

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 12th March 2024, 7pm.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr J Fforde (Chairman), Cllr R Wells (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J Morgan (arrived at 7.15pm), Cllr Crichton-Stuart, Cllr Richardson, Cllr M Brock and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Bate and Cllr Price

IN ATTENDANCE: A Jetley and M Jetley

MINUTES: The minutes from February's meeting were agreed to be a true account of the meeting and were signed by Chair Fforde.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: A Jetley and M Jetley, Clyro residents attended to enquire about the planning process particularly as regards then expansion of the Borders Hideaway Holiday Park as they are very close to the proposed development. Chair Fforde and Vice-Chair Wells explained that they can look back at the Community Council minutes to see the questions raised by the Community Council when the Borders Holiday Park Expansion pre-planning application was discussed in January 2024, and Clerk confirmed that we had received no reply from the developers, but our answer had been acknowledged. Vice-Chair Wells explained the part that the Community Council plays as a Consultee in the planning process. Vice-Chair Wells recommended that they send comments to Powys Planning when the application has been published. Chair Fforde added that residents are welcome to send comments to the Clerk for the Community Council to consider and attend the meeting after the application has been published. The residents left the meeting.

Cllr Morgan arrived at this juncture.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde has had a reply from Twm who has informed him that the SIDs that they supply are not TOPAS compliant. Powys County Council have made it clear that the SIDs have to be TOPAS compliant however finding these compliant SIDs is proving difficult. Chair Fforde will continue to contact suppliers and the Clerk will seek advice from One Voice Wales.
2. Repair to B4351 footway – no repairs have been undertaken. Chair Fforde will alert County Cllr Gibson-Watt of this.
3. Casual vacancy for Community Councillor – There is still a vacancy for a Community Cllr to join Clyro Community Council.
4. Policies – Chair Fforde shared a draft of the Clyro Community Non Political Action Policy, discussion ensued and Cllrs requested that Chair Fforde amend the document

to reflect the Community Council standing orders. Chair Fforde proposed adopting this policy with the amendments, Cllr Brock seconded, and all Cllrs agreed.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Cllr Richardson had shared a report of the work on the Community Garden to all Cllrs via email (Appendix B), along with the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the subcommittee that has been formed. The ToR states that the subcommittee be made up of a minimum of two Clyro Community Councillors and up to six non-Councillors all of whom have voting rights. The right to vote on purchasing and financial decisions were questioned, and Vice-Chair Wells explained that although day to day decisions on ordering and spending could be taken by the subcommittee, the full Council would retain control of the finances and the payment process which operate under the existing procedures and safeguards. Vice-Chair Wells proposed that the ToR be adopted by the Community Council, Cllr Richardson seconded the proposal and all Cllrs agreed to adopt the ToR (Appendix C).

Cllr Richardson and Vice-Chair Wells visited Clyro School and talked to the eco-committee, this proved very worthwhile as the children were enthusiastic and had some ideas for the Community Garden. Another visit is planned for after Easter when the children are going to share the work that they have been doing in their outdoor area of the school.

2. Wildflower meadows on unused land – Chair Fforde and Vice-Chair Wells attended a meeting of the On the Verge group (One Metre Matters), they connected with Nick Pritchard who is heavily involved with the group and Vice-Chair of Gwernyfed Community Council. Mr Pritchard agreed to have a meeting with the Community Council to share knowledge on what needs to be planted, when and any other useful information. Chair Fforde will let Cllrs know when the meeting is scheduled.

PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:

1. **Application:** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling, creation of new access and other associated works. Crossways Farm, Clyro, HR3 6JY. Ref 24/0049/FUL. – a discussion was held, and it was agreed that no comment was to be made.
2. **Application:** Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of two new agricultural buildings. Crossways Farm, Clyro, HR3 6JY. Ref 24/0050/FUL. – a discussion was held, and it was agreed that no comment was to be made.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: No report this month

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report February 2024. <https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2024-2025>

2. Town and Community Council meeting with Powys County Council – 22nd May 2024 –
The Clerk will send the invite to all Cllrs.

FINANCIAL:

1. Website domain registration March 24-March 26 £33.49
2. Website hosting February 2024-February 2025 £143.71

Bank balances: Current £3,247.37 (on 4th January 2024) Reserve £1,871.81 (on 29th December 2023). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/3/24 (£41.25), and Clerks Salary (£197.74).

Cllr Brock proposed, and Cllr Morgan seconded these payments, all agreed.

AOB: Cllr Brock told the Community Council that the Notice board outside the village hall is in bad condition and getting difficult to use. Chair Fforde asked Cllrs to have a think about options for this space and it will be added to the agenda next month.

Cllr Richardson asked about putting planters at entrances to the village, Chair Fforde suggested speaking to Gwernyfed Community Council, who have installed planters, to find out how they went about it.

Cllr Crichton-Stuart informed the Council of a resident reporting planning disputes between themselves and their neighbours. The resident has raised the issues with Powys Planning and Natural Resources Wales.

Vice-Chair Wells and Cllr Crichton-Stuart have been on a website course through One Voice Wales, from this they found there are some bits of information missing on the website e.g. declaration of interest register and asset register. The website will be updated to be in line with the Welsh Government Statutory Guidance. They are also going to make the website more inviting and engaging to include a logo.

The Clerk has spoken to Natwest and they are not taking on new customers for the online banking part of the Community Account, the advice was to look at the website regularly for updates to this.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

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

12/3/24

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & the Secondary Education Sector in Powys

Reports and recommendations on future primary and secondary provision in the Llanfyllin (in the north of the county), following public consultation, and Ysgol Calon Cymru (in Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells) catchments, prior to public consultation, are due to come before the council's Cabinet for decisions before the end of March. Both are likely to recommend significant changes in both areas, including, after many years of debate and delay, a clear proposal on where to site Welsh medium secondary provision in the mid-Powys area in the future.

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

No further news re. either primary school at present. The above section covers the major areas of work in the schools transformation process at present.

Planning & Housing

No major issues to report at present.

Highways issues, etc.

In periods of heavy rain water and debris are still flowing down the bank and over the small bridge over the Clyro Brook adjacent to the lych gate on the Clyro-Paincastle road, despite the existence of the 'bump' on the bridge and large storm drain grid designed to prevent this happening. The source of the water is largely out of the fields above the road above the 30mph signs, uphill from the entrance to Pentwyn. I am working with Highways officers to see what can be done to improve the situation.

Powys County Council 2024/25 Budget

The Council's Cabinet published its proposed draft County Council 2024/25 Budget on Wed. 10th January and the final 2024/25 Budget was approved by the County Council at its meeting on the 22nd February, by a very narrow margin of 34 for and 32 against. The link to the Budget report is here:-

<https://powys.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s84954/Budget%20Report%20for%20Council%2022nd%20February%202024.pdf>

It is a legal requirement for local authorities to set a balanced budget and I believe we have achieved as good a balanced budget as could be achieved in the extremely difficult circumstances we face. Some of the measures we are having to introduce are ones I never thought I would have to consider. Although there was much criticism of individual proposals

in the budget, no alternative proposals were received and no reduction in the proposed Council Tax increase of 7.5% was suggested by any council member.

These circumstances are going to become more difficult, because the UK Chancellor's Budget announcements of last week gave no indication that there will be any real-terms increase in public spending in 2024/25 or beyond, offering the prospect of potential negative Welsh Government grant settlements for local government in Wales in future years. Work on the 2025/26 Council budget has already started on the assumption of a -2% Revenue Support Grant settlement.

Sustainable Powys

Ongoing inflationary cost and demand pressures, particularly in the field of social care, driven by a rapidly ageing population profile in Powys, means that for local authority services to survive and continue the county council will have to significantly change the way it operates. It will have to become a much smaller and more efficient organisation and work much more collaboratively with other local authorities on both sides of the border, other public sector organisations, such as the Powys Teaching Health Board, but also local councils, charities, the voluntary sector and private sector businesses. An engagement process is currently underway with local organisations across the county and community councils have been invited to take part in those. A wider consultation process with communities will follow shortly.

I strongly urge members to take part in these consultation events, as they will shape the way public services are delivered in Powys for decades to come.

James

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Appendix B

CLYRO COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE FOR CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 12 MARCH 2024



- Ground cleared
- Contract being finalised with PCC
- Grant applied for and received from *Bwyd Powys Food* - £930 - for Stage 1 of Work Plan
- Sub-Committee set up
- Terms of Reference agreed by Sub-Committee for CCC sign-off at March meeting



- Further ground clearance undertaken • Work has begun on laying paths



- Clyro School ECO Council consulted 5 March
- Returning for their ideas in April
- The ECO Council have named our resident toad 'Timmy'
- Launched nature competition for pupils to enter



It is important to recognise that none of this progress would have been possible without the enthusiasm, help and energy of a small number of local volunteers.

Trish Richardson & Roger Wells

CCC Representatives on the Clyro Community Garden Sub-Committee

8 March 2024

Appendix C

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL - Community Garden Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Sub-Committee

To progress actions agreed by Clyro Community Council regarding the creation & ongoing management of Clyro Community Garden at Dan Y Castell Parc.

Vision

The creation of a Community Garden at the land between the Castle Tump and Dan y Castell Play Parc. To include raised beds, for produce growing, tree planting, pond creation and other nature friendly planting and habitat creation.

Available for all ages and abilities for community within the parish of Clyro but additionally open to adjoining parishes.

To manage and maintain the Community Garden in line with its stated aims and objective for the benefit of the community.

To take forward additional actions or proposals as agreed and delegated by Clyro Community Council.

Membership

Clyro Community Council members: A minimum of two Clyro Community Councillors. These members will have voting rights.

Co-opted

members: up to six non-Councillors can be co-opted to the Sub-Committee with the agreement of the majority of the subcommittee members. Co-opted members will have voting rights. The Chair & the Vice Chair will be appointed by the members of the Sub-Committee and the Chair of the sub-committee must be a councillor of CCC unless otherwise agreed by CCC. The Chair of the Sub-Committee has a casting vote.

Meetings

The Sub-Committee will meet a minimum of four times per annum, these meetings may be either on line or physical and a minimum of three days notice to be given to members. Members of the public will not normally be present unless invited. To be quorate a minimum of three members must be present at least 2 of whom must be CCC councillors.

Reporting

The Sub-Committee will report to the full Clyro Community Council through verbal or written updates to monthly Council meetings. Notes and decisions of the Sub-Committee will be received by the full Clyro Community Council at the monthly Council meetings.

Delegated Powers

Decisions on day-to-day management and spending may be taken by the Sub-Committee but any major decisions involving expenditure or actions/projects that go beyond the scope and remit of the sub-committee as stated above must be referred to the full Clyro Community Council (verbally or through notes of meetings) and must be approved by CCC before proceeding.

Any funding received by CCC raised on behalf of, or for the benefit of this Sub-Committee will be ring-fenced for the purposes and proposals relating to the community garden. Funds will be held by CCC and any payments administered by the clerk under the normal safeguard procedure of CCC.

Clyro Community Council may dissolve the Sub-Committee if it no longer meets its purpose and any funds raised by or held by the subcommittee will be returned to Clyro Community Council to be used in projects within Clyro Community with similar aims to the stated vision of the Clyro Community Garden Sub-Committee.

Review date: [6 months]