sign up for alerts this web address can be used <https://www.dyfedpowyscommunitymessaging.org/en/>

The ongoing problem of cars driving over the 40MPH limit through the village was discussed, PC Cahalane acknowledged that in all areas speeding is always an issue. PCSO Scott is putting a bid in to get a speed camera for Hay area meaning that the area would have its own instead of sharing with another area. Clyro could then draft in volunteers to run their own speed watch group. Chairman Brown asked for an update on the monitoring of the bus stop being used as an illegal thoroughfare for vehicles. PC Cahalane asked what the Community Council would like the Police to concentrate on for the next few months, it was agreed that speeding and the bus stop issues would be looked at. Cllr Carter enquired as to how the area was Policed now, PC Cahalane said that 25 years ago Hay area had 6 PC's and a Sergeant now they have no PC's or Sergeant. There are two full time PCSO's that only work in the Hay area.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (incl)

1. Welsh Audit Office – *Reports regarding the Town and Community council audits*
2. Clyro Hall – *new email address, clyrohallcommittee@gmail.com*
3. Lower House Farm – *Covered under planning*

4. Hay Library – *Councillors are encouraged to attend meetings to support the continued funding for Libraries.*
5. Welsh Air Ambulance – *Covered under matters arising*

FINANCIAL:

Current £4112.04 (as at 4th February 2019) Reserve a/c £3,835.66 (as at 30th January 2019)

Payments to be made BT Direct debit, Clerks salary and PAVO.

Cheques made out for £127.62 and £30. Proposed by Vice Chairman Wells and seconded by Cllr Bate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr B Morgan has observed that traffic is travelling slower through the village when the school 20mph sign is flashing.

Teresa Richardson brought to the Community Councillors attention that along with other residents she feels that the Community Council did not give enough consideration to the planning application on the Old Smithy Orchard, they suggest that looking at google maps is not an adequate way of ensuring that Councillors are representing the wider Community's views. County Cllr Gibson-Watt explained the process of the Local Development Plan that has been ongoing for many years, public consultation is encouraged but the public don't engage. The result is that when these plans are then carried out years later members of the public are upset but it is too late. During the planning process a road traffic survey was carried out that Teresa says was not conducted at a time to give accurate results. Chairman Brown directed Teresa to Powys County Council as this survey is not something that the Community Council would be involved in.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

Appendix A

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12/2/19

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

I have received worrying reports that the planning for the major capital investment at the school is not making progress at the moment, for reasons that are not clear. I am pursuing the issue and will report to the next council meeting. 50% of the capital monies is coming from Welsh Government, which provides some assurance, but these are uncertain times.

Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment

There has been controversy over the funding of school breakfast clubs, one of which is run at Clyro School. To date the county council has funded the schools to provide this service, which is a statutory one if parents request it. But according to a letter sent to schools from the council the council's new school funding formula will remove this funding from school delegated budgets from April this year. The Cabinet Member for Schools insists that the funding will still be available in schools delegated budgets, but my request that

she confirm that schools that put on breakfast clubs will receive more money than if they didn't has gone unanswered.

School Transport

No further issues to report at the moment.

Highways

The highways department is undergoing further re-structuring to meet budget savings requirements and it is clear that it will have significantly less money to spend in 2019/20. Again, I will report further as matters develop, but I am very concerned about the capacity of the county council to maintain the county road network in the coming years.

Recycling – Green Waste

The decision to remove the green waste banks from main car parks was made last October by the county council's Cabinet and the savings to be achieved included in the Cabinet's proposed 2019/20 budget. The new kerbside collections system will be introduced from April 2019 and residents will be able to order a green waste wheelie bin (cost £35 per year?) soon.

Social Care

Despite significant recent improvements, concerns still persist about the council's Children's Social Services. The Care Inspectorate Wales has issued a report on its recent inspection, which is available on the county council's website. It reveals significant improvement in some areas of the service, but significant concerns about other important aspects. The number of Looked After Children (LAC) remains at unprecedented levels (about 235). Overspend projections in Children's Services for 2018/19 are stabilising, but the budget remains under severe pressure. A service restructure is underway to try to reduce running costs and improve early intervention services, which is much-needed, but will take some time to become effective.

Adult social care is operating within budget but service providers' recruitment problems persist.

Housing

Proposals for new social/affordable housing on the green area between Castle Estate and the A438 are still proposed. I am seeking a meeting to discuss progress on this with housing officers and will report further next month.

Planning

The proposal for a new house in the orchard above the Village Hall, which the council considered previously, is still the subject of discussion between applicant and the planning authority. The application is still to be determined at committee, date to be confirmed.

Powys County Council's 2019/20 Budget

The Cabinet is proposing significant cuts to local services, including branch libraries, in 2019/20, plus a Council Tax rise of 9.5% (subject to approval at today's Cabinet meeting). I will be presenting an Alternative Budget at next week's full council meeting, which seeks to safeguard those services while reducing the council tax burden on local residents. What is agreed is that the county council cannot continue to operate in its current form and along current operational lines. Our proposals will buy the council time to bring about this re-structure while protecting at least some of our most valuable local services.

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