

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 8th November 2022, 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Bate, Cllr Price, PCSO Davies and County Cllr Gibson-Watt

IN ATTENDANCE: B Morgan and M Smith.

MINUTES: The minutes from October'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 first pop-up café was held and around 15 people attended, she was very pleased that people came, and residents donated cakes. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the pop-up café or donate cakes, biscuits or beverage items Cllr Brock can be contacted on 07792603730. The New Year Eve pop-up pub will be a ticketed event with live band.
2. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route – Chairman Fforde shared some of the results from the survey that has been completed. Within the other comments Chairman Fforde found that the most mentioned concerns were, “unsafe footway on B4351”, “if the B4351 is widened traffic may become dangerous”, “make the 40mph through the village a 30mph”, “stop drivers driving over the bus stop”, “speeding on Painscastle road after Begwyns Bluff”, “speed signs definitely needed”, “Bronydd and Llowes to be included in all plans”, “better School crossing”, “better street lighting”, “Police don't enforce the speed limit”, “hate the white railings”, “really don't like the child bollards” and “better bus services”. The sub-committee concluded that “the level of engagement with the survey was impressive and it is clear that Clyro residents take local issues seriously and are happy to have their views sought and are particularly concerned over road safety in and around the village. The suggestion regarding a new footway/cycle path alongside the B4351 seems to have very large public support within the Clyro Community as does speeding issues on the A438, of the methods to calm traffic the speed indicator device coming in first, white gates second and child shaped bollards third.” The sub-committee agreed that the suggested actions from the survey would be to focus on two specific areas. A) although the Clyro Community Council as a public body cannot itself build a new footway/cycle path alongside the B4351 to Hay the Councils lobbying power on behalf of the residents should be used to its fullest extent to facilitate this project. It was further noted that many local parishes have muted similar plans so our efforts may become a blueprint for other parishes to instigate similar projects and that footways/cycle paths a much-

needed public resource with attendant environmental and health benefits. B) Speeding on the A438 was clearly an issue but of the calming methods suggested it was thought that energy should be focussed on a speed indicator device with other calming methods to be reappraised at a later date. Chairman Fforde proposed forming a sub-committee to push these suggestions forward. Suggestions were made to meet at 6pm before the monthly meeting, Cllr Smith, Cllr Morgan and Vice-Chairman Wells along with Chairman Fforde agreed to form this sub-committee. Cllr Richardson asked how many surveys were completed in paper form as there are a lot of people who are not online, these people won't see the results online. Chairman Fforde will put some hard copies in the village hall. Cllr Richardson suggested signage to inform residents of the developments including Llowes and Bronydd. Cllr Richardson and Cllr Brock agreed to deliver the survey to both areas. Cllr Morgan expressed thanks to all concerned as the survey has opened new conversations with residents and sparked interest. Full survey report can be requested by contacting the clerk at clyroclerk@gmail.com or on 07967027486.

3. Bus stop update – Mural, Chairman Fforde contacted County Cllr Gibson-Watts who gave contacts for this area, Chairman Fforde will report back next month. Cllr Richardson offered to take the mural project on, Chairman Fforde agreed so he will forward the information to her. Cllr Richardson relayed a public suggestion of adding some planters outside the bus stop, she will look this suggestion in the spring. The books are proving popular, people are donating and borrowing as was hoped.
4. Councillor training – the Clerk requested that Cllrs enrol on courses, Cllr Smith, Chairman Fforde and Vice-Chairman Fforde applied to go on a course each.
5. Clerks annual review – Chairman Fforde began a discussion around the pay scales this proved difficult as the Community Council didn't know where the Clerk position sits on the scales. Cllr Morgan offered to find out how the pay scales work and report back next month. The working from home payment, £75 was proposed by Chairman Fforde and seconded by Cllr Brock. All in favour.

POLICE REPORT: The PCSO's for our area are offering to visit a meeting and/or talk about crime prevention. The Community Council agreed that it would be beneficial to meet the PCSO's and a crime prevention talk would be useful to have at the pop-up café. The Clerk will go back to them with these suggestions.

PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:

1. **Application:** Copper beech tree to be felled in conservation area, Rose Cottage, Clyro, Hereford HR3 5RZ, application ref: 22/1788/TRE – *this application could not be found on the Powys planning portal.*
2. **Approved:** Demolition of existing timber conservatory and erection of two storey extension Pantycae, Whitney-On-Wye, Hereford, HR3 6JU. 22/1352/HH

GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Brock reported that a meeting between the Governors and parents is scheduled for November 29th.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Public information – Welsh Government Fuel Support Scheme <https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/8b2d05c1-609c-490f-a454-67fdfa8014e8/assetbox.html> - Public information
2. Replacement LDP candidate sites <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12866/Replacement-Local-Development-Plan-2022---2037> - Public information
3. Save Welsh Air Ambulance Welshpool Base - <https://savemidwalesbase.co.uk> Cllr Richardson will have a look at this and report back to Chairman Fforde. The consensus was that the Community Council would not be happy if the base was not going to be replaced by an equivalent service.
4. Powys County Council, cost of living hub - www.powys.gov.uk/costofliving - Public information
5. [Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2023](#)

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) PAVO inv 1684 (£30) One Voice Wales training inv 6501 (£35) Sundries, printer ink (£18.99) and Clerks Salary (£171.74). Chairman Fforde proposed, and Cllr Brock seconded these payments, all agreed.

AOB: Chairman Fforde has contacts within Powys with whom he is requesting the permission to plant sweet chestnut trees on the green in front of the Regent house garage. These need to be planted by the end of March in readiness for the Coronation.

Cllr Richardson brought to the meeting a query from a resident regarding the ownership of the field behind the village hall. The Community Council would signpost the resident to the land registry. The new development main roadside has a pile of rubbish that has been left since the start of the building. Cllr Richardson will send a photo to Chairman Fforde who will correspond with Powys to get it cleared.

M Smith reported that he uses the foot way to Hay once a week and finds it of very poor quality and in need of improvement.

The meeting was closed at 8.12pm.

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

Appendix A

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8/11/22

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

Further reports on the condition of the school buildings are expected soon; and the formal report from Estyn on the recent Inspection of the school is also expected shortly.

Clyro C in W Primary School and Schools Transformation in Powys

Council will be aware that there has been a recent reduction in the number of pupils in the school, meaning the school has moved to three classes. Pupil number reductions will have an impact on the school's delegated budget position next year.

Planning & Housing

No particular issues to report.

Highways

Recent heavy rain has caused some localised flooding problems, especially of roads where leaves and debris have blocked the storm drains, but I have not received any reports of serious problems in the Clyro council area. However, I now carry a spade and wellies in my car in case they are required to clear drains!

Covid-19 and Winter 'Flu

Although reported Covid-19 virus infections are reported to be reducing, it is still causing significant illness in some of those who contract it. This re-inforces the need for people to accept their booster vaccine (although I completely understand why some are reluctant to do so) and also the seasonal 'flu vaccine.

The Progressive Partnership for Powys

As previously reported intensive discussions with council officers about the preparation of a draft budget for 2023/24 continue. Great uncertainty remains while we await the UK Chancellor's autumn statement on the 17th November, as there are fears that the Welsh Government's 2023/24 Block Grant from Westminster will be cut in real terms, a cut that may be passed on to public authorities and local government. This would make even worse the continuing impact of 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 pushing up borrowing costs. It is increasingly-likely that some very

unpalatable decisions may be forced upon the county council while we lay the ground for making fundamental change in the way the county council operates and services are delivered in future. Protecting front-line services and the most vulnerable remains the council's Progressive Partnership's top priority while keeping within a balanced budget.

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