

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held via Zoom
7pm on Tuesday 11th May 2021 (after the AGM)

MINUTES

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

APOLOGIES: County Cllr Gibson-Watt and PCSO Jackson.

MINUTES: The Minutes for April were found to have two errors; Cllr Brown was not at the meeting and did not send apologies and Cllr Francis was not at the meeting and did not send apologies. Cllr Francis apologised for not sending apologies.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:

1. Vice-Chairman Wells has looked at the bench that is situated on the way into Clyro from Hay. Chairman Brown had flagged it up as needing attention. Vice-Chairman Wells has replaced some wooden slats, sanded, and varnished it back to a useable condition. Chairman Brown expressed thanks to Vice-Chairman Wells for sorting the problem so quickly.
2. The register was discussed, and Chairman Brown requested that the Clerk depreciate the values of the computer equipment to reflect the value as it stands. Cllr Carter questioned the insurance cover if the value is lowered. Chairman Brown suggested checking with Zurich Insurance. Chairman Brown asked for 25% to be taken off the laptop value. The Clerk will check the procedure for this.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cllrs were thanked for completing and returning the annual payment form.
2. Play park update – Vice-Chairman Wells reported that the park is developing well, he has donated a length of rope to make a piece of play equipment that children can use to pull themselves up the hill adjacent to the slide, the Vice-Chairman asked if any Cllrs would be able to help him install it. Chairman Brown enquired if there was any news from Powys regarding Clyro Community Council taking on the play park? Vice-Chairman Wells said he had not had any correspondence so will get in touch with them before the next meeting.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A and Chairman Brown requested that a letter be sent from the Community Council congratulating James Evans on his election success to Member of the Senedd for Brecon and Radnorshire.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Lewis reported that pupils and staff have taken part in the big peddle challenge, the idea was to cycle, scooter, walk or run to school for a week. Clyro came 34th out of 49 schools in Wales. National testing has started, and a guided tour video of the school has been produced to encourage prospective parents to bring their children to Clyro School. Chairman Brown noted that one of the flags outside the school is looking tatty and encouraged the school to apply to the Community Council for funding.

CORRESPONDENCE (*incl*):

1. Zurich insurance policy renewal. (£257.60) – Cllrs challenged the coverage of the policy as discussed above the Clerk will follow up on this and as the renewal is due before the next meeting it was proposed by Cllr Carter and agreed by all members that if the difference is no more than £10 the Clerk can carry on and pay the invoice.
2. Powys Community Health Council (CHC) Newsletter – no action
3. PAVO quarterly invoice (£30) – all agreed to pay the invoice.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £2,619.28 (on 1st April 2021) Reserve £1,845.28 (on 26th February 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30) and Clerks Salary (£160). These were proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

AOB:

The Clerk relayed a letter from Fay Jones MP thanking the Community Council for their work during the past year and encouraged Cllrs to get in touch if there was anything that they felt needed her presence or input. She is looking forward to being able to get out and meet Community Councils soon.

Cllr Morgan explained that she no longer needs her zoom licence so will not be renewing it, the Chairman thanked Cllr Morgan for her help with the zoom side of meetings for over a year and it was agreed that the Clerk will set up a new account for the Community Council.

Cllr Lewis has asked the Head at Clyro for some signs designed by the children to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Vice-Chairman Wells requested that the Clerk send a Thank you letter to Darren Ricketts as he has provided welding and donated the legs for the slide in the new play park. He also asked Cllr Fforde to post the Clyro School video to the Clyro Community Twitter feed.

Cllr Carter asked if we could meet at the Village Hall next month as the rules are changing to allow more people to meet indoors. Chairman Brown asked that the Clerk keep an eye out for any changes and update as appropriate.

The meeting was closed at 7.49pm

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

Appendix A

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11/5/21

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Due to the Senedd election period County Council meetings have been much-reduced during April and with the 2021/22 Budget settled there is not as much political activity to report on this month.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

I am not aware that any particular major problems have arisen at the school since pupils returned post-lockdown and proposals on where the potential sites for the promised new school might be are still awaited.. My own view is I can see no good reason to move the school and that that Council should continue with the capital investment programme already agreed

Clyro C in W Primary School

No further news at present. The focus now appears to be to try to attract as many new pupils to the school as possible, as a means of improving its funding, rather than campaigning against the funding cut that Powys CC's schools funding formula delivered. I think this is a wise approach as the school, governors, parents and myself as the local county councillor have taken matters as far as they can go. However, the inequity in the way that the school has been treated is a matter of record and of deep concern.

Planning & Housing

Construction of the new houses adjacent to Castle Estate still continues apace. I have asked housing officers at Powys CC to provide more information about when the outcome of applications for the homes will be known.

Highways

The first round of highways verge mowing has taken place and the result leaves much to be desired in my view. I will take the issue up with officers at a forthcoming highways depot meeting.

Test Trace & Protect and Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Powys is still doing well with the vaccination programme and the infection rate in the county remains very low (6 per 100,000 people).

Senedd Cymru/Welsh Parliament election

Brecon & Radnorshire has a new Senedd Member (MS), James Evans, due to the retirement of Kirsty Williams MS after 22 years of representing the constituency. James is the County Councillor for the Gwernyfed Ward on Powys County Council and it is not yet clear whether he will continue in that role now that he is a MS, although he is entitled to do so.

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