

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 9th April 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 R Francis and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Gibson-Watt, PCSO H Scott and members of the public, Mr Cooper, Mr Cooper-Lally and Mrs Anthony.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Morgan, Cllr Lewis (attending “responding to planning applications” training) and Cllr Price.

MINUTES: The Minutes for the 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, updated and circulated the assets register as shown in appendix B.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application [19/0273/REM](#).** Land adjoining Clyro Court Farm – *Section 73 application to vary the approved plans approved under application PR614400 for plots 7 to 21.* The application was reviewed and discussed by the Community Council and Cllr Gibson-Watt, two letters of objection from local residents were read out and it was decided that whilst the Community Council have no objections in principle to the variations of the application the development does seem to have caused local aggravation during the building process. It was agreed that the resident’s letters would be forwarded to Powys planning and the Community Council would also write asking that Powys planning ensure that the conditions are met by the developer and not allowed to slide.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Annual play equipment inspection – Chairman Brown explained that concern has been raised regarding the state of the play equipment on Castle Estate. He along with Vice-Chairman Wells and Cllr Hood met with Powys Outdoor Recreation officer Steve Butcher and discussed the issues. Steve said that all the equipment is safe, if a little shabby except for one goal post that will be removed as

it is not up to standard. The area is likely going to be used for a new housing development at some point so Steve thinks that the way forward would be to see when the houses are being built, if they are not going to be developed within the next 12 months then he will find some budget to spruce up the equipment. The new development will encompass a new play area. The Community Council will wait to hear from Steve.

2. One Voice Wales – Cllrs will receive an online log in for One Voice Wales from the Clerk
3. Planning Aid Wales Training feedback – *Vice Chairman Wells and Cllr Morgan* A report had been received from Cllr Morgan via email prior to the meeting, Vice-Chairman Wells added his feedback and then proposed that Councillors think about if Clyro should construct a place plan and discuss at next month's meeting.

Place Plans can be produced by Town and Community Councils. These are, in effect, Supplementary Planning Guidance – setting-out very local-level planning guidance on the use and development of land. They are written by local people who know the area well and can add more detail to the work done by Local Authority planners. Welsh Government states they should 'reflect local distinctiveness and address local, specific community scale issues' and should be developed collaboratively with the Local Authority who may then adopt them as SPGs. There is no formal requirement for Councils to produce a Place Plan.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Scott reported 3 calls over the last month from the Clyro area. Off road motorbikes have been reported on the Begwyns, this is an ongoing issue on common land that the Police are monitoring. There are scams doing the rounds and residents should be cautious when receiving telephone calls, an example of this recently is where a fraudster has rung a lady saying that there is something amiss with her BT internet, they accessed remotely to her computer and then stole £14,000 from her bank accounts over 6 hours. Community speed watch is set up in local towns and villages, if Clyro residents were interested in volunteering to set up a group then it is well worth while to encourage drivers to slow down. PCSO Scott will ask the risk assessor to come out and see if it is viable to check speed on the main road, as it is a 40 MPH safety for the group is paramount. PCSO Hawkins has been transferred back to Hay area so between PCSO Scott and Hawkins they are going to aim to attend meetings every other month.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (incl)

1. Blue Badge Applications – *Powys C.C no longer sending renewal letters out, no action*
2. Rhosgoch YFC – *A Thank you letter was received for the donation that the Community Council gave.*
3. Hay and District Dial-a-Ride – *A Thank you letter was received for the donation that the Community Council gave.*
4. Invitation from Cllr Rachel Powell - *to discuss the future funding of libraries, 8th May 6-8pm Builth Wells. Booking essential. The Clerk will forward details to Cllr Carter.*
5. Review of electoral arrangements for Powys – *Final proposals, Cllr Gibson-Watt explained the changes to the areas that he will be covering. Chairman Brown requested that the Clerk ask Powys electoral services for a list of Clyro's electorate.*

FINANCIAL:

Current A/C £2160.13 (as at 4th April 2019) Reserve a/c £3837.41 (as at 29th March 2019)

Payments to be made: BT Direct, Clerks salary, HMRC, sundries and One Voice Wales (agreed at March meeting)

Cheques made out for £127.62, £103.80, £20.90 and £120. Proposed by Cllr Bate and seconded by Cllr Francis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs Anthony remarked on the tree saplings growing up behind the bus shelter, County Cllr Gibson-Watt will take this forward to Powys County Council. Mr Cooper advised that another incident of fly tipping had occurred at the bottom of his lane.

Chairman Brown gave details of next months meeting as it will begin at 7pm on May 14th with the AGM and then go straight into the monthly meeting, all welcome.

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

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL 9/4/19

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwenyfed High School & Community Sports Centre Despite the previously-reported concerns at the lack of progress with the promised >£7m investment in the Gwernyfed High School campus, I am pleased to report that it appears to be still in the Powys CC/Welsh Government 21st Century Schools forward schools' capital investment programme for 2019/20. I will continue to keep a close eye on this issue.

Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment I have just received the clarification I sought on the 8th March from the council's Cabinet Member for Learning & the Welsh Language about school Breakfast Clubs funding (see below):-

Dear James,

The (Welsh Government) funding for breakfast clubs is passported directly into schools budget, which provides for 1/2 hour of care and a snack. That is unchanged. Should schools wish to do more, they have three choices as to how to fund that. They can do as most of our schools do, and charge for the additional time. Many school fund the additional time through grants, notably PDG, and this is acceptably to both Welsh Government and the Council. Some schools in particular circumstances and I must stress that they are exceptional, can apply to the authority for additional funds. Those additional funds have to be issued in accordance with normal procedures hence a business case would have to be provided.

I hope this helps,

Please get back to me if I can explain further,

Cheers Myfanwy

From the above I think it is now clear that the County Council has indeed removed its share (50%) of running the clubs from schools' delegated budgets. The Welsh Government element (50%) remains, but the schools will have to fund the other 50% previously funded by the council from other sources, including charging. Clyro School, in common with most other schools, will have to increase its charges to parents to help cover the costs.

Early Years Funding for Schools A letter from the council's Schools Service went to the Chairs of primary school governing bodies recently with regard to 2019/20 delegated budgets, which suggested that Foundation Phase (early years) funding from Welsh Government would be cut. This is NOT the case and, following my challenge to the Head of Schools on the issue, he has conceded that the funding coming from Welsh Government to the regional local authority consortia would be as was in 2018/19 and schools should not see any significant change in this funding in 2019/20. He has committed to emailing all the schools to confirm the point.

Recycling – Green Waste Regrettably, the green waste banks will be removed over the next two weeks across the county. However, I am pleased to say the ones on Hay car park will be the last to be removed (in two weeks' time), due to an agreement I reached with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Waste & Recycling to allow as much time as possible for the residents of the Old Council Houses to dispose of their green waste, following the re-instatement of their gardens later this week. They have not had a chance to cut their lawns, etc. yet, due to the disruption, and so the retention of the green bins for a little while longer will assist somewhat.

Housing No further news at present to add to last months' report.

Play Area in Castle Estate The latest information I have is that the whole area is now in the hands of the Affordable Housing Department of the Council and plans are due to be drawn up for the new housing shortly. A new play area will then be created in another part of the estate (position to be decided) but the equipment that is there will remain until shortly before the housing and landscaping work is due to start.

Planning No issues other than the one on the Agenda have arisen in the past month.

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Appendix B

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ASSETS REGISTER

Clyro Community Council own four benches:

- Bench 1 Located at the eastern side of the village near The Orchard
- Bench 2 Located at the southern side of the village near Castle Estate
- Bench 3 Located at the southern side of the village near old council houses
- Bench 4 Located at the western side of the village above the school

Value of benches £375.00 (Depreciated at rate of 10% per annum)

Information Board on Village Green Value £380

Notice Board outside Village Hall Value £100

Village Green £6,500

Standing Stones Located at entrance to Castle Estate Value £200

Defibrillator Value £1,000

(Located outside the Village Hall. Donated by Black Mountains Lions in 2015, Community Council agreed to maintain and insure)

Computer Equipment:

Laptop £390

Colour laser printer £120

Video projector £220

Computer trolley and portable video screen £160

Value of computer equipment £890 (Depreciated at rate of 20% per annum)

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS £9,445

Assets are an agenda item at each monthly Community Council meeting

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