

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at  
7pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
In the Village Hall at Clyro

**MINUTES**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, J Richardson, L Cooper, J Cooper-Lally, D Davies, R Kirkham, T Richardson and J Waring.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Carter, Vice Chairman R Lewis (representing the Community Council at the School Governors meeting) and Cllr D Hood

**MINUTES:** It was suggested that the minutes should include a comment from County Cllr Gibson-Watt that explained how if the school has what is seen as a blip in their pupil numbers as Clyro is experiencing this term then the school can with discussion with Powys use surplus budget from other parts of the school budget to fund the staff needed to keep the classes as they are. The school needs to demonstrate that it is known that there will be an upturn in numbers next year. Cllrs agreed that this should be included in October's 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 [19/1741/FUL](#).** Land off Kilvert View, Clyro, HR3 5NQ. *Full planning application for residential development and associated works. Chairman Wells gave a robust overview of the application, Cllrs were all in favour of the application.*

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Cycle Path, the Community Councillors agreed that a cycle path between Hay and Clyro, Clyro and Glasbury and beyond is a good idea. A letter that Hay Town Council have composed to the Minister of Economy and Transport asking for help in achieving this was received and it was agreed to give Clyro's full support to the campaign. The Clerk will inform Hay Town Council of this.

2. Jane Dodds MP – Sends apologies that due to an election being called she is not allowed to attend any meetings. If she is re-elected, she will schedule Clyro in asap.
3. National Development Plan, <https://gov.wales/draft-national-development-framework>
  - Cllr Morgan explained that in amongst this lengthy document the area around Painscastle and Rhosgoch is highlighted as a possible site for windfarms. It is not saying that there will be a wind farm there, but it is highlighting the area as a priority due to it being a good site for development of a wind farm. It was noted that the Community Council had not received any correspondence relating to this framework being developed. Cllr Gibson-Watt added some extra information to this and advised the Community Council to make a comment on the document. He pointed out that the section regarding possible land suitable for windfarms was unnecessarily alarmist as much of the land indicated as suitable for windfarms would in actual fact never be developed for other reasons for example the Begwyns which are owned by the National Trust who have a policy of not allowing wind turbines anyway. He also raised a concern about the way the draft document had been produced seemingly without consultation of other interested parties including local Community and Town Councils. The Community Council asked that Cllr Morgan reply to the document stating that we didn't have information in advance, the proposals are highly likely to not be taken forward due to the access and National Trust ownership meaning that frameworks like this one are scaremongering and not conducive to bringing the public onboard with finding ways to develop sustainable energy developments. Cllr Morgan agreed to respond.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE** (incl)

1. Big Lottery Funding-Countryside Access – Powys County Council, the Clerk apologised that this letter was not sent out before the meeting, it was agreed to send the letter out and discuss at December's meeting.

**FINANCIAL:** Bank balances: Reserve £3,841.29 (as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019) – Current £2,829.91 (at 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019). Payments to include BT direct debit, Clyro School Fund (£300), and Clerks Salary (£160).

Proposed by Cllr Bate and seconded by Cllr Francis.

**AOB:**

Chairman Wells brought to the attention of the Community Council that the policy used by Powys planning to not publish third party comments on planning applications for the past year is up for review in December. The Brecon and Radnor branch of CPRW are also running a petition asking Powys to reinstate the comments online this can be found at [www.brecon-and-radnor-cprw.wales/?page\\_id=1840](http://www.brecon-and-radnor-cprw.wales/?page_id=1840)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

D Davies asked if the weeds and brambles could be cleared by the footpath to the bus stop. County Cllr Gibson-Watt said that he would investigate getting it cleared. Also moss near the bench on Castle Estate is slippery, Chairman Wells offered to sort this problem.

J Waring asked if the resubmission of the land adjacent to Waverleigh application will be discussed next month, Chairman Wells explained that the application arrived after the agenda was published so will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.13pm

**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**

**12/11/19**

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

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

No further news at present.

#### **Clyro C in W Primary School**

The review of the new delegated schools funding formula is underway. This was required following the disproportionately adverse effects that it has produced on many primary school budgets, including Clyro Primary School. Whether any changes will be put in place in time for the next financial year is very much open to question.

#### **Powys County Council Education Service and Schools Transformation**

As previously-reported, Wales's educational inspectorate, Estyn, finished its inspection of Powys County Council's education service recently. The council has prepared an Action Plan in response and the first cross-party meeting of group leaders and council officers to discuss the future development of the Powys education system has taken place. We received a presentation from officers showing some very interesting data that will guide the approach, which has now been published and can be found here:-

<https://sway.office.com/8aTHND8fR5JPYfik?ref=email>

If any member requires a paper copy of this, please let me know.

## **Planning & Housing**

The community council will be discussing the planning application submitted by Powys CC for the houses off Kilvert View. A revised application for a house adjacent to Waverley in Clyro has also been submitted (application ref. 19/1734/FUL).

## **Highways**

Recent heavy rainfall has placed the highways network under serious pressure, particularly as falling leaves present a particular problem blocking storm drains at this time of year. Most of the problems have been sorted out by the application of a welly boot to the storm drain grid, but there is a significant drainage problem at Rhydspence, which threatened to flood the Inn during the rainfall two weeks ago. I have asked the highways depot to attend to it as soon as possible. If councillors are aware of other problems that need attention, please alert me to them.

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