

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 4th February 2020
In the Village Hall at Clyro

MINUTES

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, D Davies, L Cooper and J Cooper-Lally.

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: None.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chairman Wells has checked all assets, and all is in order. The Clerk has purchased the new printer, scanner and copier as approved in previous meetings.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application [19/1741/FUL](#).** Full planning application for housing development, Land off Kilvert's View, Clyro. **This application is being considered at the County Planning, Taxi licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 06/02/2020 at County Hall.**
2. **Application update [19/1776/NMA](#).** Greenways, Clyro, HR3 6HA. *Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission P/2011/0129 in relation to increasing the eaves, installation of 2x flues and a new window arrangement on the SW elevation – **Approved***
3. **Application update [19/1315/DIS](#).** Land Adjacent to River Wye (The Start) HR3 5RS. *Application to discharge conditions 5, 18, 20, 21, and 22 of planning approval 18/0688/FUL – **Approved***
4. **Application update [19/2048/NMA](#).** Rivendell, 29 Begwyns Bluff, Clyro, HR3 5SR. *Non-material amendment to planning consent 19/0317/HH in respect of changing a door to a window – **Approved***
5. **Application update [19/1734/FUL](#).** Land adjacent to Waverleigh, Clyro, HR3 5SE. *Erection of dwelling and all associated works. Resubmission of 18/1840/FUL - **Approved***

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Signatories, Cllr Price and Chairman Wells signed the letter to the bank requesting a new cheque book and the transfer of £2000 from the reserve account to the current account as agreed at January's meeting.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Lewis took the idea of a of an annual prize for a pupil that shows Community Spirit to the School. The School welcome this idea and feel that the teachers are in the best position to choose the child. The Community Council would like to have some input as in knowing who has been chosen and why. A book token for £25 was unanimously agreed as a prize.

POLICE REPORT: No report received this month; the Clerk has been told that PCSO Hawkins has left the position and when a new PCSO is in place we will be contacted.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (incl)

1. Hay Dial-a-Ride – Request for donation, the Community Council agreed to donate £250.
2. BT – increase of line rental of £1.44 per month, Chairman Wells explained that there are new ways of acquiring a broadband service that uses mobile signal in place of a landline which could potentially save the Community Council money as we do not use the land line for anything else.
3. Transforming Education in Powys – A strategic review of education www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation
4. Wales Air Ambulance – request for donation, the Community Council agreed to donate £250.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Reserve £3,842.55 (as at 29th November 2019) – Current £3,149.43 (at 3rd January 2020). Payments to include BT direct debit, PAVO (£30), 3 in 1 printer (£62.48) and Clerks Salary (£160). Proposed by Cllr Bate and seconded by Cllr Hood.

A.O.B Cllr Hood requested that the Clerk investigates a cabin/structure that a resident has enquired about.

Chairman Wells informed the meeting that the Community Council have received a complaint from a Hay-on-Wye resident in relation to the safari tents being developed at The Start. Chairman Wells replied to the email explaining that Clyro Community Council had considered the application and voted in favour of it at the time of application. Any comments should now be directed to Powys County Council.

Cllr Brown shared with the Community Council that subject to contract he has sold his house.

The meeting was closed at 7.53pm

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

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4/2/20

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

No further news at present. However, although the capital funding for the redevelopment of the school is still secure in the council's forward capital programme, with the county council now embarking on a comprehensive review and working up plans for the 'transformation' of the schools network and post 16 learning in Powys (see reference below), I expect further changes to the design of the scheme, which may cause further delays.

Clyro C in W Primary School & Schools Funding

I do not know whether the meeting between the Headteacher and Chair of Governors with finance officers, due to take place this month, to discuss the budget options available to the school has yet taken place, but the Headteacher had indicated to me that she is not prepared to reduce the number of classes from 4 to 3, as this will compromise pupils' learning and produce class sizes above 30 in Key Stage 1. I fully support the Headteacher and Governors' position.

Powys County Council Education Service and Schools Transformation

As previously-reported, Wales's educational inspectorate, Estyn, reported on its inspection of Powys County Council's education service in September 2019. Work on the Action Plan to transform the education system in the county has reached the point in which the rationale for change and the principles upon which that change will be based have been discussed and broad agreement reached with school head teachers and governing body chairs via a schools conference held in October last year. A 'Vision for Powys Schools' document is now subject to further engagement with Powys schools and learners and the council's Cabinet will shortly consider a proposal for how to implement the transformation process. Papers covering the above are all available on the Powys CC website.

Planning & Housing

I asked housing officers some time ago to look in to the parking arrangements at the bungalows in Castle Estate, because it had been pointed out to me that there are no dropped kerbs there and quite a lot of space is wasted because of the shape of the current car park. A new proposal has been worked up and consultation with the tenants on the plans took place in the Village Hall last week. Some of the tenants are concerned about the loss of some garden space and a meeting is scheduled for 11am on the 10th February on-site with tenants to try to resolve any problems.



RE Castle Estate
Clyro HR3 5SP Drair

The proposal can be viewed via this link:-

Highways

The storm drain gullies above Castle Estate and near Buttercup Meadow, reported to me as being partially blocked from last month's meeting, were cleared in May last year, but may have silted up a little since then. Highways officers will inspect them this week to check the situation.

Powys County Council 2020/21 Budget

The draft county council 2020/21 Budget papers were issued on Wednesday 15th January. The draft grant settlement from Welsh Government shows a significant increase on 2019/20 of 5.4% gross (about + £10m), although that includes funding for the teachers' pay and pensions settlement, which will reduce the net extra amount to about £5m. But it will be the best 'settlement' Powys CC has received for many years and should alleviate pressure on service budgets. It should also allow a lower-than-expected Council Tax rise, but the council's Cabinet has proposed an increase of 5%. Its draft budget also includes further cuts to the library service, arts venues and the council's planning service. The draft budget is going through the council's scrutiny committees at the moment. I and my group, as the main opposition group, will be making alternative proposals.

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