

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 13th June 2023, 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: A Crichton-Stuart, P Webster and via zoom S Chilvers

MINUTES: The minutes from the Community Council AGM and May's meeting were agreed to be true so were signed by Chair Fforde.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chairman Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee. Chair Fforde and Vice-Chair Wells attended the Brecon to Hay Greenway AGM, they reported that the group are raising funds to carry out a feasibility study, a representative from the Golden Valley cycle way group informed the AGM that their group had passed the feasibility stage and has moved on to the funding for detailed plans, landowners' approval, and implementation. Chair Fforde and Vice-Chair Wells offered Clyro Community Council's help as a representative of the Hay end of the Brecon to Hay Greenway. Cllr Brock asked about the cost of a feasibility study, Vice-Chairman Wells thought that Brecon to Hay cost initially £10,000 for the first one then a more detailed one was around £33,000.
Chair Fforde has investigated the TOPAS rules for Speed Indicator Devices, and while these rules are not mandatory, Powys has told Chair Fforde that we must have them. Looking Online Fforde couldn't find any that were TOPAS compliant. Fforde then went for a drive around Powys and found a pair of SIDs in Llandegley, the same ones Fforde had suggested to Powys. Fforde has emailed Powys and asked them to reconsider their answer and clarify their reasoning.
Chair Fforde reported that on September 17th the 30mph speed limits are changing to 20mph. Chair Fforde will contact Powys highways to ask if Clyro is going to change as we haven't heard anything.
2. Bus stop update – Cllr Bate is still working on the legalities of driving over the bus stop.
3. New play area and Community Garden – Vice-Chair Wells reported that the expression of interest has been submitted to Powys and W Beddoes has come back saying that this will be put before the next Strategic Management Board that is on June 21st. Subject to their approval it will go to the next stage which would mean them drawing up a plan of what they expect from Clyro Community Council. Cllr

Richardson suggested that as soon as Powys get back to us with a positive answer then this would be the time to bring the community in to the discussion and see if there is enough interest to run with the plan. Vice-Chair Wells agreed with Cllr Richardson and Chair Fforde suggested a sub-committee meeting as soon as possible after the board meeting. Vice-Chair Wells will set this up.

4. To approve annual return for external audit – Cllrs had the opportunity to read the audit, Cllr Brock proposed the approval, Cllr Richardson seconded, and all Cllrs agreed.
5. The following documents were considered and adopted; revised asset register (proposed Chair Fforde and seconded Cllr Brock), new model standing orders (proposed Cllr Morgan and seconded Cllr Bate), annual report (proposed Chair Fforde and seconded Cllr Richardson), code of conduct (proposed Cllr Smith and seconded Cllr Brock) and risk assessment (proposed Cllr Smith and seconded Cllr Brock).

POLICE REPORT: See Appendix B

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (*incl*):

1. Quarterly PCC and Town and Community Council meeting – Thursday July 6th 6pm, online – The Clerk will circulate the invitation via email to all Cllrs.
2. Brecon and Radnorshire Area Committee meeting – Wednesday June 14th 7pm, Howey – All agreed to wait for the minutes of this meeting.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £1,173.10 (on 4th April 2023) Reserve £1,852.03 (on 28th February 2023). Payments to include BT direct debit 9/5/23 (£0.17), Internal Auditor, R Davies (£25), HMRC (£137.40), M Anthony (£27) and Clerks Salary (£183.34).

Chairman Fforde proposed, and Vice-Chair Wells seconded these payments, all agreed.

Cllr Brock has investigated the Community Council taking on the payroll activities she reported that it is better to stay with PAVO providing it as it is a big commitment for a Cllr to take on as a volunteer.

AOB: Chair Fforde is attending an environmental and nature event in Llandrindod Wells for Community Councils. He will report back at our next meeting. The dedication of the Coronation Oak he suggests should be a year after the Coronation to ensure its survival, all agreed. Lastly, he expressed thanks to Brian Morgan for his work on collating information and photographs and his talks to the community regarding Clyro History.

Vice-Chair Wells thanked Cllr Richardson and Mr Richardson for decorating the bus stop for the festival and confirmed the bunting will stay in place. He also reminded the group that Clyro Community Council still has a place for a Cllr. Or even getting involved with the sub-committees without being a member of the Community Council. All are welcome.

The Clerk read a letter from M Anthony requesting a donation towards the cost of the War Memorial flowers that she plants every year and tend for the summer season and last year even into autumn. The cost is £27, Cllr Morgan brought the meeting's attention to the

budget and how it is divided, as there is £150 budgeted for donations. Chair Fforde proposed paying £27 and Cllr Richardson seconded this proposal, all agreed to this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A Crichton-Stuart recommended the Black Mountain Lions as a source for funding local activities. He introduced himself as the Chair of The Friends of Clyro School, he wanted to bring to the meeting the thoughts of the Friends. They feel that the school is disjointed from the community and getting further apart. He acknowledged that the Community Council have connections with the school, but parents don't see that. They feel like it has become an "us and them" situation. Cllr Richardson offered to answer this comment, she explained that this is her second term as Governor at Clyro and pre Covid things looked different. Mr Crichton-Stuart said that the general atmosphere feels like the school moves on its own. Cllr Brock commented that the older people see that the rental of the school hall has created issues where before the village hall would have been used. A Crichton-Stuart asked if there could be child friendly activities done in the village hall. Cllr Richardson remembered being invited to a sports day at the school pre Covid, there were stalls and refreshments. Chair Fforde reported the Jubilee where the community and school came together and had a great time, but this was due to a few very committed individuals who organised it all. The platinum Jubilee was totally different because no-one put themselves forward to do the hard organising work. Fforde said that the Community Council can facilitate events and assist in any way they can, but events like street parties and social events require volunteers. Cllr Bate suggested the school doing more events that the community could join in with. Cllr Smith asked if Clyro School used Schoop, A Crichton-Stuart confirmed that they do, Cllr Smith suggested that the Community Council can put information on there about events going on. This was agreed. Chair Fforde finished the discussion saying that the Friends can always ask for help/involvement from the Community Council.

The meeting was closed at 8.17pm.

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 J Fforde, Chair)

Appendix A

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13/6/23

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School

No further news at present

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

No further news re. either school at present.

Planning & Housing

Members may have noted that the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Therese Coffey MP, convened a ‘summit’ in Hereford very recently, to discuss the ecological health of the River Wye. The Leader of Herefordshire Council was invited but not the Leaders of Powys or Monmouthshire County Councils, although both of Powys’s MPs were invited to attend. Powys CC was represented by its Professional Lead for Planning, Peter Morris, who is also the lead officer and spokesperson for local authority planning officers in Wales on the issue of phosphates. It appears that Ms Coffey re-iterated her aim of improving the health of the river, which has recently been downgraded by Natural England. However, I am as yet unaware of any firm proposals emerging from the summit about how that should be achieved. Meanwhile I convened a meeting with senior council officers to establish where matters lie in Wales and what political steps we can feasibly take to find solutions that will allow significant housing and business development to resume in some form in the Wye and Usk SACs.

I remain very concerned about the negative publicity that frequently appears in the news and via social media about the state of the River Wye, as these stories imply that the river is ‘dead’ or so polluted as to be unsafe to swim in, or canoe on. A recent example of this was the preamble that accompanied the entry in the Hay Festival programme for the Friends of the Upper Wye event – ‘SOS: What’s the Rescue Plan for the Wye?’, which described the river as ‘Grossly polluted’. This is very misleading, in that it implies that the river is unsafe for swimming and recreation purposes. The river is suffering from a serious nutrient imbalance, which has created a biodiversity crisis, but it is not unsafe.

To update the council on the situation at Upper Glasybont Common ('The 'Bont') in Glasbury, Sian Barnes from Powys CC recently circulated an email to all stakeholders outlining where matters lie with the Habitats Regulation Assessment process and the next steps. It is very regrettable that this process has taken so long, particularly as the likely proposed changes to the use of The Bont from the previous patterns of use seem set to be relatively modest.

Highways

No particular issues of note in the Clyro CC area to report.

Health & Care Services

I am pleased to say that the working relationship between Powys CC and Powys THB continues to improve, with some complex and long-running issues being resolved satisfactorily, which should in turn pave the way to the creation of a more settled, integrated health and care system in Powys. This was one of my key aims on becoming council leader, so I am pleased that matters are moving in the right direction. However, this does not alter the fact that the whole system continues to operate under terrific pressure, suffering from staff recruitment and retention problems and ever-increasing demand. Innovative new models of care provision are now being developed, including increased use of digital technology in people's homes to keep people safe. This is an area developing fast in Powys.

Adoption of the Powys Well-Being Plan

The Powys Public Service Board (PSB), a partnership of all the public agencies operating in Powys, plus associate participation from PAVO, One Voice Wales and others, has produced and consulted widely on its draft Well-Being Plan for the county. It was formally adopted by the PSB last week. It outlines the joint strategies and actions that the public agencies will pursue to achieve the aims in line with the requirements of the Well Being of Future Generations Act to adopt measures to help safeguard the well-being of current and future residents of the county through to 2040 and beyond. The adoption of the Plan confirmed the following 'high-level' aims and objectives, with very detailed operational plans now being developed by multi-agency working groups to turn these into reality 'on the ground'.

- People in Powys will live happy, healthy and safe lives
- Powys is a county of sustainable places and communities
- An increasingly effective Public Service for the people of Powys

The Plan was considered by Powys County Council's Cabinet on Tuesday 9th May and all the other statutory agencies by early June, ready for adoption and implementation by the PSB itself.

The aims and objectives very much align with:-

Powys County Council Corporate Plan – Stronger–Fairer–Greener
which is now available on the council's website.

Appendix B

MAY 2023

Hay on Wye Neighbourhood
Policing Team

Crime Trends 6 May and 6 June 2023

DP-20230526-278 - Sometime between 12 noon and 15:00 hrs on 26 May
A hedge has deliberately been set on fire at **Glasbury**.

Please note the reference numbers have changed due to DPP having a new computer system NICHE

23000472353 - Between 18:00 hrs 30 May and 09:00 hrs on 31 May
At a building site in **Clyro**, locks had been broken on gates and a trailer stolen from within. 3 weeks prior to this, but unreported, a container had been broken into but nothing taken.

23000482088 – Sometime between 12 noon and 14:00 hrs on 4 June
A vehicle has been parked on a grass verge in **Tregoyd** and damaged underneath and had also moved and been blocked in by machinery.

If you have any information regarding the incidents reported above, or any other crime, you can contact police via our website <https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk> or by dialling 101 if you don't have access to a computer. In an emergency, please dial 999.

You can also contact Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously. Please be mindful of the fact that reports provided within this newsletter are to inform you of incidents of note and to request assistance with solving crime. Not every crime for the Hay on Wye Policing area is listed here. We do not want to worry you in any way.