

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 10th December 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, R Kirkland, J Cooper-Lally, S Cooper-Lally, L Cooper and T Blackmore.

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.

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hood

MINUTES: The Minutes for the November meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman Wells with the following amendment, Cllr Brown gave apologies to the Clerk in advance of his absence from the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chairman Wells has checked all assets, and all is in order.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application [19/1734/FUL](#).** Land adjacent to Waverleigh, Clyro, HR3 5SE. *Erection of dwelling and all associated works. Resubmission of 18/1840/FUL.* Members of the public including the applicants were present and invited to comment. The Community Council had also received emails from two people objecting to the application - one former resident, and one resident of Clyro. The main concerns raised at the meeting & in the emails were:
 - 1) The height of the proposed building and worries that it would impact on the view from properties in Begwyns Bluff
 - 2) That if this application for one dwelling was passed it may pave the way for further dwellings on the area of land around the plot.
 - 3) That any building was inappropriate for green space inside the conservation areaThe applicant pointed out that they had worked with & complied with all the requests of the heritage officer in terms of design, size and siting of the building in order to minimise impact and provide a sympathetic design that would sit well within the village. Councillors following discussion acknowledged the concerns raised but a majority 7 out of 8 had no objection to the application.

2. **Application [19/1823/FUL](#).** Dwelling (former Barn) at Clyro Court Farm, Clyro, HR3 5LE. *Conversion of dwelling to form a yoga studio, construction of swimming pool in the curtilage and associated works in connection with existing holiday business.* A question was asked regarding whether the new facilities may at times be available to be accessed by locals rather than only used by visitors staying at the holiday properties - it was considered that this would be an additional benefit to the community that would be welcomed. The point was also made that if the pool was to be heated then it would be desirable that at least part of the energy could be supplied by renewable energy such as solar thermal. Following discussions Councillors were unanimous in supporting the application.
3. **Application [19/1675/FUL](#).** Wyecliff, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5RS. *Erection of a replacement dwelling with annexe and all associated works.* The Community Council discussed the application in detail and were unanimous in supporting the application.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. 2019/20 budget discussion – Cllrs received an unaudited financial statement prepared by the Clerk, it was agreed that the Community Council needs to encourage local groups to request donations as the audit did raise concerns that the Community Council had too much revenue in the reserve account. There are outgoing payments such as a replacement printer when the ink runs out and website charges still to be considered for this financial year. Chairman Wells reminded the Community Council that when the new play area is constructed, we will probably want to contribute equipment, trees, plants etc to enhance the area for the enjoyment of Clyro residents. The Clerks salary was discussed, along with the number of hours that the Clerk is paid for. The Clerk confirmed that she is quite happy that the hours that she is paid for are the hours that she works. Chairman Wells thanked the Clerk for her work this year. It was agreed that a proposal 2020/21 budget will be put together for next months meeting and that the Clerk can purchase a printer as soon as it is needed.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT:

Cllr Lewis reported that Clyro School has reached phase 4 of the Healthy Schools Award, the next stage that will be introduced is a no crisps, biscuits or chocolate being brought in for break time snacks. The Bee Knees afterschool club won £100 for the Guy competition at the Black Mountain Lions Bonfire. A Rags to Riches collection raised £125 and the school raised £148 for Children in Need.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:

See appendix A.

Cllr Brown thanked County Councillor Gibson-Watt for attending the Community Council meetings and giving insightful reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Big Lottery Funding - The Community Council discussed this at length and whilst they want to help engage with the community and help get things done, they don't want to be responsible for everything. It was agreed to express an interest in being part of the application.

FINANCIAL:

Current A/C £2,001.67 (as at 4th December 2019) Reserve a/c £3,842.55 (as at 29th November 2019)

Payments to be made BT Direct and Clerks salary.

Cheques made out for £160, proposed by Cllr Bate and seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis.

AOB: Cllr Brown gave some notices on upcoming events including the Village Hall Committee are planning a Community event next summer in the grounds of Baskerville Hall and will be asking organisations to contribute and take part.

Vice Chairman Lewis requested that Cllrs fill out a questionnaire to help the school get a Lottery grant to enable them to build/install an outside learning area. This was done and Vice Chairman Lewis will return it to the school.

The meeting was closed at 8.29pm

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

10/12/19

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

No further news at present.

Clyro C in W Primary School

Interim findings from the review of the new schools funding formula confirm that it is flawed and tends to benefit the smallest primary schools at the expense of larger ones and the secondary schools. It is unclear at this stage how any changes to the formula will be implemented and over what time scale. I have been informed that Clyro School has been in discussion with council officers about how the challenge of a reduction in funding of about £54,000 for next year can be managed.

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 a couple of months ago. The council has prepared an Action Plan in response and the second cross-party meeting of group leaders and council officers to discuss Estyn's reaction to that Action Plan to address the shortcomings has taken place. The council's Learning & Skills Scrutiny Committee has also examined it. There is general approval for the proposals in the Plan, although all depends on the actual delivery.

Members may wish to note that the Improvement & Assurance Board installed by the Welsh Government at Powys County Council in the wake of the critical reports in to the council's social care system last year is still operating and now has had its remit extended to cover the schools system as well. I sit on that Board as Leader of the Opposition. Effectively the two major areas of service delivered by Powys County Council are now subject to intervention by Welsh Government.

Planning & Housing

Applications as per the council's agenda. No further news at present on progress of the application for the council's proposed new houses next to Castle Estate.

Highways

The storm drainage problem at Rhydspence appears to have been dealt with, as have various other minor road drainage problems in the Clyro area. As ever, if councillors are aware of other problems that need attention, please alert me to them.

Happy Christmas & a Happy New Year to us all!

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