

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm on Tuesday, 15th December 2020
Due to COVID restrictions this meeting was held via zoom

PRESENT: Chairman Wells, Vice Chairman Lewis, Cllr Carter, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Brown and Cllr Francis
APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hood and Cllr Price

MINUTES: These had been agreed as a true record at the meeting in June 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020: Chairman Wells had circulated his report to Councillors as follows:

At the A.G.M. in May 2019 I was elected Chairman and Rodi Lewis elected Vice-Chairman, both unopposed. In normal times our Annual General Meeting would have been held in May this year (2020) but new Covid19 legislation was passed to allow Community and Town Councils to delay their AGMs to anytime up to the end of December 2020. Due to the disruption of Covid19 Clyro CC did not hold traditional full council meetings in April and May and Vice Chairman Rodi Lewis and me agreed to remain in our roles until circumstances were more conducive to holding an AGM meeting. In April, May, and June we issued "Community Notices" each month to help all members of our community keep up to date with issues we were dealing with. In July we held our first official online meeting via Zoom, and I am pleased to say that in general councillors have embraced -or at least tolerated! - the new technology as a means to get through the important issues of the council and we have held Zoom meetings each month since. In March 2020 at the start of the Covid19 epidemic Cllr Rodi Lewis, Cllr Jennie Morgan and myself with support of the clerk became the key contacts in the Community Council for the Covid19 response. Working with neighbouring town and Community Councils, County Cllr Gibson-Watt, PAVO (Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations) and a fantastic group of community volunteers, we produced and distributed a Covid19 help, support and information leaflet that was delivered by hand to every house in our community. We followed up with the coordination of our community volunteers that were able to offer help to those who needed it with anything from shopping & collecting prescriptions, to dog walking and lifts to hospital appointments. Although there was an initial demand, it was heart-warming to see our community's resilience as we settled into the "new normal" and the call for volunteers' services were much reduced as friends, neighbours, family and professional services stepped in to provide help to those who needed it. Although with the benefit of testing and hope from the roll out of vaccine there is light at the end of the tunnel, we are still very much in the thick of trying to get on top of the pandemic, the Community Council are still working to serve the community and our group of volunteers are available should any of our community need a bit of help in what remains difficult times. Of course, the period since May 2019 has not been all about Covid! We have seen an exciting new development of innovative homes for social housing go through the consultation and planning process, and recently start construction on the old recreation area. As part of the development the CCC has been heavily involved in the planning & creation of a new Play Park/public open space on Castle Estate which has incorporated a Butterfly Garden as a result of CCCs successful bid to Keep Wales Tidy - planted by volunteers and councillors in July 2020. Cllr. Ted Brown and myself refurbished two of the village benches in September 2019 We have also engaged in discussions and

actions on a number of important issues including planning applications, active travel cycle paths, climate, broadband speed and availability, crime, Haygarth Medical Practice, traffic calming & speed reduction measures. We have received regular updates from Clyro Church of Wales Primary School (via our CCC appointed school governor Cllr Lewis), Police (currently via our PCSO Emma Jackson) and hosted visitors from a number of organisations including Powys Housing, Rhoscoch Young Farmers Club & Hayday Cafe. Our finances are in a strong position and, as we had no immediate plans which might involve a significant financial outlay, we asked Powys to maintain our precept at the current level for 2020. Although the precept received by CCC is quite modest compared to larger councils we have been pleased to make donations in support of local charities and organisations that provide services to members of our community. These have included Hay Swimming Pool, St Michaels & All Angels Church, Laura Richardson Memorial, Citizens Advice Brecon, Royal British Legion, Hay Days Cafe, Dial a Ride, Welsh Air Ambulance and Hay & District Luncheon Club. One positive that has come out of the Covid19 pandemic is the warmhearted community spirit that has been very evident in Clyro during my term as Chairman. The willingness to build and support our local community is a key part of what I believe the Community Councils role should be and I hope that more members of our community will be encouraged to be involved in all kinds of ways over the coming months and years as we look to work with our community beyond the pandemic. With very best wishes for a happy Christmas and healthy New Year! Roger Wells

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman Wells was asked if he would consider standing again, Chairman Wells told the meeting that he had only intended to hold the position for one year however with this year nearly over due to COVID restrictions it would be sensible to stay in position until the end of this second year. Cllr Carter proposed Cllr Wells as Chairman, Cllr Francis seconded this. All Cllrs agreed. Cllr Brown proposed that Cllr Lewis continue in his role as Vice Chairman, Cllr Wells seconded this, and all Cllrs agreed.

Chairman 2020-2021 Cllr R Wells
Vice-Chairman 2020 – 2021 Cllr R Lewis

ACCOUNTS: The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer gave Councillors the financial position of Clyro Community Council

Balances as at 31/03/2020
Current Account - £3017.23
Reserve Account - £1844.55

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.15pm