

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at the Village Hall.  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 7pm.

**MINUTES**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Francis, Cllr J Carter, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr V Price, County Councillor Gibson-Watt and PCSO Jackson.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from November'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.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Clerks annual review inc home working annual payment – Chairman Brown relayed that the NALC report that pay scales have not been agreed so after discussion with Vice-Chairman Wells he proposes that the Clerks hourly rate should be increased by 2.75% back dated to the start of November. When pay scales are agreed the hourly rate can be adjusted accordingly. Chairman Brown added to the proposal that the annual homeworking payment of £75 to cover homeworking expenses be paid. Vice Chairman Wells seconded this proposal and all Cllrs agreed. Chairman Brown thanked the Clerk for her work this year.
2. Active Travel – a request has come from Hay Town Council to set up a meeting with representatives from Clyro CC to discuss a cycle route between Hay and Clyro. Vice-Chairman Wells and Cllr Morgan expressed an interest, and it was suggested that Maggie Kerr also be invited as an interested resident.
3. Donations – Chairman Brown opened a discussion regarding donations, Cllr Fforde has a proposal for traffic calming so proposed that donations be minimised to allow for this project to get up and running. Cllr Fforde has spoken to Winforton Parish Council who share their equipment with Whitney and Eardisley. They manage it very well and it does not cost as much compared to what we were quoted sometime ago. Cllr Fforde wants to take this forward as for Clyro residents the speed of traffic going through the village is the biggest complaint that he hears. Chairman Brown agreed with this statement. Cllr Bate offered his help as he has had experience within this

area of work. Cllr Fforde will gather more information to bring to the meeting next month. Vice-Chairman Wells also proposed that donations be directed to the new play park to enhance the area. Chairman Brown proposed donating £250 to Dial-a-Ride, discussion ensued regarding what should the precept money be used for? Cllr Morgan added that if charities wrote and requested donations then each request could be discussed as it arises. It was agreed by all present that going forward the Community Council who are very aware and grateful that local charities do a lot of good for the community will accept requests for donations and decide on a case-by-case system.

4. New Play Park update – Vice-Chairman Wells reported that the trees coppicing has started at the new play park and that the bird food bin has been found.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Quad theft from Glasbury – fortunately the owner saw them, gave details to Police and we were able to follow them, and then WMP arrested persons and recovered the bikes. The same night a break in at a container in Glasbury which back onto the river but were not able to take the quad.
- Please be aware of fraud text where they say they are family and need money. Another fraud call is saying your router is out of date and then wish to gain access to your computer.
- Suspicious activity by a courier in Glasbury whereby a female driver went around the property on foot, but nothing was delivered or taken.
- 25 sheep stolen from The Begwns.
- 4 large crosses placed on a drive in Llyswen where they run a business and have machinery, but no incidents.
- Suspicious vehicle in Gwenddwr, said they were rabbiting. Partial index YS04 being a Ford Ranger Silver and Black.
- There was also a break in at the units at Clifford on 6<sup>th</sup> December where 2 camper vans were stolen. The toll bridge was also broken into, and money and CCTV stolen. This is WMP area, but the perpetrators made off in the Hay direction.

**PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:**

1. **Application:** Works to a tree in a conservation area, Waverleigh, Clyro, HR3 5SE. 21/2107/TRE  
**Update:** Consent given
2. **Application:** Change of use of existing annex to holiday let, Hendom Barn, Clyro, HR3 5JX. 21/2015/FUL – no comments
3. **Approved:** 21/0277/HH Mill Cottage, Clyro. Erection of an annex for living accommodation.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE** (incl):

1. Hay Parkrun – volunteers required.
2. Elections expenses – May 2022
3. Precept – 2022-23 – The Community Council agreed to keep the precept the same as last year. £7.86 per elector. Vice-Chairman Wells proposed this, and Cllr Fforde seconded.

**FINANCIAL:** Bank balances: Current £4,001.45 (on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021) Reserve £1,845.41 (on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30), Clerks homeworking annual payment £75 and Clerks Salary (£167).

**AOB:** Cllr Fforde, as already discussed in the donations section, proposes that Clyro Community Council gets traffic calming equipment installed and maintained over the next two years. It is a four piece plan that will include, white gates that highlight the entrances to the village (as shown in Whitney), Billy and Belinda, bollards that look like children, SID cameras and red asphalt with 40mph written on the road. Cllr Fforde believes that Clyro need to get on with this on their own and not involve other local councils.

Chairman Brown shared a letter that he had received from Mr D Hood reporting that the path from the village across the green and into the Church yard needed repair. Vice-Chairman Wells, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Fforde volunteered to repair it.

Mr B Morgan has approached Vice-Chairman Wells asking about the Queen's Platinum jubilee, he is happy to help if the Community Council want to hold an event. The Clerk will contact both the Village Hall Committee and School to see if they have any plans.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

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

(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

## Appendix A

### **CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

14/12/21

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

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

Following questions from my colleagues Cllrs Gareth Ratcliffe and William Powell, who are governors at the school, the Council's Cabinet member for education has now admitted that no further progress has been made on developing a scheme to improve or replace the school buildings at Gwernyfed HS, either on-site or on a new site. Apparently the work on a plan will resume shortly. This is very disappointing. Members will recall that a scheme under the Welsh Government's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme, including the replacement of some of the current classroom blocks, was agreed several years' ago, but which was set aside some time ago in favour of developing a new scheme on a new site, as yet unidentified. It appears that the prospect of seeing much-needed improvements or a new school are some way off.

#### **Clyro C in W Primary School and Schools Transformation in Powys**

With regard to Clyro School the main concern is the level of Covid-19 infection among staff and pupils, a problem that has afflicted most schools in the county. Three schools in Powys have had to close over recent weeks due to the number of staff having to self-isolate. Hopefully the Christmas holidays will help to reduce infection levels across all schools. One other development, under questioning from me the Council's Cabinet member for schools has revealed that he views the ideal primary school size as being one of 210 pupils. This does rather call in to question the future of the whole current primary school network in Powys under his stewardship, should he continue in that role after the May 2022 council elections.

#### **Planning & Housing**

As previously reported, construction of the new Council houses in Clyro has been significantly delayed by the ongoing supply difficulties in the building industry. I still have not received any further information about the tenancy allocations, although I know that some, or possibly all, have been allocated.

#### **Highways**

Recent wet weather has revealed some storm water drainage problems that need resolving, about which I am liaising with the highways depot at Boughrood. No other issues to report.

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

Infection levels across Powys remain high, With the spread of the new Omicron variant it is imperative that the vaccination and booster programmes continue as fast as possible. Powys is doing very well with the boosters but it is a race between that programme and the new variant 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. Although the NHS booster booking website crashed yesterday under the strain, I managed to book an appointment for my son later in the day for later this week, following a lengthy wait on-line.

Finally, just to say, Happy Christmas one and all!

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