

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 12th October 2021, 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Lewis, Cllr R Francis and PCSO Jackson.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chairman Brown has checked all assets and they are all in order.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Jackson replied to the Community Council advising that scarecrows and child shaped bollards are acceptable if they are positioned safely. A discussion was held asking if the presence of the Police at the Community Council meeting was needed. Some Cllrs felt that a report would be adequate, others had the view that someone should attend every meeting. Cllrs requested that the Clerk contact PCSO Jackson and ask for a regular report and/or presence at some meetings.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Cllr Fforde reported that numbers have increased but not to the level required for the extra teacher. The school is still being run by Powys, training is being provided with the hope that the Governors will be back to making decisions for the school soon. Vice-Chairman Wells took some treats to thank the school for providing the "Stop dog fouling" posters.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Powys CHC Report – Access to Dentists during the COVID-19 Pandemic <https://powyschc.nhs.wales/files/report-library/access-to-dentists-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-report/>
2. Citizens Advice Powys – How we are helping people across Powys – Cllrs appreciated the correspondence from Citizens Advice Powys and it was proposed by Chairman Brown to donate £250 to this charity, Cllr Carter seconded and all Cllrs agreed.
3. Powys Welsh in Education Strategic Plan - <https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/wesp>
4. Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Provision of remote Council Meetings – Cllrs agreed that we would keep a watch on this item.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £2,783.33 (on 4th August 2021) Reserve £1,845.35 (on 30th September 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30), Laptop, John Lewis (D Workman £949), Clerks Salary (£167), Royal British Legion, wreath (Chairman Brown £50), PAVO (£30) and Citizens Advice Powys (£250). These were proposed by Vice-Chairman Wells and seconded Cllr Morgan.

AOB: Vice-Chairman Wells told the meeting about an offer on Zoom subscription, it was decided at this time as residents have not taken up the remote meeting offer then a subscription was not required. He added that the community council could do with more subscribers to the monthly email. His thoughts are that the community council needs some interesting ongoing plans, for example the new play area. Cllr Fforde said that he didn't think that people needed to be involved all the time but when required they would be there to help, as Covid has shown people are there in the background ready to play a part. Chairman Brown asked that the Clerks review be added to the November agenda.

The meeting was closed at 7.25pm.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

Appendix A

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12/10/21

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

The most recent information I have with regard to proposals made some time ago that Powys County Council would be seeking a new site on which to build a new school are that work on this will now be delayed until the New Year. In the meantime the school is left in a kind of limbo, a limbo made worse by having to function under the difficulties that Covid-19 is causing. There are currently significant levels of infection among school pupils and staff, as there are across the whole school system in Powys.

Clyro C in W Primary School

No further news.

Planning & Housing

Construction of the new Council houses in Clyro appears to have been significantly delayed by the ongoing supply difficulties in the building industry. No further news about allocations yet, but hopefully I will have more information about that and a projected completion date in time for the November meeting.

Highways

The overgrown condition of the footpath running from adjacent to Regent House Filling Station, through the field behind the Old Council houses and emerging on to the B4351 was brought to my attention by the council Chair and volunteers were sent by the Rights of Way Department to inspect. They declared it OK. My own inspection of the path reveals it to be passable but in need of trimming back, so I have sent up to date photos of the path to officers, with a request that it be cleared asap.

No other issues to report.

Covid-19, Test Trace & Protect and the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Infection levels across Powys initially decreased in the second half of September but have increased again in the first half of this month. Positive case rates in Powys have now reached 461/100,000 population (as at 11/10/21). The high levels are thought to be being mainly driven by the return of school pupils in to school. Although 12-15 year olds are now being offered the vaccine it is early days in that phase of the vaccine

rollout and it is, bizarrely, remains UK and Welsh Government policy that pupils from households where a positive case has been identified, but who have themselves tested negative with a Lateral Flow Test, should still attend school. Powys CC is abiding by this policy, although it seems obvious that the policy is encouraging the spread of infection among the school population and their families.

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