

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held at the Village Hall.  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7pm.

**MINUTES**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

**PRESENT:** County Cllr Gibson-Watt and via Zoom M Kerr, resident.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from August's meeting were agreed to be true so were signed by Chairman Brown.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Chairman Brown has checked all assets and they are all in order.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Hay to Clyro active travel route – Hay Town Council have received the news that their (along with Clyro) application for a cycle route between Hay and Clyro was unsuccessful in the first tranche. Maggie Kerr commented that the main road is not good for cycling or walking. Vice-Chairman Wells added that the landowners could be approached to lend land to put a cycle track in. If Powys had this information ready for the next tranche it might help the application. Discussion around the route including putting the route behind the hedge, opinion was that this could be an expensive option as gates and hedge cutting could become an issue. Maggie Kerr offered the lane that goes from Radnors End Campsite through to the A438 and then turn left back to Clyro as a potential cycle route, adding that maybe the main road speed limit could be reduced to 30mph to help with making it safer. Cllrs agreed that 30mph would not be agreed as the village is placed at 40mph but worth proposing a speed reduction. It was proposed that the Clerk should go back to Hay and offer the suggestions and any help that they need. Maggie Kerr left the meeting at this point.
2. Laptop proposal – The Clerk has found that John Lewis offer a two-year warranty on Apple products for the same price, £949, as other suppliers offer a one-year warranty. The proposal was given as the Community Council would purchase a Macbook Air that will replace the laptop that is being used currently. Vice-Chairman Wells asked if 256GB was going to be enough storage for the Council's documents, he proposed also that £50 be earmarked for an additional external storage bank to help with the back-up of files. Chairman Brown seconded this two-part proposal and there were no objections.
3. Chairman Brown added a note from last month's discussion around the defibrillator. The clerk has added a notice to the lid saying "in an emergency open box, the alarm will sound to raise awareness in the close vicinity. Ring 999 as soon as you are able."

**POLICE REPORT:** Chairman Brown requested that the Clerk contact the Police as he read in the Brecon and Radnor that 100 people had been caught by the GoSafe van travelling over the 30mph limit through Trefecca, he asked that Clyro have the GoSafe van more often. The Police replied stating that “GoSafe continue to conduct enforcement activities in Clyro along with many other areas that we cover, Trefecca was identified as having a particular problem when the Pengefford road was closed, and it is a 30mph limit. Chairman Brown told the Community Council about a village on the way to Worcester, Leigh Sinton, where they have put scarecrows wearing high viz jackets and holding signs asking drivers to slow down along the side of the road as a traffic calming measure. Chairman Brown proposes asking the Police if Clyro residents could do the same. Cllrs were in favour of this, the Clerk will ask the Police. Cllr Fforde showed the Community Council some child shaped bollards that really make drivers slow down. He proposed asking the Police if these bollards could be used on the crossing area by the school, the clerk will ask the police about this as well.

**SCHOOL GOVERNOR’S REPORT:** Vice-Chairman Lewis told the meeting that the school is still working within the Covid guidelines for primary education settings as advised by Powys County Council. There have been four new pupils welcomed as well as some new members of staff. Swimming lessons have resumed at Brecon. Chairman Brown asked that thanks be given for the dog fouling signs that the children made. Vice-Chairman Wells suggested a thank you in the form of a treat for the children, all agreed.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

1. **Application:** Erection of extensions to two storey dwelling, Cock-y-Roostyn, Clyro HR3 5SQ. Reference number, [21/1474/HH](#) – *no comments to report*
2. **Application:** Works to trees in a conservation area, The Old Vicarage, Clyro, HR3 5RZ. Reference number, 21/1540/TRE – *no comments to report*

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** See Appendix A

**CORRESPONDENCE (incl):**

1. Draft local elections consultation – information for Councillors
2. Code of conduct, updated guidance from One Voice Wales
3. One Voice Wales and Keep Wales Tidy webinar – 2pm-3.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> September
4. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – annual return, clerk to complete
5. Consultation on local taxes and self-catering accommodation - <https://gov.wales/local-taxes-second-homes-and-self-catering-accommodation>

**FINANCIAL:**

Bank balances: Current £2,783.33 (on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021) Reserve £1,845.35 (on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021). Payments to include BT direct debit (£30) and Clerks Salary (£167). These were proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Carter.

**AOB:** Cllr Morgan has been approached by a resident of Clyro who is concerned that the Baskerville Arms might not be reopening as a pub. Chairman Brown has spoken with the owners who say that at this time it is not viable to open as a pub in the way it was before Covid, recruitment is a major problem now. Chairman Brown extended the Community Councils assistance should they require it. The business for the foreseeable future will be run as a bed and breakfast and a venue for private parties catering for 12-50 people.

Vice-Chairman Wells reported to the Community Council about an incident that occurred at the new housing development. The builders were drilling for the ground source heating this causes water to rise and a bund that is supposed to contain this extra water failed leading to a large overflow into the storm drain and then into Clyro brook this water caused the brook to take on a cloudy white look. A resident contacted Vice-Chairman Wells concerned as it was not known why the brook was in this state. Natural Resources Wales investigated and spoke to the site manager who was very apologetic and helpful during the investigation, the water was found to contain stone dust and was harmless, a new bund was constructed to ensure that it doesn't happen again. Vice-Chairman Wells also informed the meeting that the bird feed at the new playpark needs refilling, Cllr Fforde offered to pay for this bag of feed as have Cllr Morgan and Cllr Carter previously. If any residents would like to donate to keep this community resource going strong then please feel free to contact the Clerk or any member of the Community Council.

Chairman Brown proposed that he purchases the wreath costing £50 from the Royal British Legion in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. All Cllrs agreed to this.

The meeting was closed at 8.07pm.

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

(Cllr E Brown, Chairman)

## Appendix A

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14/9/21

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

The summer holiday period in August always produces a lull in county council activity, with few council meetings taking place and a number of staff taking leave, although main service delivery is sustained as usual of course. So, this report is brief.

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

No further news at present, other than that in response to a question from Hay's county councillor, Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe, the Cabinet Member for Education stated that draft proposals for the future of the school and its siting are due within the next couple of months, work having been delayed by the council Cabinet and Schools Service concentration on other issues.

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

No further news.

#### **Planning & Housing**

The allocation of the new houses in Castle Estate to new tenants is due to start soon, although construction has been hampered by the lack of supply of some materials, a problem widespread across the construction industry.

#### **Highways**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Covid-19, Test Trace & Protect and the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme**

Infection levels across Powys have increased dramatically over the past month, as they have in other parts of Wales. Positive case rates in Powys have now reached 400/100,000 population, levels not seen before during the pandemic. The Council's Trace & Protect service is now having to try to recruit more staff and Powys CC has sought assistance from other local authorities in Wales to keep up with demand. While vaccinations are preventing much (but not all!) serious illness, with schools returning and more people back in their

normal workplace, the potential for matters to get worse is obvious. Guidance from Welsh Government about its pandemic control policies through the autumn and winter is due to be announced this week.

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