

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at  
7pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 D Hood, 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 L Cooper, D Davies, M Kerr, and C Bate.

**APOLOGIES:** None

**MINUTES:** The Minutes for the meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman Wells.

**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:** Chairman Wells has checked all assets, and all is in order.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

1. **Application update** 19/0970/FUL. Land South of Castle View, Clyro, HR3 5SZ - *Change of use of agricultural land to public open space and erection of recreational equipment/structures.* – No action required
2. **Application** 19/1166/FUL. New Barn Cottage, Clyro, HR3 5SG – *Demolition of shed /woodstore and erection of holiday unit* – The Community Council looked at the application and discussed, no objections were given.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Cycle Path – Maggie Kerr – Maggie explained that she lives in Clyro and works in Hay. The idea that she brings to be discussed is the addition of a cycle path to the road between Clyro and Hay. Discussion ensued that included, the footpath that exists is in a poor state of repair and very narrow, 3m is required for a shared cycle/footpath, Powys Council does not have spare budget for pot holes so the likelihood of Powys being able to pay for a cycle path is low, Cllr Gibson-Watts will ask if section 106 monies could be used, that is a payment that developers make when they build houses, as the Council are building the new development would section 106 apply to them? It was

agreed that the Community Council would be supportive of a cycle path and Maggie agreed to develop the idea.

2. **BIG UP A BENCH** – A working party to spruce up the Village benches, Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am all welcome. Meet at the bench by Castle Tump, wear old clothes. All tools will be provided.
  
3. Discuss ideas for play equipment for new play area and the future management of the area – The question has been put forward by Simone Hodges working on behalf of Powys County Council asking if the Community Council would be interested in managing the new play area, Cllrs shared concerns for the cost of taking on such a project cost in both terms of time and money. Pats Park in Glasbury was discussed as this shows a great example of what can be done by the Community working with the Community Council. It was suggested by the Chairman that it may be a good opportunity to engage with the Community and have something that the Community could be involved in. Cllrs asked what the budget was for play equipment? Chairman Wells has contacted Steve Butcher at Powys asking this, he has not received a reply. The swings that are in the old play area are in good condition so in principle could be moved to the new area. Cllrs agreed that a basic requirement for the new area would be a flat area as large as possible within the confines of the space.

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT:** Cllr Lewis reported that the school is now back up to a healthy staffing level. Both reports, Estyn and the Church in Wales are now confirmed as very good and, in some areas, excellent. The Community Council will send their congratulations.

**POLICE REPORT:** No report received this month.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** County Cllr Gibson-Watt explained that the Estyn inspection involving Powys is reporting on Powys Education Services not on actual schools. The report has given Powys a lot to work on, school improvements are patchy throughout Powys and these missed areas need addressing. County Cllr Gibson-Watt thinks there is a lack of strategic leadership between the Cabinet and the Officers within Powys. See appendix A.

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

1. Councillor Training – One Voice Wales -*Cllrs to contact the Clerk to book any courses*
2. Budget position – Letter from Leader of Powys County Council, Rosemarie Harris – *Discussion and ideas were invited, and Cllrs were encouraged to reply if they felt appropriate*
3. Reply from Jane Dodds MP – *The Clerk will invite our MP to a future meeting, Cllrs to make suggestions for discussion.*
4. Donation request from The Friends of Hay Swimming Pool – *Cllr Hood proposed donating £500 to Hay Swimming Pool, Chairman Wells agreed with the proposal but proposed that the Community Council pledge the £500 at this time and then when the works are completed the donation will be given. This was seconded by Cllr Brown. Cllrs all agreed to this.*
5. Donation request from St Michael and All Angels Church, Clyro – *Cllr Hood proposed donating the £124.50 requested and Cllr Lewis seconded.*

6. Cllr Brown proposed the purchase of a Remembrance wreath at a cost of £50, this includes a donation. Cllr Carter seconded this.

**FINANCIAL:**

Bank balances: Reserve £3,840.64 (as at 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019) – Current £3,450.89 (at 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019).  
Payments to include BT direct debit and Clerks Salary (£160).

Cheques made out for £160 and £124.50. Proposed by Vice Chairman Lewis and seconded by Cllr Price.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

D Davies asked if there is any news about the new development, Chairman Wells gave the provisional date for a consultation drop-in session of September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-7pm in the village hall.

The Post Office opening times have changed to Monday 2pm-4pm and Wednesday 3pm-5pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.34pm

**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 R Wells, Chairman)

## Appendix A

**CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**10/9/19**

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

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

Wales's educational inspectorate, Estyn finished its inspection of Powys County Council's education service recently. Its report will be published on Estyn's website in the morning of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and a presentation made to county council members in the afternoon. I will report verbally further at the council meeting in the evening.

## **Planning & Housing**

No further news at present. Members would be welcome to attend the County Planning Committee meeting to see the determination of the application for a new public recreation area in Castle Estate.

## **Highways**

The hedge alongside the footpath between Clyro and Hay was trimmed back but grass is once more encroaching on to the stone surface. This is a perennial problem and I have drawn it to the attention of highways officers. Clearing the grass back is a labour-intensive and costly process, but I will keep emphasising the need for it to be done as soon as possible.

Cats' eyes have been installed in the stretches of double white lines on the B4351 and a better job has been made of it this time than last.

The final grass verge trimming of the season along the A438 through Clyro has been done.

## **Powys County Council budget 2020/21**

Please see the letter from the council Leader, Cllr Rosemarie Harris. As you can see she lays out the need to make further substantial savings in council expenditure. Despite urgings from members such as myself that the council needs to conduct a 'zero-sum' budgeting process, service by service, in order to establish what level of funding is actually required in each service area, rather than basing service budget requirements on historic (previous) spending levels, this has not happened. As a result while we know what Powys County Council spends on each service, we do not know what it *should* be spending, a point I shall be making forcefully through the budget process.

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