



CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 10th June 2025, at 7pm.

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Morgan, Cllr P Bate and Cllr Crichton-Stuart (Vice-chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: S Chilvers

MINUTES: The minutes from both the AGM and May community council meetings were agreed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were expressed

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: Chair Fforde has checked all assets and found to be in good order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sarah Chilvers asked if there was any news on the shared prosperity fund applications. Chair Fforde has emailed but had no response, he noted that the child anti-poverty funding is also starting soon. Chair Fforde has contacted the school to ensure that they are aware of funding opportunities.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Website sign-up leaflet – Cllr Wells reported a few new sign-ups to the website.
2. Insurance renewal – The clerk explained that the community garden shed would not be classed as a building so would be covered by the insurance in terms of vandalism or burglary but not naturally destructive events. Cllrs reviewed the schedule and agreed to add the playground equipment to the assets register. Chair Fforde highlighted that the public liability section of the schedule would not pay out if the accident was due to defective workmanship, Cllr Wells agreed that all structures would be checked in line with the RoSPA annual inspection. A discussion continued around the health and safety of members of the public who are using the community garden. Cllr Wells explained that facilitators who come in and deliver training for groups have their own insurance and risk assessments. Risk assessments will be completed as usage becomes settled. Chair Fforde proposed approving this schedule and paying the invoice of £339, Cllr Wells seconded this, and Cllrs agreed to purchase this insurance.



3. Annual review of community council documents, including Standing orders, Risk assessment, Code-of-Conduct, Financial regulations, DRAFT Annual report and Cllrs expense declarations. Cllr Wells proposed accepting the documents, Chair Fforde seconded, and Cllrs agreed. Cllrs who were present completed the declarations.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Casual vacancies for Community Councillors – There are three vacancies for Community Councillors, residents were encouraged to apply for a position.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. New play area and Community Garden – Cllrs agreed that the new play area has been adopted as Dan Y Castell Play Area and Community Garden. A report can be found on the last page of this document.
2. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde proposed ordering the second SID as agreed in the budget. Cllr Wells seconded this, and all Cllrs agreed.
3. Meet the Community Council Event – deferred to next month.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: Appendix A

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £6,042.45 (on 2nd May 2025) Reserve £1,902.93 (on 28th February 2025). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/06/25 (£46.10), Microsoft Annual Subscription (£59.99) and Clerks Salary (£206.88). Chair Fforde proposed paying these invoices, Cllr Wells seconded this, and all Cllr's agreed.

1. Audit -Cllrs had the opportunity to look at the annual return and all documents for audit purposes, R Davies, internal auditor has audited the information, and it was agreed that Chair Fforde would sign the return as correct.

A.O.B: A request for a donation was read out by Chair Fforde, this will be deferred to next month.

The meeting was closed at 8pm

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

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10/6/25

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.



Change of Leader of Powys County Council

At the Council's AGM on the 15th May my group colleague Cllr Jake Berriman was elected with a clear majority to be the new Leader of Powys County Council. He has appointed me to remain on the council's Cabinet until 30th September 2025 with responsibility for Economic Development and post-16 Learning, to continue utilising my experience, as major developments are due to come forward in both policy areas over the next few months.

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.

Planning & Housing

No new issues of significance to report this month.

Highways issues, etc.

Work on plans for the replacement/refurbishment of Glasbury Bridge are continuing, including identifying sources of funding to cover the very substantial capital costs (possibly £15m+). This major, very complex, capital project is of strategic importance for not just local communities, but the whole of the south Powys/Herefordshire area. At the moment work on the bridge is projected to start within the next three years. I will keep the council and local communities informed about progress as and when reliable information emerges.

Sustainable Powys (SP)

A further round of engagement with local councils took place last month, to consider proposals on new service delivery models, as a means of sustaining services for the long term. The meetings were reasonably well-attended but it is clear that more thought needs to be given as to how the aims and objectives of the Sustainable Powys project are communicated and understood. Feedback from councillors on this, and all other issues of course, would be most welcome!

Cllr James Gibson-Watt

Tel. 07971048737.

cllr.james.gibson-watt@powys.gov.uk



Dan Y Castell Clyro Community Garden June Report

Work has continued at the community garden over the last month.

Monday 2nd June members of the committee met with Grace from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust to walk through the site with a view to making an inventory of the flora and fauna the garden. Further dates are planned to expand on this project.

Our first public workshop/event "Have a grow" day on Sunday, 8th June was very well attended with around 30 visitors with ages from 4 to 74!

Refreshments were provided by Community Garden committee members who also oversaw the planting of pumpkins, leeks, tomato plants, sunflowers, and potatoes.

It incorporated a willow obelisk weaving workshop by the very talented basket maker Sarah Hadley. Funded by CLaN. Eight novices all created their own beautiful Willow obelisks.

It was also good to welcome visitors from both Hay Regenerative Soils Project and Black Mountain College who were very complimentary and enthused by the garden space and community ethos. We will look forward to developing links and collaborative ideas with them. It was great to see the space being used and enjoyed in such a positive and creative way.

Donations of £22 were gratefully received and an offer from CLaN to purchase some more tools and equipment for the ongoing work and development of the garden which they are keen to support.

The next event workshop is on Sunday 22nd June 10 am to 2 pm – a men's Greenwood working stool making workshop funded by TYFU (Powys Sustainable Growing Network) alongside our weekly Sunday morning growing gathering.

