

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held remotely via ZOOM  
7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Wells (Chairman), Cllr J Carter, Cllr J Morgan and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor J Gibson-Watt

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Lewis (Vice Chairman) Cllr P Bate, Cllr V Price, Cllr D Hood, Cllr E Brown, and Cllr R Francis

**MINUTES:** The Minutes for the previous meeting (March and June) were accepted as a true record and will be signed by Chairman Wells.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

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

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Castle Estate play park update to include views on options of Community council/voluntary group taking on responsibility for the park, naming the park, removal, and storage of play equipment from the old area for relocation in the new when required – *Chairman Wells gave an overview of how far the project has developed and encouraged Cllrs to go and look at the site. Powys CC have offered the Community Council the opportunity to run the park, Powys would mow twice a year and then any other maintenance would be up to the Community Council/Community group. If Powys kept the play area on their books, they would still just mow twice a year. This could leave the area open to being left in a bad state with no one keeping it tidy. The Community Council could take the asset on for three years (for example) and see how it goes. An annual peppercorn rent would be paid and if after three years the Community Council decided that they did not want it then it could revert to Powys. If the Community Council were happy with the set up, then eventually a full asset transfer could be arranged. The Clerk is making enquiries into changes in insurance cover. The old equipment from the old play area is at risk of being thrown away, the slide, swing and rocking horse are in good condition and up to the standards required so could be reused either in the new area or somewhere else at a later date. Cllrs agreed that Chairman Wells could arrange removal and storage of these items for future use. Powys have asked for suggestions of a name for the new play area, they would like a Welsh name that is not too complicated. Various ideas were given by Cllrs and discussion led to County Cllr Gibson-Watt telling the meeting how some tree removal in the new play area has taken place that has made a positive difference to the residents tv reception in the bungalows below the new park. It was suggested that these trees could be replaced with smaller blossoming trees, Chairman Wells will discuss with Powys.*

2. Butterfly garden project – *Keep Wales Tidy* have delivered the butterfly garden kit and is well on the way to being installed. Chairman Wells explained that the plan would have been for one of *Keep Wales Tidy* representatives to work with members of the Community to get the flowers planted but because of Covid restrictions only one volunteer can work with the representative. Chairman Wells is away for a week so will speak to Trish and John Richardson who have expressed an interest in helping with the area.
3. Covid – Community response – Cllr Morgan gave a brief description of the volunteering work going on in the Clyro Community. She added that it has not been as intense as she would have predicted, it looks as though people have been self-reliant and neighbours/family members have rallied around meaning that the Community volunteer group has not needed to step in.
4. AGM – postponement discussion – Local Government guidelines have been changed to allow AGM's to be held later in the year, Chairman Wells proposed that our AGM be held in September by which time hopefully physical meetings can be held.

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT:** Cllr Lewis sent a report that Cllr Morgan read to the meeting. The school reopened with restricted numbers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. They will finish the summer term a week later than planned and then have a two-week half-term break during October. During the lockdown, an outdoor classroom was installed using Lottery funding, this has greatly enhanced the outdoor learning experience.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** County Cllr Gibson-Watt brought a letter to the attention of the Community Council from Haygarth surgery. It contains proposals of changes that they want to make to the opening times of both Hay and Talgarth surgeries. They are proposing to remove two afternoon surgeries from Hay and three from Talgarth. This is to fund the triage system that they have been using for some time. The triage system has been funded by the health board as a pilot but now that funding is coming to an end in October. They say that the new system has reduced patients waiting for appointments from three weeks to three days. *Cllr Morgan asked what the Community Council should be doing to raise awareness in the Community as the changes may impact on residents. County Cllr Gibson-Watt encouraged the Community Council to share the news and reply to the letter. It was agreed that Cllr Morgan will respond to the letter expressing the Community Council's concerns.*

County Cllr Gibson-Watt told the Community Council how Clyro School had a remarkably high take up to the online learning during lockdown, families that did not take part were unable to do so due to lack of internet at their home. He expressed his thanks to the head teacher and staff who he feels performed exceptionally during incredibly challenging times.

Powys are consulting on the education transport policy, County Cllr Gibson-Watt is asking that residents and Cllrs look at it and take part in the consultation as there are some parts that will have an effect on future learners in Powys. He pointed out one area that will see post 16 learning out of county travel costs not being met by Powys even if the student can not access the course in county. His opinion is that this is discriminatory and wrong. This means that students from Clyro would not get funded transport to Hereford Sixth Form college to study A levels even if they are not offered in Powys.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (incl)

1. Powys County Council - <https://haveyoursay.powys.gov.uk/education/home-to-school-transport-policy/> Cllrs agreed that Cllr Morgan will have a look at this and respond to the consultation.
2. Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Climate Change – *The Clerk will reply giving support to the cause but not wishing to be part of the group.*
3. Transforming Education in Powys – A strategic review of education [www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation](http://www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation) Cllrs are asked to look and respond to the consultation.
4. Glasbury Community Council – potential collaboration regarding speed awareness signs. – *The Clerk will contact Glasbury Community Council.*
5. Police speed check – request from Cllr Brown - *A post on Twitter showed that the Police had performed a speed check during the afternoon of June 25<sup>th</sup>, no motorists were found to be exceeding the 40mph limit.*

**FINANCIAL:** Current £3,107.40 (on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020) Reserve £1,845.16 (on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020). Payments to include BT direct debit, HMRC (£120) and Clerks Salary (£160). Payments proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Carter.

**AOB:** Chairman Wells is seeking suggestions for naming the new housing development, any ideas welcome. A local theme, character or Welsh incorporation would be favourable.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cllr R Wells, Chairman)