

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm on Tuesday, 9th May 2023

PRESENT: Chair Fforde, Vice Chair Wells, Cllr Bate, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Richardson, Cllr Price, Cllr Smith, Cllr Brock and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

IN ATTENDANCE: B Morgan

APOLOGIES:

MINUTES: These had been agreed as a true record at the meeting in June 2022.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022: Chair Fforde gave his report to Councillors as follows:

Clyro Community Council recognises and appreciates the huge amount of work and commitment that Ted Brown has given over the last 14 years both on the Council and recently as Chairman. The Community Council also thanks the other Councillors who decided not to stand for re-election in May 2022, Ron Francis, Rod Lewis and Jean Carter each has given much time and energy to the Community Council. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our Clerk Diane Workman for her diligence and energy over the past year particularly her help and patience assisting this Chair through their first year.

The Council contributed to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations held at Clyro School in June. The Council is pleased to announce that Clyro is currently ratifying an environmental policy, to offer guidance as to how the council should conduct its business, and for transparency to the public. In September, Clyro Community Council joined with our community, the country, and the world in expressing our sorrow of the passing of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II and wish His Majesty King Charles III a long and prosperous reign.

During August/September the Council ran a survey to gauge public opinion for traffic calming measures to the A438 through Clyro and a cycleway/footway alongside the B4351 Clyro to Hay Road. The level of engagement was impressive and many Clyro residents are concerned over road safety in and around the village. The suggestions regarding a new cycleway/footpath have large public support, as does speeding issues on the A438. The Community Council has formed the Cycleway/Footway and Traffic Calming Sub Committee to take forward agreed actions. The placing of Speed Indicator Devices is currently in a pre-planning dialogue with Powys Highways, and options are being discussed regarding the Footway/Cycleway. A welcome visit by PCSO Trudi Davies of Powys Police was highly productive, with the Village Hall Committee negotiating visits from PCSO Davies to give hints and tips to avoid theft and fraud. The Council recognises the energy and drive of the new Village Hall Committee, whose project to turn the hall back into the beating heart of the village has met with great success. The pop-up pub evenings are now at capacity, and we look forward to seeing the hall go from strength to strength. The Council is glad to see the very welcome return of the Post Office, offering a much-needed community service to residents.

The Clyro bus stop has now been fitted with shelves as a community library and is now a busy hub where books and puzzles are exchanged freely.

The Council is exploring options to develop a community garden on ground near the play area, and negotiations with Powys are already in motion.

A young oak tree has been planted to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles II and will be dedicated at a future ceremony. 2022-2023 has been a good year for community involvement and we hope that the energy of the past year will be projected into the future. We expect to see a community garden open in the coming year and would hope also to clear the planning hurdles for the Speed Indicator Devices. We also hope to see expanded activities inside the village hall.

The Community Council members have all shown themselves to be committed individuals, eager to help Clyro Residents make the most of the community space, and we hope this may continue.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: There was one nomination for the position of Chair this year, Cllr Wells nominated Cllr Fforde who accepted the nomination. Cllr Bate seconded this nomination and all Cllrs agreed to the appointment. The position for Vice-Chair had one nomination and this was Cllr Wells proposed by Cllr Fforde and seconded by Cllr Morgan. All Cllrs agreed to this appointment. Cllr Wells asked Cllr Morgan to shadow him this year as she did last year, this was agreed to remain the same.

Chair 2023 - 2024 Cllr J Fforde
Vice-Chair 2023 - 2024 Cllr R Wells

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

Balances as at 31/03/2023
Current Account - £2722.29
Reserve Account - £1845.48

The Clerk advised that as there were outgoings that were presented after the end of the last financial year. This has had an impact on the figures for this year.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.12pm