

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 13th May 2025, at 7.30pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Bate

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of public were present.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None declared

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:

Chair Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order. The clerk has spoken to Zurich, who explained that the policy that the Community Council has had for many years is no longer available. A new application needs to be made; the clerk will action this and add the new community garden items and the speed indicator device (SID). Cllr Price noted that the Castle estate commemorative stones should be covered by the insurance, if possible, Cllr Crichton-Stuart offered to source a value of the stones, and the clerk can then explore adding them to the insurance. Cllrs agreed to adopt the assets register for the coming year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of public were present.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Cllr Wells shared the SID data and agreed to gather the SID data quarterly to be published in the minutes, Appendix C. Cllr Wells with Cllrs support agreed to contact officers involved with the Active Travel project to remind them that Clyro is interested in the addition of cycle routes locally.
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 – Chair Fforde has put posters up around the village to encourage residents to sign-up to the monthly email and engage with the community council. Cllr Crichton-Stuart had prices for printing 500 A5 leaflets for households in Clyro. Cllrs agreed to the £35 option from Vistaprint.
5. Insurance – This was discussed in Community Council Assets.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Appendix A

GOVERNORS REPORT: No report this month.

COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT REPORT: Appendix B

CORRESPONDENCE (incl):

1. Powys County Council Highways Strategy of Managing Risk from Trees
<https://en.powys.gov.uk/HighwayTrees>
2. DRAFT Minutes of the Brecon & Radnorshire Area Committee 1/4/25 – Cllrs were encouraged to attend the next meeting.
3. Powys Teaching Health Board, Case for Change.
<https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/better-together-spring25>
4. Annual fixed Playground Inspection 2025 – RoSPA – Cllrs agreed to the cost of £78.

FINANCIAL:

Bank balances: Current £4,879.46 (on 4th April 2025) Reserve £1,902.93 (on 28th February 2025). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/05/25 (£46.10), PAVO Q4 Inv 2963 (£36) and Clerks Salary (£206.88). Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart proposed paying these, Cllr Wells seconded, and all Cllrs agreed.

A.O.B:

Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart proposed a community WhatsApp group for defibrillator response, Cllrs discussed this as a positive addition to the community and thought a defibrillator course would be useful, as the Community Council have previously had a good turnout to the course. Cllr Wells suggested adding a first aid course to the session. Cllrs agreed to research what courses are available for community groups.

The clerk reported that the defibrillator will require new pads in July.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

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

Dan Y Castell Clyro Community Garden May Report

We were delighted with the response to the official opening of the garden which took place on Sunday 13th April. Over 50 attendees joined us to watch our Chair of Council Cllr Jasper Fforde cut the ribbon to mark the occasion. There were many positive comments and enthusiasm for the look and feel of the garden, and support for the vision of a social growing space that has been created by and is to be used for the community.

We are actively reaching out to groups and individuals to partner with the ongoing life and development of the garden.

The only drawback of the present garden was the steep access hill which despite providing great views of the village can act as an obstacle for accessibility. To this end we have been exploring funding contacts with regard to developing the lower end of the site by the road to provide an easy to access area for growing and recreation. This area was always part of the overall plan, and we hope to be able to move forward with this in due course as time and funding allows!

We had put in a funding application with Keep Wells Tidy for a development package but have been unsuccessful on this occasion and so we continue to explore other funding sources.

Following the opening volunteers have been meeting every other Sunday from 9.30-11.00am to work on the raised beds and so far, have planted onions potatoes parsnips garlic and carrots - we are actively seeking all age and experience gardeners or would be gardeners to join the group!

Next official Sunday gathering will be Sunday 25th May - please do come along.

We have met with Radnorshire Wildlife Trusts Grace Marston regarding doing an inventory of flora and fauna on the site which we hope to carry out in the next month and have been given another contact regarding wildlife pond creation.

Trish has also met with the Green Minds project at Brecon Cathedral which is run by Brecon MIND and discussed how Clyro Community Garden may fit with some of their clients to develop their own skills and practice once they have completed the green minds course.

Future dates for the diary:

Sunday 25th May 9.30-11.00am Volunteer group meet for general gardening (& tea!)

Sunday 8th June 9.30-12.00am Have a Grow - open day with growing & planting experiences and willow making workshop.

Sunday 22nd June 10-3.00pm Mens green woodwork stool making workshop. (Free of charge but booking required) (Funded by TYFU Powys Community Growing Network)

Appendix B

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL 13/5/25 REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Resignation as Leader of Powys County Council

As members may have noticed from local press and social media reports, I have decided to resign as Leader of Powys County Council, with effect from the Council's AGM on the 15th May. It has been a difficult decision to take, but I have found the demands of balancing the extensive duties of a council leader with family responsibilities has meant I have not been fulfilling the role of leader as well as I would like. It is time for a new council leader to inject some fresh energy into the role.

I will be continuing as the county councillor for the Glasbury Ward.

Gwernyfed High School & the Secondary Education Sector in Powys

No further news re. Gwernyfed High School.

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

No further news re. Clyro Church in Wales Primary School or Archdeacon Griffiths School to report.

Post-16 Learning in Powys

Powys County Council's Cabinet considered and approved the recommendations of a report on the review of school 6th Form provision in the county. The report lays out a number of options that the council will now consult on with learners, schools, other further education providers and local communities. Maintaining the 'status quo', in which all secondary and all-through schools have 6th forms, is not sustainable, financially or educationally; and the lack of progress to reform the system over many years has been criticised in a recent inspection report by the education inspectorate Estyn. It is very important that the council puts in place, in collaboration with local colleges and other providers, a post-16 learning system that provides a full range of learning opportunities for learners of all abilities, and I expect and hope for significant changes to occur over the next few years.

Planning & Housing - No new issues of significance to report this month.

Highways issues, etc.

The council's Cabinet is awaiting a report from its Highways Department on how it plans to apply the extra £1.2m allocated for highways repairs in this year's Budget. I will report further on this when more information emerges.

Sustainable Powys (SP)

A further round of community engagement exercises is taking place, to consider proposals on new service delivery models, as a means of sustaining services for the long term. The community council has received an invitation to the meetings. The next one is taking place on Thursday 15th May in Brecon, with one to follow in Llandrindod Wells on the 20th May.

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Appendix B

Speed Indicator Device Statistics for Feb Mar & April 2025 A438 Clyro Westbound

