

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 11th January 2022, 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Gibson-Watt.

MINUTES: The minutes from December'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. Clyro Traffic Calming update – Cllr Fforde has sent a detailed proposal to all Cllrs. He asked for interested Cllrs to let him know if they would like to form a subcommittee and get the ball rolling on this project. Chairman Brown agreed that this was the way forward. Chairman Brown thanked Cllr Fforde for his work on this project.
2. Village Green path repair – Vice-Chairman Wells – Weather and Christmas held the repairs up; Vice Chairman Wells has planned to do the work on Saturday weather permitting.
3. Queens Jubilee Platinum Celebrations – Vice Chairman Wells proposes asking the Church if projection mapping could be used to light the Church tower using the Queens jubilee logo to mark the Platinum Jubilee. He also introduced the ideas of naming the new play park The Platinum Play Park, planting some trees or lighting a beacon to coincide with the national beacon event. Cllr Bate informed the Council that there is an official beacon going on the Begwyns.

GOVERNORS REPORT: The children returned to school on the 10th of January, later than planned due to the Welsh Government allowing two days for COVID planning and one day online learning. The school is back in its two-bubble formation and there are no extracurricular activities currently. The Governors are nearly back in financial control of the school.

PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:

1. **Application:** New replacement 4-bedroom eco dwelling together with the retention of the existing farmhouse in order to allow for its continued occupation but as holiday accommodation, as a farm diversification project and demolition of barns. Lower Noyadd, Clyro, HR3 5JS. Ref [21/2118/FUL](#) – Discussion ensued with Cllrs unanimously agreeing that this application is not in keeping with the rural area, existing buildings could be used rather than demolishing and building a large modern new build. Vice Chairman Wells proposed that Cllr Fforde write a reply to Powys stating the Councils views on this application, all Cllrs voted and agreed to this proposal.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Audit result – Chairman Brown explained that the auditors found no matters of concern. The Clerk was thanked for her endeavours.
2. Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025
3. [Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales: evidence review | GOV.WALES](#)
[Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement with councillors: survey of public attitudes | GOV.WALES](#)
4. Powys Replacement Local Development Plan Draft Delivery Agreement
5. General power of competence, Clerks' qualifications
6. Neighbourhood planning, Clifford - <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory-record/3045/clifford-neighbourhood-development-plan>

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £2,608.57 (on 3rd December 2021) Reserve £1,845.41 (on 30th November 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30), HMRC (£125.20) and Clerks Salary (£167). Cllr Fforde proposed, and Cllr Carter seconded these payments.

AOB: Chairman Brown reported that the unions have still not agreed the pay deal for Clerks. He has contacted our payroll providers who are increasing the Clerks rate by 2.75% from November 2021, as agreed at the Community Councils December meeting. Vice Chairman Wells has some resident feedback from Mr Morgan he will forward this to Cllr Fforde as it is to do with the traffic calming measures.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

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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

Still no fresh news on this. I suspect nothing will emerge now until after the next Council elections in May.

Clyro C in W Primary School and Schools Transformation in Powys

With the new term having only just started it is too early to say how big an impact pupils' return will have on Covid-19 transmission levels locally. But the schools have all made through preparations for the return of pupils, so I am hopeful that all will be able to remain open, albeit with operational restrictions in place.

Planning & Housing

My meeting with the Head of Planning has yet to take place, but I will be inviting him to attend a Welsh Lib Dem Group meeting as part of the Council's budget round to gain his assessment of whether the draft proposals for his department's budget in 2022/23 will enable him to make the improvements so desperately needed in the Powys planning system.

Progress on the new housing adjacent to Castle Estate appears to have stalled and I am urgently seeking an update from Simone Hodges about future timescales etc.

Highways

I think the draft report on traffic calming proposals submitted to the council by Cllr Fforde has much to commend it and I will do whatever I can to assist the council in pursuing the measures it chooses.

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

Infection levels across Powys remain high, but it is possible that Welsh Covid-19 restrictions might be eased from next week. Given the almost universal spread of the Omicron variant it is now being questioned how effective restrictions are in limiting its spread and it is possible we may be over the peak of the 'wave'.

Finally, just to say, Happy New Year one and all!