

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 9th November 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 R Lewis, Cllr J Fforde and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Francis.

MINUTES: The minutes from October'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. Vice-Chairman Wells reported that the bird seed bin had gone missing from the new play park. Cllr Fforde has a spare bin so offered to donate this, all agreed and thanked him for this donation.

MATTERS ARISING: Clerks review – The National Association of Local Councils has not agreed the pay scales with the unions so this item could not be discussed this month.

POLICE REPORT: The Clerk reported no response had been received from the Police this month, Chairman Brown requested that another email be sent asking for a report or presence at meetings.

PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:

1. **Approved** – Works to trees in a conservation area, The Old Vicarage, Clyro. 21/1540/TRE

SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT: The school has a new website and has asked Cllr Lewis to extend thanks to anyone who donated to the Go Fund Me page over the summer holidays.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

Chairman Brown has been reporting to County Councillor Gibson-Watt regarding the overgrown footpath that runs from the side of the Regent House garage and behind the houses. Chairman Brown thanked County Cllr Gibson-Watt for his continued support to address local issues.

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Play sufficiency assessment – Vice-Chairman Wells explained the assessment that reports that Powys County Council does not have the budget to pay for open spaces for play meaning that local action groups will be encouraged to take responsibility for these spaces. Vice-Chairman Wells will reply to this assessment.
2. Powys Pride – Flyer to be added to the Council website and the Twitter feed
3. Amended version of the model informal resolution protocol – One Voice Wales
4. John and Trish Richardson – Correspondence has been received from John and Trish informing the Community Council that trees in the new play park have grown dramatically. Powys County Council agreed some time ago to coppice hazel trees in the new play park as they are growing over John and Trish’s Garden. This coppicing has not been completed although some trees have been worked on. Vice-Chairman Wells has contacted John Watson from Powys who has asked the Powys Tree section for an update.

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £4,001.45 (on 4th October 2021) Reserve £1,845.35 (on 30th July 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30) and Clerks Salary (£167). These were proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded Cllr Lewis.

AOB: Chairman Brown requested that donations be added to Decembers agenda, Vice-Chairman Wells asked that Cllrs considered suitable avenues for funding including projects, donations etc.

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

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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

Alas, no further news at the moment.

Clyro C in W Primary School and Schools Transformation in Powys

Nothing of note with regard to Clyro School, although there have been significant developments elsewhere in Powys in the schools transformation process during the past month. Powys CC's Independent/Conservative Cabinet has decided to proceed with issuing a closure notice for the closure of Llanfihangel Rhydithon School at Dolau in mid-Radnorshire and this morning (Tuesday) agreed a closure notice for Llanbedr School near Crickhowell. I and my Welsh Liberal Democrat council group strongly oppose these decisions and have argued strongly against them. Our concern is that the Cabinet is proceeding on an 'ad hoc', piecemeal approach without having conducted proper reviews of each secondary school catchment to ascertain the future educational and community requirements in the decades to come. We were promised a strategic approach but have got precisely the opposite. Concerns raised by the council's Learning & Skills Scrutiny Committee about the process and the individual proposals have been ignored. Unfortunately, the Cabinet is empowered to take these decisions without reference to the full County Council. I believe it is likely that both of these decisions may be challenged at Judicial Reviews launched by the schools' support groups.

Planning & Housing

Construction of the new Council houses in Clyro has been significantly delayed by the ongoing supply difficulties in the building industry. For example, the delays in the delivery of the timber cladding meant that scaffolding had to be taken down to allow the groundworks to proceed with the scaffolding having to be re-erected to complete the cladding work. Discussions have taken place with potential tenants, but no information about actual allocations has been released to me yet.

Highways

When approached again by me the area footpath officer accepted that the footpath running from adjacent to Regent House Filling Station, through the field behind the Old Council houses and emerging on to the B4351 is overgrown and is contacting the landowner to arrange for it to be cleared.

No other issues to report.

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

Infection levels across Powys remain high, although less so than in recent months. However, the return of children to school after half term risks a further rise in cases and it is imperative that the vaccination of 12-15 year olds and the booster programme continue as fast as possible. Powys is doing very well with the boosters but it is a race between that programme and the onset of winter to determine whether we can avoid further restrictions during the winter months. As local councillors I believe it is important that we encourage everyone invited to receive their vaccines or boosters to get it without delay.

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