

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

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Bate and Cllr C Ford

IN ATTENDANCE: B Morgan, Mr and Mrs Jetley, J Jetley, M Smith, Mr and Mrs Chichester, S Chilvers, K Glastonbury, S Rothwell, V Williams and A Williams.

MINUTES:

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Price declared an interest in planning matters item 1, as the site is an immediate neighbour to Cllr Price.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chair Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order. The clerk reported that items of value (i.e would be claimed for from insurance if stolen) at the Community Garden need to be added to the Asset Register.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Vice-Chair Wells told the meeting that Chair Fforde and himself had attended the Brecon to Hay Greenway meeting. The group agreed to lend their support to the Clyro to Hay cycle route and Clyro to Glasbury cycle route. This will add extra weight to the ongoing conversation and preparation for the cycle ways when funding is available.

Chair Fforde presented a spreadsheet comparing the six speed indicator devices (SIDs). Cllrs questioned the various options, Chair Fforde explained the differences in both cost and performance. Cllrs discussed and discarded devices until they settled on the appropriate choice. Vice-Chair Wells proposed the Evolis Vision with PV (£2,250) and Cllr Richardson seconded the proposed, all Cllrs agreed.

2. Repair to B4351 footway – nothing to report from Powys County Council.
3. Casual vacancies for Community Councillors –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, all Cllrs agreed to remove this item from the agenda as no information has been received.
5. Draft Clyro Community Council Environmental Policy V2.1 – Chair Fforde and Cllr Richardson have updated the policy, Chair Fforde proposed that the community council adopt this policy, all Cllrs agreed to ratify this policy.
6. Clerks annual review to include annual homeworking allowance (Appendix 1) – Cllr Richardson proposed discussing this in December's meeting after holding a private meeting with the clerk. Chair Fforde and Cllr Richardson agreed to meet with the clerk prior to the meeting. All Cllrs agreed to this proposal.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Cllr Richardson reported that after a meeting with Powys County Council, it has been confirmed that they can supply a shipping container and water storage. (Appendix 1)

PLANNING MATTERS inc decisions and updates:

1. **Application update:** Change of use of land for the erection of an agricultural storage building and greenhouses incorporating a domestic swimming pool and office with pv array and wind turbines on roof, Hendon Barn, Clyro, HR3 5JX. Application Reference: 24/0976/FUL - *Chair Fforde explained that the Community Council discussed this at August's meeting and had sent a comment to Powys planning requesting that more information be offered by the applicant as other consultees have also requested. The community council discussed the additional information but found that there are still missing parts of information.*
2. **Application:** Extension to existing static caravan holiday park for the change of use of land for the stationing of 21 additional static caravans for holiday use, associated vehicle tracks, package treatment plant and drainage field, Borders Hideaway Holiday Home Park, Clyro, HR3 5SG. Application Reference: 24/1466/FUL – *Cllrs discussed this application and concluded that this second reduced application attracted the same comments as the first application that was withdrawn.*

BUDGET inc precept discussion: Cllr Richardson and Vice-Chair Wells shared a draft 2025-26 budget with the Community Council. Cllr Richardson explained the highlights and the areas of concern that have had an increase to ensure the costs are covered including potential rises. The hope being that any surplus would be directed into the reserves.

Cllrs were asked for any projects that they would like to put forward for next year, Chair Fforde asked for consideration to be given to the purchase of another SID.

Cllrs agreed to this proposal and Cllr Richardson reported that the precept would need to be kept at the same level as 2024-25.

Cllrs approved the draft 2025-26 budget, and the precept will be finalised in January.

POLICE REPORT: Police Community Survey – Poster in Clyro Village Hall Notice Board

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:

CORRESPONDENCE *(incl):*

1. Hay-on-Wye Christmas lights donation request – after discussion Cllrs agreed to send £50. Proposed by Vice-Chair Wells and seconded by Cllr Morgan.
2. Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25
3. Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025-26 - £11.10

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £7,171.32 (on 4th October 2024) Reserve £1,892.44 (on 30th September 2024). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/11/24 (£46.10), Clyro Village Hall (£192), Powys County Council – Play Area RoSPA Inspection (£74.88), PAVO Q2 INV 2079 (£36) and Clerks Salary (£197.74). Cllr Crichton-Stuart proposed paying these, Cllr Richardson seconded this, and all Cllrs agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Planning reference: 25/1329/FUL Holiday Lets, Hendom Barn, HR3 5JX. Members of the public had attended the meeting to discuss this planning matter that was on the agenda last month, they reported that the site planning notification sign was not displayed until 23rd October 2024, Chair Fforde explained that members of the public can comment on the Powys planning portal to let their views be known to Powys. Chair Fforde also agreed that the Community Council would add the planning application to December's agenda for reassessment considering the public comments relating to the application.

A.O.B: Cllr Richardson asked about the signs that are appearing around the village and on the verges. Members of the public agreed that it would be good to have clarity as there are a lot of signs. Chair Fforde agreed to investigate the rules on signage.

Cllrs discussed training highlighting planning as it was felt that Cllrs are being left vulnerable to complaints when planning matters are discussed. The clerk will share planning training opportunities with the community. Cllr Richardson also suggested a checklist that could be used for planning applications, Vice-Chair Wells agreed and offered to explore checklist content.

The meeting was closed at 9.13pm.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Cllr J Fforde, Chair)

Appendix A

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



- Workdays on 12th & 13th October have seen the shelter transformed. Thanks to Alex and Roger. Next workdays planned for 16th & 17th November.
- Site meeting with Steve Butcher PCC held 29 October. Agreed he will organize water storage and relevant connections asap. PCC will supply a 10 ft shipping container for secure storage of tools and equipment.
- Specification required for signage – to be in place early 2025

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- Meanwhile, the potatoes, courgettes and beans are growing away. The strawberries and fruit bushes obtained from the KWT grant are also planted and doing well
- PCC grant for the shipping container and water storage should be available in August, approx £2,000.



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Appendix B

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12/11/2024

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & the Secondary Education Sector in Powys

As previously reported, the Council's Cabinet is due to consider a report on draft proposals for the future of secondary education in the Llandrindod Wells/Builth Wells area of mid Powys. This will now happen before Christmas. The condition of the Ysgol Calon Cymru Llandrindod Wells campus means there is an urgent need to address that issue and the decades-long debate over the provision of Welsh Medium education in the Mid Powys area

Vegetable beds have been prepared for Winter. Garlic has been planted by Chris. Once again, we wish to note 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

12 November 2024

needs to be resolved. The proposals will be significant and I am pleased that the council Administration I lead is dealing with a number of issues that previous Administrations have either ignored or have avoided taking decisions on them.

Another long-running yet urgent issue that we will now be addressing is the inadequate provision of post-16 learning in the county. This is something that should have been dealt with 20 years' ago and is a top priority for the current Council Cabinet. A report is now due to come to Cabinet early in the New Year. Again, the proposals will be significant.

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

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

Planning & Housing

The public consultation on the Preferred Strategy for the Replacement Powys Local Development Plan (the current LDP expires in 2026) ran between Monday 19 August and Monday 7 October 2024. The Council will now submit the strategy to the Welsh Government for approval. The next step will be to develop the new draft LDP, which will involve ample opportunity for the public and local councils to express their views as it develops. I would urge the council to respond to each consultation round, as the new LDP will determine the future housing, economic and social development of the county for the next decade or more.

Highways issues, etc.

No developments of significance to report this month.

Sustainable Powys (SP)

The Community Council will receive an information pack on the background and rationale for Powys County Council's SP process shortly, which contains detailed financial information, population data, service user data and much more. This can now form the basis of future discussions between Powys CC and local councils and organisations, as well as keeping the public informed about all the issues, to explore how we all jointly can sustain good quality services at local level.

Powys County Council 2025/26 Budget

Following the new UK Chancellor's Autumn Statement to Parliament, it now seems likely that the Revenue Support Grant (the 'Settlement') to local authorities from Welsh Government for the next financial year will not be a 0% ('flat cash') one, as previously feared, but a somewhat more generous one. This is most welcome, but whatever the increase is, it cannot in itself be enough to make up for even a small proportion of the 14 years of below-inflation Settlements, which have forced Powys County Council to make annual revenue savings of about £10m, leading in turn to successive cut backs in some services. This process has been called 'salami slicing', but now the salami sausage has run out. There are no more savings to be made without causing significant damage to service delivery. So the decision of the new UK Government to put more money in real terms in to public services is a great relief, although we will have to wait until mid December, when the draft Settlement figures are due to be released by the Welsh Government, to see just how much of a relief the extra funding may potentially provide.

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