

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

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: PCSO Davies and County Cllr Gibson-Watt

IN ATTENDANCE: T Richardson and B Morgan.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chairman Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Village Hall update – Cllr Brock reported that the water issues are now sorted with just a few small jobs to complete the repair. The kitchen refurbishment is also nearly completed. The September pop-up pub was again a great success, and a Halloween special is being planned for the last Friday in October. Cllr Brock has met with Trish Richardson as planned to discuss the Warm Space Scheme; they decided that a pop-up café would be a good starting point for the Village Hall. Now they are looking into grants and volunteers.
2. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route – Chairman Fforde suggested forming a sub-committee to go through the survey results and collate them. Vice-Chairman Wells, Cllr Smith and Cllr Bate volunteered to help with this. Chairman Fforde and Vice-Chairman Wells informed the Community Council that there are some interesting comments that will be looked at in detail by the sub-committee.
3. Bus stop update – Cllr Bate requested the details of the Powys Highways officer that the Community Council has had correspondence, the Clerk will forward the details to him.

Improvements to shelter - Trish Richardson shared some photos of the bus shelter after she and her husband John had given it a spring clean. Trish is now asking for books to go in the shelter. B Morgan added that some years ago there was talks of painting a mural involving the young people of Clyro, he will have a look for information. Vice-Chairman Wells extended the Community Councils thanks to Trish and John for starting this new venture.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Davies is on annual leave so could not attend. She sent her apologies to the meeting

PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:

1. **Application:** Creation of dropped kerb, 9 Begwyns Bluff HR3 5SR, reference 22/1281/HH – The Community Council discussed this application and has no comments to make.
2. **Approved:** Bryn-y-Garth, erection of lean-to animal shelter, 22/0080/FUL

GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Brock attended her first meeting; it involved the delegation of areas of responsibility and as they are short of Governors it means that the Governors that are in post have more areas of responsibility than they usually would. The new curriculum for Wales is coming in so a teacher from the school will be giving a presentation at the next meeting. Cllr Brock said what a lovely school it is and how hard everyone works to make it that way.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (*incl*):

1. Public participation strategy, Chairman Fforde encouraged all Cllrs to take part. <https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/public-participation-strategy>
2. The Queens Green Canopy – Memorial tree planting, Vice Chairman Wells explained the pros and cons of planting sapling trees, he offered a tree that is substantial so as not too small to get damaged accidentally. He proposed the new play park as a location and Chairman Fforde proposed in the middle of the green in front of the Regent House garage. Vice-Chairman Wells will investigate the areas.
3. Stroke services, have your say. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/hereford-stroke>

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £3,001.94 (on 2nd September 2022) Reserve £1846.07 (on 29th July 2022). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30) HMRC (£128.80) and Clerks Salary (£171.54). Chairman Fforde proposed and Vice-Chairman Wells seconded these payments, all agreed.

Vice-Chairman Wells proposed the upgrade of the broadband with BT as the contract is up for renewal. It is a 60-month contract and costs £33.54 per month. Cllr Brock seconded this proposal, and all agreed to this monthly payment.

AOB: Vice-Chairman Wells reminded the meeting that the Community Council still had two vacant seats, he asked both members of the public if they would consider joining, B Morgan declined and T Richardson said that she would like to join the Community Council, Chairman Fforde proposed that T Richardson should be co-opted onto the Community Council, Cllr Brock seconded this, and all agreed to welcome Trish Richardson as a Community Councillor.

Cllr Richardson commented on how lovely the WI flowers looked on the village green, she also reported that the paths on the new play park are not in a good state. Vice-Chairman Wells will contact Powys to see if they will help with the repairs.

Chairman Fforde asked if the Community Council wanted to continue the tradition of purchasing a Royal British Legion wreath for £50 that includes a donation. Chairman Fforde proposed and Vice-Chairman Wells seconded this proposal and all agreed.

Chairman Fforde shared the words that will be sent to all planning applications to inform applicants that the application will be discussed at the monthly meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

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 10/10/22

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

As previously reported, the physical condition of some of the school buildings remain an increasing source of concern, despite Powys CC spending significant amounts of money making good defects in the buildings during the summer months. I have now asked that the plans, agreed a few years' ago but alas abandoned by Powys County Council's previous Cabinet, for the redevelopment of the campus under the Welsh Government's 21c Schools Programme be revisited with a view to them being potentially revived. I will report further in due course, although I must stress that the current severe financial pressure the Council is under means all future capital projects are in a period of uncertainty.

Clyro C in W Primary School and Schools Transformation in Powys

No particular issues to report with regard to Clyro School.

Planning & Housing

Residents are now in the new Council houses and flats adjacent to Castle Estate, and I have received good reports of their initial experience of living there.

Highways

No particular issues to report at present.

Covid-19 and Winter 'Flu

The booster vaccination programme is continuing at pace in Powys and the continued prevalence of the virus re-inforces how important that programme is, as is the annual 'flu vaccination programme, which is being run alongside it.

The Progressive Partnership for Powys

Intensive discussions with council officers with regard to preparing a draft budget for 2023/24 continue and it is clear that the effects of approx. 10% general inflation and consequent pay settlements for council staff and teachers, sharply-increased demand for some services, especially social care, in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and the financial turmoil resulting from the political turmoil at Westminster, which is pushing up borrowing costs, mean that some very unpalatable and far-reaching decisions may be forced upon the county council. Fundamental change in the way the county council operates and services delivered will be needed. Protecting front-line services and the most vulnerable during the coming months remains the Partnership's top priority while keeping within a balanced budget

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