

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 9th April 2024, 7pm.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr J Fforde (Chairman), Cllr R Wells (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J Morgan, Cllr Crichton-Stuart, Cllr Richardson, Cllr P Bate and Clerk to the Community Council, D Workman.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Price

RESIGNATION: Maggie Brock has given the Chair notice of resignation from the role of Community Cllr for Clyro, the Community Council expressed their thanks for the time and effort that had been given to Clyro by Maggie.

IN ATTENDANCE: B Morgan, S Chilvers and M Smith

MINUTES: The minutes from March'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: No comments were made at this point.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde has found a reliable source of information regarding the Speed Indicator Device (SID), Westmatec has a device that builds to the quality of Topas requirements. The Chair will contact Powys with the specifications of the device and ask if these devices are suitable. A Cllr asked if other quotes could be sought if Powys agree to this type of SID? Chair Fforde agreed that other quotes could be looked for. A discussion around having the posts fitted in readiness for the devices concluded with the agreement to wait until the signs are decided on and agreed.
2. Repair to B4351 footway – no repairs have been undertaken but a reply from last months enquiry through County Cllr Gibson-Watt has been received, this said that due to poor weather and priorities being given to potholes the work has been delayed but is still on the list of jobs to be completed.
3. Casual vacancy for Community Councillor – There are two vacancies for Community Cllr's to join Clyro Community Council.
4. Non-Political Action Policy – Chair Fforde has made the amendments requested at last months meeting, he proposed that the Community Council adopt this policy, Cllr Crichton-Stuart seconded, and all Cllrs agreed to the proposal.
5. Village Hall Notice Board – The village hall committee are asking for a donation towards a new notice board, the sizes given were felt to be incorrect so Chair Fforde will go back to them and ask for clarification. Vice-Chair Wells has looked at the one

in situ and suggested that it could be refurbished. Chair Fforde will also take this information to the committee and report back next month.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Vice-Chair Wells explained that due to poor weather deliveries have not been able to take place so not much work has taken place. The Gardening Club has members who are keen to help with the community garden when it is up and running. Cllr Richardson reported that the grant was nearly spent apart from a small amount that will be used to buy some tools. The second grant is in the process of being completed. Cllr Richardson has been contacted by the Powys Community Garden network and invited to join a meeting online with other Community Garden groups in Powys.
2. Wildflower meadows on unused land – Chair Fforde and Vice-Chair Wells had a meeting with Martin from One Metre Matters who suggested other groups to talk to due to the size of the area. Chair Fforde will contact these groups for information.

PLANNING MATTERS inc updates and decisions:

1. **Application** – Advertisement consent, Camp Ground Field, Wyecliffe, HR3 5RS. Application reference 24/0235/ADV – after discussion the Community Council have no comment to make.
2. **Application** – Formation of car park, Camp Ground Field Car Park. Application reference 24/0244/FUL – after discussion the Community Council commented that the applicant should be sensitive to light pollution and the project should be compliant with the Powys Dark Sky Policy.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Richardson reported 69 pupils on the school roll. Attendance figures at Clyro School are the best in Powys, since Covid attendance through Powys has seen a decline so it is very positive that Clyro is doing so well.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: See Appendix A

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Davies is back in post and will be getting in touch when work allows. If residents have any problems, they are welcome to contact either PCSO Davies or PCSO Jackson.

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Standards Committee Annual Report 2022-2023 – Cllr information
2. Request for support from Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Wind turbines and Pylons in Powys – The discussion focussed on the lack of information in the letter, Chair Fforde will reply to the letter requesting this.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £3,247.37 (on 4th January 2024) Reserve £1,876.42 (on 29th February 2024). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/4/24 (£41.25), HMRC (£146.41 paid in March approved via email), HMRC (£148.20), One Voice Wales Annual Membership (£161), Microsoft Office Annual Subscription (£59.99) and Clerks Salary (£197.74).

The clerk explained that bank statements had not been received meaning that the balance was not up to date. The Natwest must have a letter from signatories requesting copies.

Community Garden Invoices – Huws Gray 1 (£360), Huws Gray 2 (£154.26), Huws Gray 3 (£376.22), Huws Gray 4 (£359.42).

Huws Gray 1 (£360) is an error on Huws Gray side, so won't be paid. The other invoices are within the grant of £930 leaving a small amount for tools.

Vice-Chair Wells proposed these payments, Cllr Morgan seconded, and all Cllr agreed to these payments.

AOB: The clerk has a letter for signatories to sign to the Natwest requesting the copies of statements that have not been received and to add a signatory to the list. Both Cllr Crichton-Stuart and Cllr Richardson volunteered to be a signatory. The clerk will take this forward.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Cllr J Fforde, Chair)

Appendix A

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL 9/4/24

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & the Secondary Education Sector in Powys

Consideration by the council's Cabinet of all schools' reconfiguration proposals has had to be delayed due to us being in a 'purdah' period prior to the Police & Crime Commissioner elections.

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

No further news re. either primary school at present..

Planning & Housing

No major issues to report at present.

Highways issues, etc.

The exceptionally wet weather over the winter has caused significant damage to roads across the county and exposed weaknesses in the storm drainage systems. Highways staff have been unblocking drains and culverts as required and have been very responsive to my requests for action locally.

Sustainable Powys

As previously reported, 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. Fifteen years of funding settlements from central government that have not been sufficient to meet the increasing demand for services and a greatly-increased regulatory burden means that all local authorities are now facing a financial cliff-edge. The whole local government system has to change as there is no prospect of improved funding settlements in future years.

An engagement process is currently underway and Clyro CC members should have received an invitation to attend a consultation event over the past month. I am determined to ensure that the county council works with local councils and communities to find solutions at local level that will maintain as many locally-based services as possible, to help sustain our communities. The council's Cabinet is currently working with officers to consider the responses to the initial consultation with community groups and councils. Further consultation events and processes with the wider public will now take place shortly.

For many communities this is proving to be a difficult process. 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.

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