

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Informal meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 12th July 2022, 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr V Price and County Cllr Gibson-Watt

IN ATTENDANCE: L Cooper, C Smith, D Hood, Y Hood and B Morgan.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Cllr Brock asked about the defibrillator and its maintenance schedule. The Clerk explained that she attends to it monthly and records it on "The Circuit", Cllr Brock noted the cobwebs in the box, the Clerk will clean the cobwebs away. Cllr Brock asked if she could put some signage around the village to ensure that residents know where it is located. All agreed that this was a good idea and Cllr Brock will action this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Fforde motioned for an opportunity for public comment to be added at this point of the agenda, he explained that Hay Town council use this time to allow for members of the public to raise issues without necessarily staying for the whole meeting. L Cooper requested introductions to new Cllrs that he hadn't met before, Chairman Fforde duly introduced all new members.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Co-option of Cllrs – Carla Smith gave the Community Council a statement about herself and her hope that by becoming a Community Cllr she can help the local Community of Clyro. Chairman Fforde proposed and Vice-Chairman seconded the co-option of Carla to the Community Council, all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Bate reported that John Sly is keen to be co-opted so will attend next month. Vice-Chairman Wells told the Community Council that Trish Richardson is very happy to help with Community Council activities but can't be on the Council at this time.
2. Village Hall update – Cllr Brock informed the meeting that the diocese had held the meeting to discuss the lease of the village hall, no information had come from it yet. A pop-up pub has been arranged for July, leaflets have been distributed and feedback is positive. The Baskerville Arms have offered help in the form of loan of glasses if required.
3. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route – Chairman Fforde asked for opinion on the flyer that will be sent out regarding the questionnaire. Cllr Brock suggested asking the garage if they could have paper copies for residents to collect. Chairman Fforde will ask. Cllr Morgan requested that to ensure that all residents can take part the "paper copies available" be made more prominent. The QR code that is quite big might put people off straight away. Chairman Fforde will re jig the flyer and send it out to Cllrs. Chairman Fforde and Vice-Chairman Wells attended the Hay Town Council meeting to discuss the cycle track between Clyro and Hay. They received a positive welcome and a useful discussion was had.
4. Clyro bus stop – Chairman Fforde gave new Cllrs the background of this historical problem, he thanked Brian Morgan who got together a dossier of minutes from 1982 that details the times that the Community Council have tried to resolve this issue.

Bollards have been suggested but Chairman Fforde who has observed the buses entering the bus stop and thinks that a bollard would make it very difficult for buses to enter the area. Chairman Fforde proposed asking the Police to watch the bus stop to stop drivers using it as a short cut. Cllr Brock asked about a barrier that the bus driver only could lower the barrier to enter the bus stop, Chairman Fforde explained that this would solve the problem, but it would be too costly for this little used bus stop. The clerk has contacted Lyn Parry, Powys Highways, who agrees that this has been brought to him before and as it is not an adopted road the legal implications are not clear, he has contacted the land registry to determine the ownership of the land. Discussion ensued around deterrents that could be employed to stop drivers entering the bus stop. Cllr Bates said that he thinks the only way to stop it is by getting the road adopted as a highway therefore making it illegal for anything other than buses using the bus stop to enter the area. Vice-Chairman Wells added that whilst the Community Council can keep requesting the road to be adopted it would be good to add some signage to deter drivers. Chairman Fforde felt that Powys will not listen to letters as this has been tried in the past. Cllr Bate proposed that it should be on the agenda every month and a letter will be sent regularly until something is done. Cllr Bate agreed to write a formal letter and Vice-Chairman Wells will sort some signage. All agreed to these being actioned.

5. Settlement Audit – Powys CC – Chairman Fforde has filled out the audit form, he asked for any comments from Cllrs. Cllr Morgan flagged some mistakes on the spreadsheet that had been sent from Powys, e.g., the number of employers employing 5 or more people the spreadsheet states 200 employers, this is not correct. Chairman Fforde will check and feedback the errors.

POLICE REPORT: See Appendix B

GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Brock has completed her DBS form and will attend the next Governors.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. [Shaping Wales' Future: Using National Milestones to measure our Nation's progress \(wave two\)](#) - Consultation asking people to comment on the Shaping Wales Future document.
2. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils – Annual report – The clerk will get this report up and running. Cllr Morgan picked up that an annual training plan for Cllrs is required. Heath checks to ensure that all financial and statutory decisions are being carried out correctly through the year. Chairman Fforde will have a look at these areas this month.
3. Wales Air Ambulance – Thank you letter for the donation given.
4. Ballot paper for Cllr to serve on the PCC standards community sub-committee – A paper copy of this ballot paper was circulated and discussed. Chairman Fforde asked for a volunteer to complete this form, Cllr Smith offered, and all agreed to this.
5. Local Places for Nature Officer – Vice-Chairman Wells explained how Local Places for Nature had helped Clyro out with various projects in the new play area, it was agreed that the officer should be invited to a meeting in the future.

6. Powys County Council/Town and Community Council meeting 14th July 6pm, via TEAMS. – The clerk will send invitations out, Chairman Fforde will attend and if any other Cllrs can attend, they will.

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £2,862.03 (on 1st June 2022) Reserve £1,845.92 (on 30th June 2022). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30), Internal Auditor, R Davies (£25), postage, D Workman (£9.15), HMRC (£128.60) and Clerks Salary (£171.54). The clerk has requested that Ex-Cllr Brown be removed as a signatory and Chairman Fforde added. Vice-Chairman Wells proposed the payments and Cllr Bate seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

AOB: Mrs Y Hood brought a request to the Community Council on behalf of the WI, all WIs are being asked to put together a floral display encompassing a purple heart to raise awareness of climate change. The WI would like to put the flowers on the village green by the information boards. Mrs Hood has asked Ian, who mows the village green, and he is quite happy if the Community Council are. Vice-Chairman Wells asked who will be maintaining the feature, Mrs Hood said that the WI will maintain it. Chairman Fforde proposed and Cllr Bate seconded this proposal. All Cllrs agreed this was a lovely request and look forward to seeing the finished display. Chairman Fforde would also like to thank Ian for mowing the grass on the village green, he will compose a letter.

Vice-Chairman Wells requested that Cllrs have their photo on the website to help residents know who the Community Council are. All agreed to this request.

The clerk conveyed Hilary Browns thanks on behalf of the Church for the War Memorial flowers.

Cllr Bate reported that a meeting has been held regarding the traffic lights near Whitney toll bridge, a contractor has been found so the work will start soon.

B Morgan asked if anyone knew why the traffic monitoring lines have been put down in the village. D Hood asked and was told that there had been complaints about the speed of traffic through the village. Discussion led back to the bus stop issue and Vice-Chairman Wells explained that there are a lot of drivers that enter the bus stop when they shouldn't. Chairman Fforde asked that if residents witness drivers going over the bus stop they should report it to the police using either 101 or www.dyfed-powys.police.uk.

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend council meetings and to contribute at the end of business. Minutes and agenda available on request. Also displayed on website www.clyro.org

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Cllr J Fforde, Chairman)

Appendix A

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12/7/22

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

Members will recall that I reported in my previous report that the new Administration in Powys is reviewing the Schools Transformation strategy started by the previous Administration; and that this will include looking again at the original re-development scheme agreed for the Gwernyfed High School campus but abandoned by the previous

Cabinet. I have now asked for a report to come to Cabinet on this issue, as part of our wider discussions about the future shape of the school's transformation programme in the county.

Clyro C in W Primary School and Schools Transformation in Powys

No particular issues to report with regard to Clyro School.

More generally, it is becoming increasingly clear that the impact of the pandemic on children and young people's well-being was more significant than at first anticipated. This in turn has fed through to increased difficulties with pupil behaviours and ability to learn, especially in the secondary sector, meaning that increased support for pupils has been required in many instances. The shadow cast by Covid-19 is long and this in turn will have an influence on consideration of future proposals for school's rationalisation.

Planning & Housing

A completion date for the new estate has now been set for 29th July, with the first tenants due to move in in early August.

Highways

No major issues to report.

Covid-19

Covid-19 has definitely not gone away and infection rates remain at concerning levels. No doubt the summer shows and events will increase the risk of infection spread, although no special provisions at events such as the Royal Welsh Show are apparently required. When asked I advise people to exercise great caution when mixing in crowded indoor situations.

The Progressive Partnership for Powys

As previously reported, I was elected as Leader of the County Council at its AGM in May and have formed a partnership Administration between the Welsh Liberal Democrat (24) and Welsh Labour (9) groups, with the support of Powys's lone Green councillor. Although much of the work so far has involved 'taking stock' of the situation in many areas of the council's services, Cabinet has already decided to delay the closure of two schools previously due to close in August this year (Llanbedr and Dolau) for one year, pending further work to be carried out on the future shape of their respective clusters, before final decisions are made on the schools' futures when we have the information required. This delivers on the policy I and my colleagues promoted in the run up the election – that we would not close a school without first carrying out a review of the secondary school cluster it lies in, not least to avoid the risk of moving pupils to other schools that may subsequently be required to close!

Proud Powys

I am pleased to say that we have also found time to decide that Powys CC should join the network of Welsh local authorities that commit themselves to support and remove all discrimination against LGBTQ+ people in their areas and share best practice to achieve that. Powys CC is the first rural Welsh council to become a Proud council, all the others thus far being urban, South Wales ones.

Appendix B

CRIME AND INCIDENT REPORT FOR HAY ON WYE POLICING AREA – JUNE 2022

90 calls – 1 to 22 June 2022

ASB and criminal damage reports at **Talgarth** Hospital

Suspected theft of lead at old **Talgarth** School reported 22 June

Theft of a dumper belonging to W W Bowen from **Talgarth** Car Park on the weekend of 11/12 June

Suspicious Activity of 2 males knocking at a residential property in **Talgarth** at 20:45 at night enquiring about internet, resident was an elderly female. Occurred on 9 June

Lion Garage, Forest Road, **Hay** – catalytic converter cut from vehicle – reported 19 June
Dolycannau, **Kington** – dwelling burglary 6/7 June and on 19 June a caravan was stolen from the property – suspected arrested

Forest Road, **Hay** – dwelling burglary at midday on 16 June – no one resident but CCTV shows 2 persons making a search in the property from room to room, nothing taken

Warren Lane, **Hay** – 2 lorries had diesel stolen by means of drilling into the tanks

Cinema Book Shop, **Hay** – criminal damage to vehicle by means of spray-painting headlights

BT Exchange, **Hay** – suspicious activity – reported by witness of van loading equipment, but BT engineer spoken to on site who did not witness

Hay Distillery, **Hay** – during Pride event, numerous bottles of alcohol were stolen from the shelves

Fraud by means of iTunes – whereby you are asked to purchase a large amount of iTunes i.e. £300 worth.

Fraud by means of Sextortion – whereby you are requested by an unknown party to pay them a sum of money or they will forward indecent pictures of you to various contacts in your address book.

As most of you in the Hay area are aware, the Police Station at Hay has suffered criminal damage by means of smashing most of the windows in the building, substantial damage to the bike in the garage and damaging the gas supply/meter at the property.

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