

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 8th October 2024, at 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Morgan

IN ATTENDANCE: C Ford

MINUTES:

The minutes from September's meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by Chair Fforde

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:

Chair Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order. The clerk reported that contrary to information received previously the assets are insured for up to £10,000 altogether. Public liability insurance is also in place to cover the community garden. The clerk has asked if the community garden assets could be listed informally rather than on the assets register, no reply has been received.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde asked Cllrs for feedback on the Speed Indicator Device (SID) quotes that were sent out for Cllrs to look at. Vice-Chair Wells asked how the solar chargers are moved between the two sites? Chair Fforde acknowledged that the solar option is more cumbersome to move. A battery-operated device is easier to move and is cheaper to buy initially. Chair Fforde also questioned how much sun was available on one site and if it would be enough to run the device. Cllr Bate agreed that the solar may not work properly and looks difficult to move. Chair Fforde will find out how long the battery life is and the cost of them. Cllr Richardson asked for a breakdown of the technical aspects of each device to enable Cllrs to see information to compare each device. Chair Fforde will gather the information in readiness for November's meeting.
2. Repair to B4351 footway – Chair Fforde has contacted Sharon Powell, the Community Council link to Powys County Council Senior Leadership Team, she assured Chair Fforde that she would investigate the request.
3. Casual vacancies for Community Councillors – Chair Fforde invited Carolyn Ford to address the Community Council as she expressed an interest in joining the Community Council. After Carolyn Ford had spoken, Chair Fforde proposed that

Carolyn Ford join the community council, Vice-Chair Wells seconded and all Cllrs agreed. The community council has one vacancy for a Cllr.

4. Village Hall Notice Board – Chair Fforde has not heard from the Committee regarding the refurbishment/new notice board.
5. Huws Gray Credit – The cheque has been received and paid into the bank.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Vice-Chair Wells and Cllr Richardson reported that the shed has progressed well, and the compost toilet is on its way. The next grant application has been deferred to allow time for the shed to be built and the consolidation of the vegetable growing space.

PLANNING MATTERS inc decisions and updates:

1. **Application:** Siting of two holiday units, two new accesses and all associated works, site address: land at Hendom Barn, Clyro, HR3 5JX. Application Ref. 24/1329/FUL. The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.

BUDGET:

Vice-Chair Wells took Cllrs through the budget, the unexpected audit invoice for £660 has placed a pressure on the budget. There are some budgeted expenses that haven't been spent but not enough to cover the whole amount therefore this overspend may have to come from the reserve account. The £3500 budget that was allowed for the SIDs was agreed with the note that as the VAT can be claimed back the actual cost can be up to £4,200. Cllrs were asked to bring ideas that may require funding for next year in readiness for the precept discussion next month.

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CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Audit Wales Invoice ARINV/010083 2021-22 – Cllrs agreed to pay this invoice even though the community council has not received a reply from Audit Wales that questioned the length of time that it took for the auditors to complete a small community councils audit.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £7,218.94 (on 4th September 2024) Reserve £1,890.11 (on 30th August 2024). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/10/24 (£46.10), Audit Wales Invoice 21-22 (£660), HMRC (£148.20) and Clerks Salary (£197.74).

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

Chair Fforde proposed the purchase (£50) of a wreath from the British Legion for Remembrance Sunday. All Cllrs agreed to this.

A.O.B:

Cllr Crichton-Stuart noted that a comment that the community council made regarding a planning application in August has not been added to the planning portal. The clerk will investigate this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

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

Appendix A

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REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Now that the General Election and the summer break are behind us, the county council is able to turn its attention to a number of major decisions that will need to be taken in connection with the Sustainable Powys process (see more below) and in preparation for the 2025/26 budget.

Gwernyfed High School & the Secondary Education Sector in Powys

As previously reported, the Council's Cabinet will consider a report in to the structural condition of Gwernyfed High School shortly; and will also receive a paper on future secondary school proposals in the Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells area of mid Powys. The condition of the Ysgol Calon Cymru Llandrindod Wells campus is a cause for mounting concern and there is an urgent need to address that and the decades-long debate over the provision of Welsh Medium education in the Mid Powys area. Hopefully we will be able to make significant progress on both issues before the end of this year. I will report further as matters progress.

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

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

Planning & Housing

No issues of significance to report at present.

Highways issues, etc.

As previously reported, planning for the project to replace/refurbish Glasbury Bridge is well-underway, including identifying the source of capital to fund the works, which are due to take place within the next 2 to 3 years. The costs will be very significant and the project very complex, given the volume of traffic that uses the A438 and the strategic importance of the route for the Powys and Mid Wales economy and its importance to local communities. There will inevitably be some disruption that will affect local residents, businesses and service delivery, so it will be imperative that the project management keeps that disruption to a minimum.

Sustainable Powys (SP)

It is increasingly clear that limited future central government grant support, ongoing inflationary costs and ever-increasing 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.

I attended, at the Chair's (Cllr Barbara Lloyd from Glasbury & Dist. CC)) kind invitation, a recent meeting of the Brecon & Radnor Branch of One Voice Wales to discuss SP and explain the rationale behind the work underway on future proposals to come before the council's Cabinet in the autumn. The principles (framework) within which we will be considering these proposals are now agreed and those and much more information can be found on the Powys County Council website at

<https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=e4b8b9f69848cb87JmltdHM9MTcyODI1OTIwMCZpZ3VpZD0zZGE5OTcxYy1jNzcyLTYwNzAtMzE3NC04MzFIYzY1NTYxYmEmaW5zaWQ9NTE5NA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=3da9971c-c772-6070-3174-831ec65561ba&psq=Sustainable+Powys&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9lbi5wb3d5cy5nb3YudWsv3VzdGFpbmFibGVwb3d5cw&ntb=1>

Powys County Council 2025/26 Budget

It seems likely that the Revenue Support Grant from Welsh Government for the next financial year will be a 0% ('flat cash') one – i.e. the council will receive the same next year as it did this year, with no increase to allow for general cost inflation, although it is hoped that the teachers' 5.5% pay deal recently agreed by the new UK Government will be fully funded by the Welsh Government. It is on the above basis that Powys CC is formulating its draft budget proposals, which will require savings of over £20m (again) in order to produce a balanced draft budget to place before the Council in February next year. This illustrates the urgency of the SP process mentioned above.

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