

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at  
7pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
In the Village Hall at Clyro

**MINUTES**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor J Gibson-Watt and members of the public, J Richardson, L Cooper, J Cooper-Lally, J Lewis and N Lewis.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Hood

**MINUTES:** The Minutes for the September meeting were amended to show that the Post Office opening hours are Tuesday 10-12 not as taken from the Post Office website and then the minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman Wells.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for the duration of this meeting for fire regulations: Chairman Wells who pointed out all fire exits and advised that the meeting point was by the church gate.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Chairman Wells has checked all assets, and all is in order.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

1. **Application [19/1373/FUL](#).** Wern Newydd, Painscastle, LD2 3JW – Erection of outbuilding for storing farm machinery and equipment. **No objections**
2. **Application [19/1464/REM](#).** Aylton Lea, Brilley - Section 73 application for the removal of condition 2 attached to permission R874 relating to occupation **No objections**
3. **Application [19/1496/FUL](#).** Penycae Bungalow, Clyro HR3 6JU - Construction of a cabin for holiday use, formation of vehicular access and associated works **No objections**
4. **Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement [19/1543/REM](#).** Lower House Farm, Clyro HR3 5RU – Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 of planning permission p/2016/0397 with regards to minor material amendments to approved plans. **Discussion around the application led to a decision being made to write to Powys Planning to say that concerns have been raised from residents and that the application should proceed under the conditions that it was approved under.**

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Cycle path to Hay, Clyro and Hay would need to become an active travel settlement which in turn would give the community the chance to ask Powys to apply for an active travel grant from Welsh Government. Clyro and Hay's population at the time of counting was less than 2500 so would not be considered as a possible active travel settlement however Hay has had housing developments in recent years, and we would be putting forward the number of tourists that visit the area. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Hay Town Council and ask for their support.
2. BIG UP A BENCH – Chairman Wells and Cllr Brown had a good morning of rejuvenating the village benches, the Community Council thanked both for their time and effort.
3. Jane Dodds MP – Reply to invitation, Jane Dodds could not attend tonight's meeting but has said that all being well she will attend November's meeting.
4. Laura Richardson Memorial – Cllr Lewis informed the Community Council that the school have the idea of fitting an outdoor stage/performance area in Laura's memory. The cost of this will be around £2500 and the Community Council have been asked if they would like to contribute. Discussion continued and Chairman Wells proposed a donation of £300 this was seconded by Cllr Carter and agreed by all.

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT:** Cllr Lewis explained how the school is finding themselves in an awkward position that could have a serious impact on the school teaching structure. The numbers on roll are 88 and they need three children by the 8<sup>th</sup> November to bring the roll to 91, if the three are not found then Powys will cut the budget to reflect what the funding formula sees as a three-class school budget. This could mean the loss of a teacher and a support assistant. The school have pushed the marketing of the school and been to estate agents with literature on the school to encourage newcomers.

Added to minutes at November Meeting: : It was suggested that the minutes should include a comment from County Cllr Gibson-Watt that explained how if the school has what is seen as a blip in their pupil numbers as Clyro is experiencing this term then the school can with discussion with Powys use surplus budget from other parts of the school budget to fund the staff needed to keep the classes as they are. The school needs to demonstrate that it is known that there will be an upturn in numbers next year. Cllrs agreed that this should be included in October's minutes. The Minutes for the meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman Wells.

**POLICE REPORT:** No report received this month as PCSO Hawkins is on annual leave.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** See appendix A.

**CORRESPONDENCE (incl)**

1. Audit report – The Clerk explained that our report has flagged up a few issues, the Community Council needs to check how much the reserve account is holding, Community Council assets must

not be depreciated in value and the Clerk must put the correct information in the correct boxes on the form.

2. Citizens Advice Powys – It was recognised that residents of Clyro had used the service over the last year and all agreed to donate. Vice Chairman Lewis proposed £200, Cllr Carter seconded.
3. St Michael & All Angels Church – Letter received thanking the Community Council for the donation
4. Hay Swimming Pool – Letter received thanking the Community Council for the pledge, the work has been completed on the pool so the pledge can now become a donation.

**FINANCIAL:** Bank balances: Reserve £3,841.29 (as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019) – Current £3,450.89 (at 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019). Payments to include BT direct debit, Remembrance wreath (£50), HMRC (£120), Clerks Salary (£160) Hay Swimming Pool (£500) and Powys Citizens Advice Bureau (£200). Chairman Wells proposed payments, and this was seconded by Vice Chair Lewis.

**AOB:** Cllr Price brought to the meeting that he has heard dogs barking near his home, he was advised to report it to Powys County Council and County Cllr Gibson-Watt also said that he would investigate.

Chairman Wells asked that Cllrs think of any ideas for the new play area, special benches, chess boards made from natural products. All ideas welcome.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Richardson asked why public comments cannot be made during the meeting at the relevant point instead of waiting until the end of the meeting when the item has been discussed. Chairman Wells explained that the standing orders guide the content of the meeting and that public input is not something that has to be included. Clyro Community Council are fluid in the way the Chairman uses discretion to allow public comment at relevant points and then at the end there is time for public comment, this hopefully gives all residents a time to speak. Chairman Wells went on to explain how in bigger Councils it would be problematic to allow too much freedom of speech during the meeting as time can run away. And for example, care must be taken around planning applications as allowing an applicant to have free run could lead to Cllrs agreeing to an application purely by the applicant selling them the idea. Cllrs are happy that members of the public are given a fair opportunity to speak but for clarity in future explain the process at the start of the meeting to inform the members of public in attendance.

The meeting was closed at 8.38pm

**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](http://www.clyro.org)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Cllr R Wells, Chairman)

## Appendix A

**CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**08/10/19**

**REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.**

### **Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre**

The 50% Welsh Government-funded £7m capital investment in the school campus is still 'on track' if somewhat delayed and the county council's capital funding for it is still in place. Construction is now programmed to start in the next financial year.

### **Clyro C in W Primary School**

Cllr Lewis will presumably report on a pressing budgetary problem facing the school, but I can assure the council that I have already written to the new Cabinet Member for Education at Powys County Council (Cllr Phyl Davies) to try to help resolve the issue.

## **Powys County Council Education Service**

As previously-reported, Wales's educational inspectorate, Estyn, finished its inspection of Powys County Council's education service recently. Its highly-critical report was published on Estyn's website on the morning of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and a presentation made to county council members that afternoon. I will report verbally further at the council meeting this evening.

## **Planning & Housing**

The recent further consultation on the proposed new council housing development adjacent to Castle Estate was well-attended by local residents. It appears that, because the Highways Authority has indicated its unwillingness to allow a vehicular access directly off the A438, we are stuck with the access being via Castle Estate off the B4351. This is disappointing, although it is the case that to achieve an access off the A438 would reduce the numbers of houses able to be built on the site and would require a complete re-working of the site layout, with consequential delays to the scheme.

A planning application is due to be submitted in the autumn.

## **Highways**

No new issues to report.

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