

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
meeting held in the Village Hall.  
Tuesday July 11th, 2023, at 7pm.

## **MINUTES**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Fforde (Chairman), Cllr C Smith, PCSO T Davies and County Cllr J Gibson-Watt.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MINUTES:** Cllr Richardson brought to the Community Councils attention a contextual error surrounding an item in June's Public Comment. Cllr Richardson requested that text was added to one part as the draft document doesn't give enough information to allow the reader who wasn't at the meeting a full picture. Cllrs all agreed that as the draft stood it wasn't conveying the message that Cllr Richardson was offering. It was agreed by all to add, *as there is less resource available, and the emphasis has been on returning children to learning*. This gives the reason for the differences experienced pre and post Covid.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Vice-Chair Wells has checked all assets and found to be in good order.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee. – Vice-Chair Wells read an update from Chair Fforde - *Because PCC require all Speed Indicator Devices to be TOPAS compliant, I went to find a SID in Powys that was already installed. There are a pair down near Dan-y-Ogof which circumvented planning as they were on the posts previously held by official Highways SIDs. This led to TWM, a company I'd initially rejected as their comms were so poor, likely because they deal with bigger customers. I am still trying to get their salesman to send me full details so I can update the pre-planning application to Powys, and we can move on.*  
Vice-Chair Wells reported that one of the landowners on the proposed cycle route has given a positive response to informal discussions. Lastly the subcommittee are looking at the funding of a feasibility study and setting out terms of the study.
2. Bus stop update – Cllr Bate is awaiting information.
3. New play area update and Community Garden – The expression of interest was submitted to Powys and a meeting was held where they approved the application in principle saying that there should be a lease agreement with Clyro Community Council. The next stage is a heads of terms document, Vice-Chair has received this but there is an issue with this in that they have put a 20-year tenure in. Specifically, Clyro asked for a rolling one-year tenure so that in the future if Cllrs felt that the Community Council could no longer manage it then notice could be given with only a year to complete. Powys explained that for funding purposes tenures tended to need to be 5 years and over. Powys offered two options, a 20-year lease with an annual tenant only break option or a twenty-year lease with a tenant only break

option at year one, year five and every five years thereafter. Vice-Chair Wells felt that for funding applications the second option may be favourable. The rent would be a peppercorn rent of £1 a year. He then ran through some of the terms, maintaining the boundaries, the areas are for community use only, rent is exclusive of business rates or services, repairs are to be the tenants responsibility, services if installed to the area are the tenants responsibility, tenant will insure the property to an appropriate level to at least cover the full reinstatement of the property and will provide a copy of the insurance certificate to the landlord on each annual renewal date, the tenant will also be responsible for insuring adequate employers liability insurance and adequate, minimum £2 million, public liability insurance, the tenant will be responsible for ensuring that the property continues to comply with all legislation during the time of the lease whether that legislation is already in force or enacted in the future, the tenant is also responsible for all health and safety requirements relating to staff and other users and tenants should not undertake all alterations without the landlords consent. Cllrs asked questions regarding the insurance if the Community Council take on this extra land and play equipment. Vice-Chair Wells explained that we have got enough insurance already to cover all aspects of the play park, the Community Garden would need investigating. Cllr Brock asked about the safety of the play equipment and Vice-Chair Wells explained that a monthly check would be carried out by volunteers and then an annual paid for RoSPA inspection would be procured through Powys. Vice-Chairman Wells continued to explain that the Community Council would be responsible for having a solicitor check that the lease is fair and correct. The Community Council would bear the cost of this. He then proposed that the Community Council ask Powys to produce a lease using option two from above. Cllr Morgan questioned the reasoning behind this as the resident's interest has not been gauged yet. Vice-Chair Wells is confident that if the ball is rolling then people will naturally join in. Cllr Richardson has agreed and added that it's not all about volunteers to physically get involved, projects like these need people to help plan and bring new ideas. Vice-Chair Wells reminded the meeting why this project was started, Powys are not going to do much to the play park in the future probably just getting the grass cut twice a year. If the Community Council takes it on, then it can be looked after by a group of volunteers and made better. After this discussion Cllrs agreed that Vice-Chair Wells can action the production of a lease for closer examination and that a Community engagement event/flyer would be prepared.

4. Climate Community Action Plan – Chair Fforde prepared a report that Vice-Chair Wells read as follows
5. *For brevity: The Powys Environmental Forum I attended on the 14th June was a valid and responsible initiative by Powys to find some forward movement toward tackling the Climate and Environmental emergencies. The speakers represented many agencies across Powys and Wales, and outlined the small yet cumulative changes we at Town and Community council level can make to foster positive changes in habits among the general public, from a grass roots level.*

*While this might sound lofty, I think Powys also understands and acknowledges that impossible goals and well intentioned yet unattainable targets are valueless, and we need to concentrate on what is practical and achievable.*

*To this end I suggest we formulate a Clyro Climate Action Plan, which will work alongside our Environmental Policy and aim to target areas in which we can bring about change and encourage positive outcomes, but without any finger wagging, shaming or being patronising or judgemental.*

*The scope of the plan would cover two broad topics: Decarbonising and looking toward the Wales 'Carbon Neutral 2030', and improving the environmental strength and resilience.*

*If CCC decides this should be something in which we should be leading, it should firstly be noted that we are already heading this way: The excellent work of the Village Hall Committee to create a local hub that negates the need of transport to other places, the idea of a Community Garden, and Speed reduction and improved Cycleways and footpaths.*

*The Clyro Climate Action Plan might also adopt (subject to discussion and these are by way of example) a wildflower meadow outside the Texaco to attract pollinators and increase biodiversity, a more proactive and user friendly information hub that might promulgate strategies for lowering carbon use, house efficiency, funding availability, ride sharing and Freecycling.*

*While small and arguably meaningless on a global scale, doing nothing is not really an option, and ideas seen on a Community level may find themselves subtly altering behaviours and be adopted further.*

*Other Councillors will have ideas of their own, and I would welcome suggestions as to how this should go, or even whether what we are doing already is enough. It should be noted that more and more Councils (Brecon is a good example) are taking up this idea, particularly because Government is both slow and without direction, leading small bodies to take on this responsible task themselves. Vice-Chair Wells proposed that Chair Fforde should formulate a Clyro Climate Action Plan, Cllr Richardson seconded and all Cllrs agreed.*

**POLICE REPORT:** See Appendix B

**PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:**

1. **Application:** Installation of a swimming pool and associated plant, 3 Boatside Barns, Maes Y Caer, Hay-On-Wye, Hereford, HR3 5RS. Application ref: 23/0785/HH – Discussion was held, and all agreed to the following comment being sent to the planning department.

*Regarding the above application Clyro Community Council are concerned to ensure that sufficient measures have been incorporated into the project to minimise the environmental impact of a heated outside pool.*

*In line with our councils environmental policy we would like to encourage the use of renewable heating sources such as photovoltaic or thermal solar.*

*There was also concern expressed as to what measures are built into the design and operation that would prevent discharge of chemicals into watercourses.*

**GOVERNORS REPORT:** Cllr Richardson reported that there will be five new pupils in September and the After School Club will restart too. She had a discussion with the Head Teacher regarding working with the community who said that the school is very open to taking part in Community events including the Community Garden in the future.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE** (*incl*):

1. Hay and District Dial-a-Ride Newsletter – for information
2. Powys Leisure Public Consultation – all Cllrs welcome to have a say

<https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-leisure-review-2023>

**FINANCIAL:**

Bank balances: Current £2,170.40 (on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023) Reserve £1,855.05 (on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023). Payments to include BT direct debit 9/7/23 (£41.25), postage (£13.65) and Clerks Salary (£183.34). Cllr Morgan proposed, and Cllr Brock seconded these payments, all agreed.

**AOB:** The Clerk gave Thanks from Mrs H Brown, on behalf of the Church and Mr and Mrs Anthony for the War Memorial Flowers that the Community Council funded.

Mrs H Brown also asked if the area by the bench at the far end of the village could be cleared of tree growth as it is making it very difficult to sit on the bench. Vice-Chair Wells said that the trees are something that Powys would be pruning in due course.

Vice-Chair Wells told the meeting about an interesting “meet the funder” meeting that he attended, PAVO hosted and if anyone would like to see the slides, please let him know.

The meeting was closed at 8.08pm.

**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 11/7/23 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.

The gradual transformation of Powys's schools system is continuing, with a report on proposed changes to primary provision in the Llanfyllin HS Catchment imminent and also a report on secondary provision in the Llandrindod Wells/Builth Wells area due in the autumn.

#### **Planning & Housing**

With regard to the phosphates issue, I have asked Powys County Council's Director of Environment & Economy to arrange a meeting with me (as Leader of the Council), relevant council officers and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officials to try to establish where NRW's current policies with regard to housing and business development in the Wye and Usk SACs are leading us. As previously discussed, the current virtual 'moratorium' on development in the SACs is placing much of Powys at a great disadvantage in comparison with areas in Herefordshire in the Wye SAC, where Natural England is operating a different policy and housing and business development is continuing at pace. The latest example of this situation is that planning consent for new housing has recently been granted by Herefordshire CC in Cusop, with the foul drainage from the development going in to the Hay water treatment works, which lie in Herefordshire, while the lack of phosphate-stripping technology at the sewage works prevents similar developments in Hay itself from being pursued. This anomalous situation has varied consequences, but of particular concern is its contribution to the continued outward migration of young people and the ageing of the population of Powys, with all the adverse impacts this will have on the future sustainability of our communities.

I will report back when that meeting has taken place.

#### **Highways**

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

Although not in the Clyro CC area, but of interest to its residents, the recently-damaged gate on to Upper Glasybont Common (the 'Bont) next to the Scout Hut in Glasbury has been replaced – it was damaged by the contractors working on the bridge and they replaced it at their own expense.

Further news on the new scheme for the management of the 'Bont, which will have an impact on the Clyro CC area, is still awaited, while Powys CC's officers consider the responses to the draft Habitats Regulation Assessments that was sent to all stakeholders, including the local community councils, for comment and suggestions.

#### **Health & Care Services**

I am pleased to say that improvements in the working relationship between Powys CC and Powys THB are continuing, with agreements on key operational matters being reached. However, noting that the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NHS's foundation has just passed, 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.

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## Appendix B

# Hay on Wye Neighbourhood Policing Team

## Crime Trends 6 June to 6 July 2023

Ref : 23000491698 - Sometime between 3 June and 7 June

A Belgian Blue cow, in calf, has gone missing from a herd in **Pengenffordd**.

Ref : 23000512487 – Sometime between 7 June and 11 June

7 Texel yearling rams have been stolen from a field at **Threecoaks**.

Ref : 23000589727 – On 30 June at around 13:10 hrs

An incident occurred at Chancery Lane, **Hay on Wye**, whereby the victim has been approached by 2 females. The one young female described as 5ft 2”, dark hair, Eastern European and wearing a surgical face mask and dark clothing was holding a piece of paper purporting to be for deaf children and asking for money. The female then hugged the victim and kissed her on the cheek saying she looked like her grandmother. The female was very insistent and the victim pushed her away. On returning home, the victim noticed her gold chain missing from her neck, which had great sentimental value. The chain included a wedding ring and owl, both gold. A similar incident happened in March 2023 in Brecon, whereby a female had a Rolex watch stolen.

Ref : 23000590358 – Sometime between 30 June and 1 July

Graffiti has been written on the wall of **Talgarth** public toilets in Market Square, using a pink marker. The graffiti was of a derogatory nature towards a business holder of Talgarth. This is not the first time this nature of graffiti has occurred.

Ref : 23000593251 – Sometime between 30 June and 1 July

Graffiti has been carried out on a residential property in Bronllys Road, **Talgarth** in spray paint, using the tag DBK.

Ref : 23000600130 – 4 July

A “NO OVERNIGHT PARKING” sign has been stolen from the car park at The Warren, **Hay on Wye**. The sign had only been up for short period before being stolen.

### TALGARTH HOSPITAL

Several reports of persons at the Old Mid Wales Hospital at Talgarth have been reported. Some causing criminal damage, metal detecting, ASB and entering the hospital. Several school children were identified and parents/guardians informed by advisory letter with regards to the dangers of entering the hospital.

### CYBER SCAMS AND SEXTORTION

There is an increase in reporting of cyber scams, fraud calls purporting to be from your bank and sextortion scams. Attached are leaflets regarding Romance Fraud and Sextortion, please share and make people aware and not to engage with these people and to report to Police.

If you have any information regarding the incidents reported here, 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.