

MEETING OF

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

7pm on TUESDAY 11th October 2016

in the Village Hall, Clyro

MINUTES

216 **PRESENT:** Cllr B Morgan (Chairman), Cllr D Hood (Vice Chairman), Cllr V Price, Cllr J Fforde, Cllr P Bate, Cllr E Brown & County Councillor J Gibson-Watt. Cllr Carter was in attendance for the last ten minutes of the meeting.

217 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Trish Richardson and Mr Tom Fairfield

218 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Cllr Thomas & Cllr Carter

219 **MINUTES:** The Minutes for the September meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

220 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Hood declared his interest in the planning application

221 **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations Cllr B Morgan (Chairman) who pointed out all fire exits.

PLANNING MATTERS:

P/2016/0965 Bridge Stores & Post Office, Clyro

Full: change of commercial premises to residential

Cllr Hood left the meeting whilst the planning application was discussed. Plans shown for conversion of the old Post Office to a small annexe to the house comprising of a mezzanine floor with kitchen and bathroom. All were in favour and it was recorded that Cllr Carter was in favour although her vote could not be counted as she was not in attendance at the meeting. No objections.

Cllr Hood rejoined the meeting.

222 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:

(a) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Cllr Morgan confirmed that the assets were fine apart from the benches which the Council have agreed to replace (see below).

(b) **BENCHES TO BE REPLACED:** Cllr Morgan had been to the Old Railway Line Nursery for a to look at benches and these were displayed. It was agreed and proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Fforde to purchase two Alexander Rose 4ft Cornis St George benches at a cost of £249 per bench. Cllr Morgan will try to negotiate a further discount on this price. Cllr Hood requested that the two benches being replaced be delivered to him and he would try to refurbish them so that they could be utilised elsewhere in the village.

223 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including:**
SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Cllr Brown reported that at the recent AGM of the Governing Body of Clyro Church in Wales Primary School Mrs Mari Fforde was elected Vice Chair and Governors

were delighted that she accepted this role. At the same meeting Mrs Lesley Sly started her term of office as a Local Authority governor. A full list of governors appears on the school website.

Everyone was placed at the news that Gwernyfed High School seems to have been saved from closure. As mentioned previously this has had an adverse effect on the pupil numbers and to compensate the school has mounted a recruitment drive which has been well advertised. If anybody knows of any potential new pupils it was requested that they speak with Mrs Groves.

More good news concerning the new school. Planning was recently approved and building is expected to start in Spring 2017 with a completion date of January 2018. A parents meeting was held yesterday (Monday, 10th October) and plans can be viewed on the Powys County Council website under planning reference P/2016/0802. It is proposed that the primary school be moved to the grounds of Clyro Court whilst the building is underway, but this has yet to be confirmed.

The school is currently looking at ways of raising external funds to supplement the ever stretched budget and any ideas would be appreciated.

Finally, the Harvest Festival Service will be at St Michaels Church on Friday, October 21st at 2pm – all contributions will be donated to a local charity and all are, as always, welcome.

224 **POLICE REPORT:** The Police report (item 13 below) was displayed for September 2016 (this is available upon request). There were 161 calls received that required attendance from the Police and 47 recorded crimes in the Hay policing area between 1st and 30th September.

225 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** This was displayed and is also available upon request. County Councillor Gibson-Watt reported that Powys County Council have confirmed that they are abandoning proposals to close Gwernyfed and Brecon High Schools. Plans are in place to re-site Clyro Primary School in temporary demountable units whilst the new school is constructed from half-term in February 2017. Boundaries are being established which will increase the playing area at the side of Kilvert View and the new fence will hopefully be constructed in the New Year. County Councillor Gibson-Watt will be meeting with Powys County Council to discuss parking issues in Clyro and he confirmed that he will once again request a flashing speed awareness sign be erected in Clyro as previously discussed. Finally he confirmed that it appeared that the new Post Office arrangement in the Village Hall appeared to be working well. Cllr Hood suggested that more signage would be helpful and also more advertising which was agreed.

Cllr Morgan said that the overhanging branches on the pavement approaching the school were still a problem and Cllr Price said again about the hedges protruding into the road on the way to Painscastle. County Councillor Gibson-Watt said he would chase these matters once again. Cllr Brown said he would like to congratulate County Councillor Gibson-Watt for getting the broken manhole cover repaired.

226 **CORRESPONDENCE:** (*incl*)

1. The 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – initial proposals (post) – the Clerk summarised this and Cllr Fforde requested that the link be sent to him.
2. Hay & District Dial-a-Ride application for financial support (post) – it was agreed that in line with past years a donation of £100 would be made to this valuable service. Proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Morgan.
3. Letter from Chris Davies MP regarding Type 1 Diabetes (post) – this was summarised by the Clerk and the enclosed posters were taken by Cllr Brown to be displayed at the primary school as they were aimed at children. Cllr Morgan also requested that the link be sent to him.
4. Letter from The Pensions Regulator (post) – it was agreed that the Clerk would refer this to PAVO as they deal with payroll on behalf of the Council.
5. HAGS brochure (post) – this was taken by Cllr Brown.

6. Citizens Advice Powys Annual Review 2015/2016 – no action.
7. Review of daytime activities for older people – Trish Richardson in attendance requested that she be allowed to speak at this point and this was agreed. She stressed that it was vitally important that people complete these surveys in order to keep valuable facilities running. County Councillor Gibson-Watt said that Hay & Talgarth have no access to day centres which are important to people who use them. There is currently a nationwide debate about whether services should be based on day centres or alternative ideas such as minibuses picking up people and taking them to visit places. All depend heavily on volunteers. This is an important consultation as major changes will be taking place.
8. Powys Community Health Council Full Meeting – this date has passed by the date of the meeting so no action.
9. PAVO 2016 conference & AGM – no action.
10. Powys dog fouling bins & signs – it was confirmed that Powys now use only dual purpose bins and do not specifically use dog waste bins. There are currently 2 signs in place requesting that people clean up after their dogs.
11. Powys Local Development Plan – 2011 – 2026 – County Councillor Gibson-Watt stressed that although Begwyns is included on the expanded search plan, this land was owned by National Trust who will not allow wind turbines to be sited there. The plans are available to view online.
12. Bags of Help – Tesco Community grant scheme – Cllr Fforde requested that the link be forwarded to him.
13. September crime report – as per Police Report above.
14. Planning notification of BT programme of intended public payphone removals – this was displayed and Cllr Fforde requested that the link be forwarded to him. Discussions that as the mobile signal was not very good in the area, this could cause problems losing the local boxes. Mr Fairfield commented that in Staffordshire certain rural communities were now utilising redundant telephone boxes as libraries.
15. Request for support for Marie Curie Nurses in Powys – no action.

Further correspondence received since agenda distributed:-

16. Clyro Hall Committee – this is a request from the Hall Committee that the hall be left as it was found for the operation of the Post Office the following day.
17. David Joyce – a letter regarding the affordable housing development was displayed concerning the planning breaches and possible issues with insurance on timber framed 3 storey buildings in close proximity to a filling station. Cllr Hood requested that a copy of this be forwarded to him. Mr Fairfield commented that the drains were not completed as yet as the ecological reports were now out of date.
18. Bronllys Community Land Trust – no action.
19. PAVO October e-briefing – no action.
20. Tom Fairfield flier for seminar Rivers Poultry in Brecon – Tom Fairfield wanted to draw to everybody's attention a forthcoming meeting on Saturday, 29th October in Llanigon Village Hall concerning the impact of intensive poultry production in Powys on freshwater ecosystems.

227 FINANCIAL:

The Clerk confirmed that the up-to-date bank balances are now – Current A/C - £3,285.96 and Reserve A/C - £2,832.58.

Payments to include: BT Direct Debit & Clerk's salary which was proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Fforde, HMRC which was proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Hood.

Cheques drawn: £127.62, £50 for Royal British Legion, £95.80 HMRC and £100 donation for Hay Dial-a-Ride

The Clerk discussed briefly changing broadband provider and Cllr Morgan said he would get some more details. The Clerk had spoken with BT to see whether they would be able to offer a better deal but they had not yet got back to her.

228 **AOB:**

Trish Richardson, a Clyro resident, advised that she has worked in and around Hay for the past 3 years with people with a dementia or an associated condition. They have created a group who meet once a month in Cusop and are known as the Hayday Café. This involves a group of around 20 people and their carers. They are in a financial position to extend the group and are investigating the possibility of meeting at Clyro Hall as this is bigger than Cusop Hall. It is proposed that the meetings would be on the fourth Wednesday of every month and they are currently in negotiations with Helen Hayes about renting the hall for this date. This would be convenient as it would tie in with the Post Office opening times and also Hay Dial-a-Ride are available to transport people to and from the meeting. Mrs Richardson was looking for people's views and also asking that people put the word out. Volunteers are also needed and Cllr Brown expressed a willingness to assist. The current rent that had been negotiated was £30 per month and Cllr Hood suggested that the Community Council may be able to offer financial assistance for the hall rental next year. It was agreed that this would be discussed at November's meeting. The current Hayday Café is on the first Monday of every month at 3pm in Cusop if anybody would like to pop along.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:17pm

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