

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
meeting held at the Village Hall.  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7pm.

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Fforde (Chairman), Cllr R Wells (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J Morgan, Cllr C Smith, Cllr M Brock, Cllr P Bate, Cllr T Richardson and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr V Price and County Cllr Gibson-Watt

**MINUTES:** The minutes from February's meeting were amended to show that Cllr Richardson is not a member of the Hay Day Café Committee as recorded, the declaration of interest will be removed, and the minutes were then agreed and signed by Chairman Fforde.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Chairman Fforde has checked all assets and they are in good condition including a new bench that replaces the broken one situated above the school.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Vice-Chairman Wells reported that the minutes for the meetings had been circulated and that the subcommittee will be meeting to look at possible sites for a Speed Indicator Device (SID). A meeting was held with David Allday and Vincent Goodwin from Powys Active Travel Team, there is no funding for cycleways available now and added to that Hay is not an active travel designated settlement however there is work in progress to try and get the tourism aspect of Hay into the calculation of population when thinking of cycleways and active travel through the area. Part of this work will encompass communities around Hay that could feed into an active travel plan for Hay area. A connection has been made with Freya Morgan who is part of the well-established group The Hay to Brecon Greenway Project. A bigger project might attract funding that could include other areas so connections like this are good at this stage to set up future relationships. Chairman Fforde wrote to Mr Wallis regarding speed limits, that is bringing 30mph roads down to 20mph speed limits. The question posed was, is there a possibility that the Clyro road that now stands at 40mph could be reduced to 30mph in the future? The answer was no as the A438 is a Class 1 County Principal Road. The terms of reference for the subcommittee were discussed but will be voted on next month as some Cllrs had not had the opportunity to read them.
2. Bus stop update – Chairman Fforde asks Cllr Bate for an update on the enquiries that he was making into the legality of motor vehicles driving over the bus stop. Cllr Bate is in an email discussion with people who have knowledge, but work commitments have held him up lately, he will come back next month with information. Cllr Smith reported that she did not have a cork board as she thought she might last month. Cllr Richardson is happy to let the posters continue to be added with blue tack as residents seem to have adopted this method.
3. Coronation Tree Planting and new play area update – Vice-Chairman Wells has selected an oak tree that is around 5' 8" tall. This will be planted on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Cllrs will meet at the new play park; an official dedication will take place at a later date to allow residents to attend.

4. Cllr Richardson has compiled a training plan and proposed publishing it on the website. Cllr Smith seconded this proposal, and all Cllrs agreed to this. The Clerk asked for a Cllr to help her with the annual report, Cllr Morgan volunteered. The Clerk will locate the financial regulations and standing orders to publish on the website.

**PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:**

Erection of single storey front extension and rear extension to replace existing. Stoneley, Llowes, HR3 5JX. Application reference 23/0108/HH <https://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ROY1I2MPLXS00>

**POLICE REPORT:** See Appendix B

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

**CORRESPONDENCE (incl):**

1. One Voice Wales training invoice 6836 - £35.50 – Cllr Morgan raised the total as being 50p over what it should be, the Clerk will get it amended.
2. One Voice Wales training needs questionnaire – Cllrs completed this and the Clerk will now fill out the online form.
3. One Voice Wales membership renewal 2023/24 - £148 – Cllrs agreed that membership of OVW is useful.
4. Have your say, Community Health Councils (CHC) are being replaced by Llais, your voice in health and social care (Citizens Voice Body). The new body will reflect the views and represent the interest of people living in Wales in their health and social services. Click on the link to help the new body identify their priorities. <https://onevoicewales.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=11ab1846ab416c98ac182e020&id=0a99f9266d&e=7bbf282239> – no action
5. [Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report - February 2023](#) – For information – no action

**FINANCIAL:**

Bank balances: Current £2,407.80 (on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023) Reserve £1,849.45 (on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022). Payments to include BT direct debit 6/1/23 (£41.94), OVW, inv 6836 (£35.00), OVW annual membership (£148) Jan 23 – March 23 Hire of village hall 3 x £16 (£48) and Clerks Salary (£183.34).

These payments were proposed by Chairman Fforde and seconded by Cllr Bate. All Cllrs agreed to these.

Vice-Chairman Wells explained that BT have made a mistake with our account, and this has led to there being two accounts taking monthly charges. Vice-Chairman Wells has flagged this up and BT have closed one account and agreed to refund the other. A discussion ensued with Cllr Morgan questioning the usage level of a relatively expensive service. The Community Council will monitor its use over the next two years as the contract with BT is in place for two years.

The Clerk informed the Community Council of PAVO's correspondence that came in saying that there will be an increase in the cost of payroll, it will rise to £36 from £30 per quarter.

The meeting was closed at 8.09pm.

**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 J Fforde, Chairman)

## Appendix A

### **CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**14/3/23**

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

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

Members have no doubt noted that the school has been closed on several days during the past month due to either industrial action by teachers or snow. Also of note, the school is putting on a performance of Grease at Theatr Brychieniog on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, which should be worth seeing!

##### **Clyro C in W Primary School, Archdeacon Griffiths School and Schools Transformation in Powys**

No further news re. Clyro School or Archdeacon Griffiths School at present.

Work on a review of the Llanfyllin High School catchment in north Powys is now well underway, ready for the council's Cabinet to consider the results of the review in early summer as a next step in the schools transformation process in the county.

##### **Planning & Housing**

Further statements on the phosphates issue from the Welsh Government are still awaited. However, I attended a conference last week in Hereford, organised by CPRE and supported by CPRW, which brought together experts from across a number of disciplines to inform delegates of the wider threats to the River Wye catchment. I was delighted that at last other issues, such as nitrogen and pesticide levels and the impact they are having were also discussed. I have been saying for some time to council officers that the poor health of the river catchment (in terms of biodiversity) must be being caused by more than just phosphates, as phosphate levels in the river in this area remain low and have been for some time. The conference was informative, but practical and rapid solutions to the problems remain very elusive. A report from the Wye Commission set up by Herefordshire and Powys Councils is due soon. For the time being the near-moratorium on residential and business development in the area remains in place, alas.

##### **Highways**

Despite significant snowfall over the past week I am pleased to say that the main road network was kept clear throughout. The gritting staff did an excellent job. However, the absence of salt grit in the salt bins in some locations away from the main roads throughout the winter has been a source of concern for residents and is something I will chase in the autumn ready for next winter.

### **Health & Care Services**

The NHS remains in crisis, despite the issue having dropped off the news programmes, and Powys Teaching Health Board is as much under pressure as other health authorities. Due to extreme pressure on Powys CC's Adult Social Care Services and the continuing severe difficulty in recruiting staff, delayed transfers of care (DTOC) of Powys patients out of hospital settings in to care settings remains a significant problem. However, the development of increased collaboration on planning and commissioning of services between Powys CC and the Health Board continues and the two organisations are working very closely together to address the problems.

### **Powys County Council 2023/24 Budget**

After an exhaustive and exhausting process the county council's 2023/24 Budget was approved at a meeting of the full County Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Despite the current Administration being in a minority position it was passed by a significant majority vote, the largest seen for many years in Powys. As council Leader I was and am very grateful for the constructive and collaborative way most members contributed to the formation of the budget, which despite services having to make about £16m of savings/efficiencies will allow the council to function in the coming year without having to make significant cuts to any services. However, schools will have to find efficiencies from within their delegated budgets, as despite the fact that the council is passporting all of the extra money allocated to it by the Welsh Government for education and increasing delegated school budgets by £5.6m, this will not cover all of the extra costs schools face in 2023/24. The situation has also meant that the council will be imposing a 5% increase in Council Tax (3.8% for council services, 1.2% for the Fire & Rescue Authority), well below the rate of inflation but higher than I had hoped to be able to achieve

As previously stated in last month's report, the public will see some changes to service levels and patterns of delivery in 2023/24 and more markedly in future years from 2024/25, which look particularly bleak, as this is the point from which the significant reductions in public expenditure announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement will start to be made.

Protecting front-line services and the most vulnerable remains my Administration's top priority, while operating a balanced budget that can be delivered, as the law requires.

I was therefore delighted that the council's new Child Anti-Poverty Strategy was launched at a recent conference in County Hall. The strategy has been worked up under the guidance of the council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Matthew Dorrance, involving staff from across the council and partner organisations, with input from expert national organisations such as The Bevan Foundation. It has been very well-received and will over time make a significant impact in combatting the increasing problem of children living in poverty in Powys.

### **Powys County Council Corporate Plan – Stronger–Fairer–Greener**

The new council Administration's corporate plan for 2022-2027 was also approved at the County Council meeting. It will be published on the council's website on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

## Appendix B – Police Report

**Hay on Wye Policing Area : Felinfach, Bronllys, Talgarth, Gwernyfed, Glasbury, Llanigon, Hay, Erwood, Clyro, and Painscastle**

**Crime and Incident Report for 8 February 2023 to 8 March 2023**

### **Patrol Plans**

- More regular patrols of towns/villages
- Rural patrols for suspicious vehicles / awareness of dogs and livestock
- Cyber Crime and Fraud Awareness

There have been 117 calls received that required attendance from Police.

<b><u>Crimes</u></b>
<p><b>Fraud/Forgery</b> x 4</p> <p><b>Assault</b> x 5 (2 within Bronllys Hospital)    <b>Safety Welfare</b> x 15</p> <p><b>Criminal Damage</b> x 2    <b>Suspicious Activity</b> x 12</p> <p><b>Theft</b> x 2    <b>Traffic related</b> x 18</p> <p><b>Harassment/Threats</b> x 10    <b>RTC</b> x 6</p> <p><b>Non-Dwelling Burglary</b> x 2</p> <p><b>Crime Other</b> x 2 (sheep attacked Bronllys)</p> <p><b>Domestics</b> x 11</p> <p><b>Weapon</b> x 1 (item used as)    <b>Alarm</b> x 1</p> <p><b>Sudden Death</b> x 2</p> <p><b>Disorder</b> x 1</p> <p><b>Abandoned 999</b> x 7</p>

Low crimes this month and no ASB! There was a further break in at Trefecca which is a barn used by a landscaper for storing his tools and has been targeted many times. A private garage was entered in the Bronllys area. A debit card which had been dropped in Clyro Filling Station had been picked up and used in another area. Two bikes on the back of a visitor's car were taken in Talgarth. A window at Timeless Treasures was broken, nothing taken, recorded as Criminal Damage. A dog has been shot in the Gwenddwr area, the dog had 9 pellets in its face, was treated and is recovering. The frauds this month are HMRC and Sky, scammers purporting to be these companies. One person was not taken in but another did have monies taken from their account. Never give out bank details!

Please report any dogs off leads in areas where there are young lambs, so we are able to patrol and educate owners.

If you have any information relating to a crime, no matter how small you may think it is, please report via 101 (or 999 if in progress) online or via your local PSCOs Emma Jackson 8188 and Trudy Davies

email addresses being [emma.jackson@dyfed-powys.police.uk](mailto:emma.jackson@dyfed-powys.police.uk) and [trudy.davies@dyfed-powys.police.uk](mailto:trudy.davies@dyfed-powys.police.uk)

DRAFT