

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at the Village Hall.  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 7pm.

**MINUTES**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Francis and Cllr Lewis

**MINUTES:** The minutes from June's meeting were agreed to be true so signed by Chairman Brown.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:**

1. Chairman Brown has checked all assets and they are all in order.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Play Park update – Vice-Chairman Wells reported that he has spoken to Simone Hodges from Powys County Council who has given permission for a memorial bench/tree in memory of Chloe Green as requested by Gerard and Wendy Green. Cllr Morgan with Vice-Chairman Wells attended an online seminar for play, facilitated by Play Wales. Vice-Chairman Wells explained how children should be allowed to take risks and experience different environments. The wellbeing of children and teenagers can be enhanced by play areas that encompass sensory, play, natural and interesting items. The emphasis is on the use of natural items to make the area more interesting, so growing things or providing a log can have a better effect than spending a lot of money on a piece of equipment. The Places for Nature funding is not open to us this year as we accessed it last year. The bird feed is being funded by individuals at this time, this will cover the costs for a few months ahead.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chairman Brown has reported some scams to the police and the speed van has been in the village.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** See Appendix A

Chairman Brown has raised with County Cllr Gibson-Watt the traffic lights near Whitney Bridge that have been in situ for a long time, Cllr Bate has heard that the work is progressing with tenders being gathered for the work to take place. County Cllr Gibson-Watt is contacting his counterpart in Herefordshire to find out how these works are taking shape. Chairman Brown has been approached by a resident who reported that the footpath behind the Regent House garage going towards the Castle Estate is very overgrown and impassable. Vice-Chairman Wells told the meeting that individuals can report public footpath concerns on the Powys County Council website, by clicking on "Report" then choosing "report a concern with a right of way". Or use this link <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/2589/Report-a-concern-with-a-right-of-way>.

Chairman Brown has also requested that the grass be cut around the bench on the road to Hay, as it is burying the bench now.

**CORRESPONDENCE (incl):**

1. Powys Teaching Health Board AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams
2. Loss of NHS dental provision at Hay-on-Wye Dental Practice.
3. Police and Crime Panel Annual Report 2020-21
4. Police and Crime Commissioner – Your Policing Service – Your Choice.
5. Hay Town Council – Consultation regarding access to Hay town centre, this has been added to the website and twitter to encourage community engagement.

**FINANCIAL:**

Bank balances: Current £3,105.47 (on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021) Reserve £1,845.34 (on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30), HMRC (£125.20), Internal Auditor, R Davies (£25) and Clerks Salary (£167). These were proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Fforde.

**AOB:**

Vice-Chairman Wells requested photos of Clyro for the website. The Clerk reported that the Community Council laptop is very slow and could benefit from being updated. Chairman Brown requested that the Clerk with assistance from Vice-Chairman Wells compile some quotes for laptops to share with the Community Council next month.

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

## Appendix A

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

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

The last month at the school has been disrupted somewhat by Covid-19, as it has been for many schools. With case numbers currently rising quickly across Powys it is to be hoped that the 'firebreak' of the school holidays plus the increasing coverage of the vaccination programme to younger people will allow the school to return to near normal in September.

No further news at present on the future plans for the school or indeed its location.

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

No further news at present. Vacancies for the two LEA Governor posts at the school arose recently and one has been filled by a re-appointment and I have recommended a local resident to the LEA to fill the other vacancy.

#### **Planning & Housing**

No planning issues of significance to report, other than that there are still outstanding planning issues to be resolved at the poultry unit at Lower House, Clyro. I will report further next month.

As I understand it allocation of the new homes at Castle Estate to prospective residents is due in September with the aim of moving residents in in November, although these timings may change.

#### **Highways**

No further news at present. The second highways verge mowing of the season was completed a few days' ago.

#### **Test Trace & Protect and Covid-19 Vaccination Programme**

Powys (and Wales) is still doing very well with the vaccination programme but the infection rate in the county has climbed to above the Welsh average and there is much anecdotal evidence that attendance at venues to watch the Euro 2020 football matches locally has caused a spike in infections. The removal of all legal restrictions in England from Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> July will no doubt cause a further increase in infections locally. I am aware that even fully vaccinated people are becoming quite ill, so the need for caution from us all is still very evident. Wales's First Minister will be making announcements for the future arrangements in Wales shortly.

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