

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 8th April 2025, at 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Wells (Vice-Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: S Chilvers.

MINUTES: The minutes from March's meeting were agreed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Morgan declared an interest in Planning Matters, item 3. Cllr Morgan did not take part in the discussion.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chair Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order. The clerk has not been able to speak to Zurich and they have not replied to the request for two quotes. The clerk will continue to investigate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde had nothing to report on this item.
2. Casual vacancies for Community Councillors –The community council has three vacancies for Cllrs.
3. Meet the Community Council Event – Cllr Bate is arranging the photo event.
4. Website sign-up marketing update – Time constraints on Cllrs have held this item back, Chair Fforde agreed to use a temporary template in the interim.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Appendix A

PLANNING MATTERS inc decisions and updates:

1. **Application** - Construction of amenity building, Clyro Court, Baskerville Hall Hotel, Clyro, HR3 5LE. Ref: 25/0411/FUL – *The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.*
2. **Application** – Change of use of equestrian grazing field to equestrian training and exercise arena (retrospective), Greenways, Clyro, HR3 6HA. Ref: 25/0398/FUL – *The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.*

3. **Application** – Change of use from a chapel to residential use, Bronydd Baptist Chapel, Clyro, HR3 5RX. Ref: 25/0438/FUL – *The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.*

GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Crichton-Stuart reported that a parent has started running Forest School, this has proved very popular with the school community. The pre-school has seen some changes as the external business, Little Stars, have left the school. The school has gone through the process of registering themselves as the responsible body for the pre-school setting. He noted that pupil numbers, 70 on roll, are concerning especially as Fairfield have not named Clyro as a feeder school, the fear is that this will put prospective parents off Clyro and encourage them to use schools over the border in Herefordshire.

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Senedd report on Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Councils

[Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector](#)
2. Microsoft Office Annual subscription – The clerk explained that the subscription has increased to £84.99 from £59.99. Chair Fforde offered “pages” as an option, he explained that the application has improved. The clerk agreed to have a look at it.
3. Sustainable Powys – LET’S TALK, meeting for Community Councils in Brecon 15th May 7pm-9pm – Chair Fforde is attending and will report back.

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £5,259.04 (on 4th March 2025) Reserve £1,902.93 (on 28th February 2025). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/04/25 (£46.10), Powys County Council, installation of ground sockets and posts for Speed Indicator Device (£1897.63), Hire of Village Hall Apr 25-Mar 26 (£192) HMRC (£175.40) and Clerks Salary (£206.88). Chair Fforde proposed paying these, Cllr Crichton-Stuart seconded, and all Cllrs agreed.

The clerk asked if R Davies could be asked to carry out the internal audit, all Cllrs agreed.

A.O.B: Chair Fforde told the Community Council about the shared prosperity fund that Powys County Council are offering as locality funding, each County Cllr has £5,000 to distribute around their ward. Chair Fforde asked for any ideas to be sent to him as soon as possible. He also gave information on an Arts grant; residents can apply for this through the Arts Council.

The meeting was closed at 7.43pm

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

Appendix A

Dan Y Castell Community Garden Clyro April Report

Work on the infrastructure has progressed well since the last report with workdays on 4th, 5th, 26th & 27th March and 4th April.

In addition, volunteers have been meeting on Sunday mornings from 9-11 to do raised bed



preparations and planting, bramble clearing hedge laying and compost bay building.

We have been donated a 10'x6' greenhouse which now is on-site awaiting assembly soon. We have also been given several tools and if anyone has any unwanted tools such as rakes hoes forks spades, we can put them to good use. We are pretty much ready for the official

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opening which is this Sunday 13th April 9.30-11.30 with the opening ceremony at 10 which our chair Jasper has kindly agreed to perform. There is an open invitation to all, and we hope that councillors will be able to make it and spread the word.

Financial

We are very pleased that to date the project has been entirely funded from external grants, donations and gifts and all work has been carried out by volunteers. We have just received a donation of £165.44 from Clyro & Hay Gardening Club annual gifting distribution this is very much appreciated

We are very grateful for all the supporters of the garden who have given time and materials to build a truly impressive space.

Our petty cash statement up to the end of financial year 2024-2025 is below

CLYRO COMMUNITY GARDEN PETTY CASH

DATE	VOUCHER #	£	BA. £12.50	REASON	DATE OF PAYMENT
24/5/24	1	1.99	80.01	PETTY CASH BOOK	24/5/24
3/6/24	2	12.00	68.01	VOLUNTEER REFRESHMENTS	22/7/24
23/9/24	REFUND	22.91	96.40	HUMS GRAY	
4/3/25	3	74.70	15.70	PADLOCK/GATE SUPERNOVA	4/3/25
10/3/25	DONATION	5.00	20.70		

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