

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 14th May 2019
In the Village Hall at Clyro

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr R Wells (Chairman), Cllr R Lewis (Vice Chairman) Cllr P Bate, Cllr J Carter, Cllr V Price, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr E Brown, Cllr R Francis and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, Mr J Allright, Mr B Morgan, Mrs D Davies, Mr Cooper, Mr Lally-Cooper, Mrs Anthony and Mr Kirkland.

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hood

MINUTES: The Minutes for the meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Chairman Wells took this opportunity to express the Community Council's thanks to Cllr Brown for his year as Chairman. He acknowledged that Cllr Brown had taken the helm at a particularly difficult period in the Council's history and guided the Councillors well over the past twelve months.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

RESPONSIBLE PERSON for the duration of this meeting for fire regulations: Chairman Wells who pointed out all fire exits and advised that the meeting point was by the church gate.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Cllr Brown advised the Community Council that the benches will require some work to keep them in good condition.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application [19/0740/FUL](#).** Great Lloyney, Clyro, Hereford, Powys HR3 5SG. Erection of an agricultural building to cover muck store. *Cllrs had no objections to this application.*
2. **Additional information notification [18/0840/FUL](#).** Land adjacent to Waverleigh, Clyro, Hereford, Powys HR3 5SE. Erection of a dwelling and all associated works. *Cllrs reviewed the amended application and a lengthy discussion was held with both public in attendance and the applicant. Resident letters were read out and Cllrs voted 5:2 in favour of the application.*
3. **Application [19/0701/HH](#).** Clyro Hill Farm, Clyro, Hereford, HR3 6JU. Erection of a two-storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation. *Discussion with the applicant was undertaken and no objections were given.*

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Annual play equipment inspection update after meeting with Powys – *Vice-Chairman Wells explained that a meeting was held with Simone Hodges (Housing Development Officer, Powys*

County Council) and Steve Butcher (Countryside and Recreation Officer, Powys County Council) to discuss the future of the play park and equipment that is adjacent to Castle Estate. As discussed in previous meetings there are plans to build social housing on the land where the park is therefore the play park would be relocated to the land at the side of Castle Tump. The idea being that it will be a natural and interesting park. Discussions involving the goal posts took place as it will not be possible to relocate the goal posts to the new play area. The Community Council will wait for more information from Powys and continue to update Clyro residents.

2. Responding to planning applications training – Cllrs Morgan and Lewis attended the training that gave an overview of the planning process. Major developments, i.e developments of 10 houses or more were discussed at length. Both found the training useful and found that talking to other Councillors very worthwhile.
3. Review and approve Code of conduct, risk assessment and standing orders – Cllr Brown proposed that the Community Council adopt the three documents for the next year. Cllr Carter seconded, and all Councillors were in favour.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Lewis reported that due to illness the school is short staffed by two members. Trips to the Botanical gardens and Hay festival are taking place. National testing is also upon them, reading, reasoning and procedural testing. The school is taking part in the Old Railway Nursery potato growing competition, this saw them getting a mention in a national newspaper.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (incl)

1. Zurich Insurance - £257.60 annual renewal (no increase) – action, to pay
2. Module 9 Code of Conduct training – Builth Wells Tuesday 4th June 6.30-9pm – Clerk will send details to all Councillors
3. Clyro Village Hall - £120 invoice for 2018 hire of hall – action, to pay
4. PAVO - £30 Jan-Mar invoice – action, to pay
5. Planning Aid - £35 training invoice (Cllr Lewis) – action, to pay

FINANCIAL:

Current A/C £2,160.13 (as at 4th April 2019) Reserve a/c £3,838.08 (as at 30th April 2019)

Payments to be made BT Direct, Clerks salary £160, Zurich £257.60, Clyro Village Hall £120, PAVO £30 and Planning Aid £35. Proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A letter from Mrs Jo Hodges was read out by Cllr Lewis that contained concerns over some work being carried out on land adjacent to Mill Cottage without the relevant planning consents in place. The letter will be forwarded to Powys Planning.

Mrs D Davies asked if a temporary extension to the 30mph has been applied for, this would see the 30mph starting well before the village to help with noise levels and safety of residents. County Cllr Gibson-Watt will investigate this.

The meeting was closed at 8.16pm

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 R Wells, Chairman)

Appendix A

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL 14/5/19 REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

No further news about the planned new investments at present. Almost uniquely among Powys secondary schools Gwernyfed HS is running a positive delegated budget and has a rising pupil roll. It is possible that in September 2019 Gwernyfed HS will have more pupils than Brecon HS, something I have never seen before in my time as a county councillor.

A policy paper on future school organisation is due to be considered by the council's Cabinet during the summer, as the budgetary pressures facing the school's system, which have gone unaddressed for too many years, have now reached a critical point. This will be a key moment for the county council.

Clyro C in W School and the Gwernyfed Catchment Despite the general financial difficulties facing the school's system, both Archdeacon Griffiths School in Llyswen and Clyro C in W School are in relatively healthy delegated budget positions, which is to the great credit of the SMTs and Governing Bodies of both schools. The new delegated schools 'fair' funding formula, introduced from April 2019, has produced some anomalies, in that small primary schools have generally seen an increase in their delegated budget, while larger primaries have suffered significant reductions. A further review of the formula is now under way!

Early Years Funding for Schools As of late last week funding for Early Years (Foundation Phase) provision was still not quite settled, with the council's Schools Service still claiming that because the formal grant letter from the regional education consortium ERW has not yet been received, it cannot yet confirm the exact sums that will reach schools. The Minister for Education says the grant letter has been issued, and firm indicative amounts were provided at the time when the Welsh Government set its 2019/20 budget, so I believe the council's position has been unsound all through the process. This issue and others are a cause of considerable mistrust between the school's system and the county council.

Recycling – Green Waste Regrettably, the green waste banks in Powys's main car parks have gone, with the ones in Hay car park being the last removed at the end of April. The new green waste wheelie bins for the kerbside collections (fortnightly) can be purchased in two sizes from Powys CC for £30 and £35. One or two local people have had problems ordering the new wheelie bins, which I have managed to sort out, but if anyone approaches councillors with this (or any other) problem, please direct them to me and I will deal with it.

Planning A verbal update will be provided to council at the meeting on any current planning issues at Lower House Farm. No other major issues elsewhere at present that I am aware of.

Housing Members of the council were involved in a site meeting with myself and officers recently with regard to the proposed new council housing and recreation areas on the current 'recreation' land adjacent to Castle Estate, Clyro. Surveyors are on site this week carrying out ground investigations.

Highways There is an area meeting for county councillors from Wards served by the Boughrood depot later this week. If there are any specific highways-related issues members need to raise, I will be happy to do that at the meeting.

Grass cutting in Clyro area This is due to be done on Thurs 16th May. It has been left late so that all is tidy for Hay Festival.

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