

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held at
7pm on Tuesday 14th January 2020
In the Village Hall at Clyro

MINUTES

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the public, D Davies, L Cooper and J Cooper-Lally

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Wells (Chairman) and County Councillor J Gibson-Watt

MINUTES: The Minutes for the meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Vice Chairman Lewis.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Vice Chairman Lewis has checked all assets, and all is in order.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application [19/1734/FUL](#).** Land adjacent to Waverleigh, Clyro, HR3 5SE. *Erection of dwelling and all associated works. Resubmission of 18/1840/FUL. This application is being considered at the County Planning, Taxi licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 16/01/2020 at County Hall 10am, please contact the Clerk for guidance on public attendance. clyroclerk@gmail.com*
2. **Application update [19/1166/FUL](#).** New Barn Cottage, Clyro, HR3 5SG. *Demolition of shed/woodstore and erection of holiday unit – Approved*
3. **Application update [19/1888/NMA](#).** Land Adjacent to River Wye (The Start) HR3 5RS. *Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 18/0688/FUL in respect of condition 5 (access) and its wording – Approved*

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Big Lottery Funding – *The Clerk informed the Community Council that Hay Town Council have shown an interest in access/rights of way by using the cycle path as their application for funding from this avenue. Clyro to Hay cycle path is part of Hay Town Councils plan which fits in with requests from Clyro residents to have a cycle path between the two.*

2. Proposed budget 2020/21 – *Discussions were held around the figures that are available and the costs of running the Community Council, it was noted that the before any donations are made there is in theory only £382 pound left over after general running costs. The Clerk explained that the Community Council needs to reduce the reserve account (as requested by our audit) and have a plan for spending for the next financial year. The new playground was brought into the discussion, and it was felt that any funding for equipment should come via Powys County Council in the first instance. Cllr Brown proposed moving £2000 from the reserve account to the current account, Cllr Carter seconded this, and all felt this was a good idea to enable donations (around £1000) next year and cover any other costs that present themselves.*
3. Precept letter and form 2020/21 – *The Clerk updated the Councillors on the increase in voters, Clyro has seen an increase from 594 voters to 637 voters. Cllr Hood proposed keeping the precept at £7.86 per voter as was applied for last year. Cllr Brown seconded this and all agreed.*

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Vice Chairman Lewis reported that the school did not reach the 91 pupils that they needed to keep funding in place, talks are ongoing with Powys to ensure that they can manage their budget and keep the staffing arrangements that they have now. Cllr Brown suggested to develop links with the school and the Community Council that an award could be offered to the pupil that shows interest and actions within the community. Vice Chairman Lewis agreed that while the idea is good, he feels that it will just be another pull-on teacher's time.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (incl)

1. Brecknock and Radnor Sports Partnership – Request for donation – *no action required*
2. Citizens Advice Powys – Thank you letter for donation – *no action required*
3. Hay Days Café – Request for donation – *Councillors agreed unanimously to donate £300 to cover the hire of the hall for one year.*

FINANCIAL:

Current £3,149.43 (as at 3rd January 2020) Reserve £3,842.55 (as at 29th November 2019)

Payments to be made BT Direct debit, Clerks salary (£160), Hay Days Café (£300) and HMRC (£120)

Proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Brown.

A.O.B Vice Chairman Lewis reminded Councillors that Februarys meeting will take place a week earlier than usual, the meeting will take place on February 4th at 7pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: D Davies requested that leaves and weeds should be cleared along the top of Castle Estate, the slip road off the main round heading towards Hay and around Buttercup Meadows as they are stopping the drains from working sufficiently to clear water during heavy rain. The Clerk will contact Cllr Gibson-Watts.

The meeting was closed at 7.51pm

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 R Wells, Chairman)

Appendix A

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REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & Community Sports Centre

No further news at present.

Clyro C in W Primary School & Schools Funding

News about the budgetary negotiations between the school and LEA is still awaited, but Cllr Lewis may have more information..

The council's new 'fair' funding formula for schools is still under review, but it is now accepted that the new formula has disadvantaged the larger primary schools and secondary schools and favoured the smaller primary schools. It is unlikely that any major changes to the formula will be implemented in time for the 2020/21 financial year, although one change that will be implemented is that when pupils change schools in-year, the funding for those pupils will be moved with them to their new school's delegated budget without waiting until the start of the next financial year. Funding to schools for newly-placed pupils with ALN is still subject to significant delays, although officers acknowledge this and have committed to taking action to rectify the problems.

Powys County Council Education Service and Schools Transformation

As previously-reported, Wales's educational inspectorate, Estyn, reported on its inspection of Powys County Council's education service in September 2019. The council's Post-Inspection Action Plan largely consists of actions that one would expect a well-run education service to do on a day-to-day basis and it is of concern to me that the situation in Powys's schools is such that these things need to be laid out in an improvement plan. That said, there is general cross-party approval for the proposals in the Plan, although all depends on the actual delivery of course. The stated aim from the Chief Education Officer is to transform the council's education service such that it can be described as 'well-functioning' by November 2021.

Planning & Housing

Applications as per the council's agenda. No further news yet on progress of the application for the council's proposed new houses next to Castle Estate.

Highways

Storm drainage problems persist in places and I have personally cleared a number of blocked highways drainage grids to clear minor flooding in recent weeks. The stubborn puddle that covers part of the path between Clyro and Hay should have been dealt with today, but if members know of other places that need attention please inform me or the Boughrood Depot.

Powys County Council 2020/21 Budget

The draft Budget papers are to be issued on Wednesday 15th January 2020 (tomorrow). The draft grant settlement from Welsh Government shows a significant increase on 2019/20 of 5.4% gross (about + £10m), although that includes funding for teachers' pay and pensions settlement, which will reduce the net extra amount to about £5m. But it will be the best 'settlement' Powys CC has received for many years and should alleviate pressure on service budgets. It should also allow a lower-than-expected Council Tax rise.

I will report further in February.

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