

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

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Bate and Cllr R Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Chilvers and Mr Chichester

MINUTES: The minutes from June's meeting 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. Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart reported that the standing stones were valued at approximately £75 each, Cllrs agreed that the assets register will remain unchanged.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr Chichester expressed his gratitude to the Community Council regarding a planning application, even though the outcome did not reflect his views he was satisfied that the Community Council had expressed residents' concerns in an appropriate manner. Chair Fforde thanked Mr Chichester for engaging with the Community Council and for his kind words.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Website sign-up leaflet – Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart has ordered the leaflets; they should arrive on July 21st. Chair Fforde suggested that at the August meeting these can be shared out amongst Cllrs for delivery to residents.
2. Cllrs expense declarations – Cllrs present filled out the form.
3. Defibrillator First Aid – British Heart Foundation, click on the link to learn how to operate a defibrillator and other skills that help to save lives. <https://revivr.bhf.org.uk/>
4. Request for a donation of £44.90 to purchase flowers planted by Maisie Anthony around the War Memorial – Cllrs all agreed to this request.
5. Proposals invited for Clyrocentric projects for 2026 – Chair Fforde explained that as Clyro now had two SIDs serving the community, Cllrs can start to think of any projects that the Community Council can work towards for 2026. Cllr Morgan asked if there was a question on the resident survey that asked if residents had any other ideas to enhance living in Clyro. Chair Fforde remembered that there was a space for comments so agreed to look back at the results from the survey.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Casual vacancies for Community Councillors – Chair Fforde told the meeting that there are still three vacancies for Cllrs. Members of the public that were present declined but offered to share the vacancies with residents.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. Dan Y Castell Play Area and Community Garden – Appendix B
2. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde has received the second SID, and this will be installed in due course. Cllrs agreed to the purchase of clamps to secure the SID to the post.
3. Meet the Community Council Event – Cllr Bate is leading on this item, so Cllrs agreed to discuss this at August's meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS inc decisions and updates:

1. **Application** Reference: 25/0895/HH, Grid Reference: E:321434 N: 243891 Proposal: Installation of historic window and replacement of 2 doors including demolition of flat roof extension Site Address: Baskerville House, Clyro, Hereford, Powys HR3 5RZ. – The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.
2. **Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 Consultation – Application** Reference: 25/0834/LBC, Grid Reference: E:321433 N: 243891, Proposal: Demolition of flat roof extension including reinstatement of historic window and replacement of 2 doors, Site Address: Baskerville House, Clyro, Hereford, HR3 5RZ. – The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.
3. **Approved:** 25/0398/FUL, change of use, Greenways, Clyro.
4. **Approved:** 24/1151/FUL, renovation, Keepers Cottage, Chapel Farm.
5. **Approved:** 24/1329/FUL, siting of 2 holiday units, land at Hendon Barn.

GOVERNORS REPORT: Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart reported that the head teacher of Clyro School has left her role, and the school will be starting the recruitment process and appointing a new head teacher. The preschool and breakfast club are both running well and are popular. The focus for next term will be numeracy, Welsh and literacy, parents are being encouraged to join in with learning activities across the school.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT: Appendix A**CORRESPONDENCE (incl):**

1. New Sustainable Powys hub - [Sustainable Powys - Powys County Council](#)
2. Powys County Council Countryside Volunteer Programme – new arrangements

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £5,935.23 (on 4th June 2025) Reserve £1,908.58 (on 4th June 2025). Payments to include BT direct debit 8/07/25 (£50.34), Elan City (£2880.00) Woodworking Event (£147.56, grant of £150 received in May to cover this payment), Mrs M Anthony (£44.90), HMRC (£155) and Clerks Salary (£206.68). Chair Fforde proposed paying these invoices, Cllr Morgan seconded, and all Cllrs agreed.

A.O.B: Chair Fforde spoke about some funding opportunities that are being applied for by groups in Clyro, the community garden and the village hall are hoping to be successful.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator pads were due to expire, the pads have been in situ for five years, Cllrs agreed that the Clerk could purchase the pads.

The meeting was closed at 7.32pm

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

8/7/25

REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Gwernyfed High School & the Secondary Education Sector in Powys

No further news re. Gwernyfed High School.

Post-16 Learning in Powys

The Years 12 and 13 (6th Form) classes in all Powys Secondary (11-19) and All-Through (4-19) schools are part of the wider post-16 learning infrastructure in the county, which includes Further Education (FE), Work-Based Learning (WBL) and Community Learning providers. All post-16 learning in Wales is funded by Welsh Government via its sponsored body Medr.

Over the past 20 years the trend in most of the school 6th forms in Powys has been one of reducing learner numbers, reduced learner choice of courses, declining outcomes for learners and increasing numbers of post-16 learners leaving the county to study elsewhere, for example at Hereford 6th Form College. Several attempts have been made to restructure the Powys 6th Form system in the past, without significant progress being made.

The recent Estyn inspection of Powys CC's Education Service has once again raised the need for reform, with one of Estyn's recommendations being that the council needs to rapidly move the 6th Form system on to a sustainable basis that improves learner choice and outcomes. (In all but one of Powys's schools 6th Form provision is sustained by cross-subsidisation of resources from the pre-16 provision). This recommendation is timely, as the education service has been reviewing the 6th Form system for the past two years and recently presented a report and recommendations to Powys CC's Cabinet. The report, which makes

for sobering reading, can be found here:- <https://powys.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s95492/Post%2016%20Cabinet%20Report%20May%202025.pdf>

The Cabinet has now agreed to the recommendation that the education service conducts a two-stage engagement exercise with school staff and governors, learners in schools, other providers and local communities through the rest of this year, on the basis that at the moment the preferred option is Option 3. However, all Options in the report and any others that emerge during the engagement exercise will be given active consideration. The matter will then return to the Council's Cabinet for a decision on which Option to adopt and there will then be a full public consultation on that specific Option, probably in early 2026. The final decision on any changes will rest with the Welsh Government and Medr, following a final recommendation from the county council.

The need for significant reform and change is clear, and to be frank has been for many years. Too many of our young people have had their life chances and future working careers adversely affected by the current system. The initial Cabinet decision on going out to engagement with a preferred Option has already created much controversy, although there is a general acceptance that the current system is unsustainable and has to be changed. It is important that local councils engage with this process when the time comes (autumn term).

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. A presentation to council members by the council's Highways Department on proposals and options for the spending of the extra £1.5m allocated in the 2025/26 Budget will take place shortly.

Sustainable Powys (SP)

No further news at present.

Powys County Council UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Anti-Poverty Project

£5000 per county council ward has been allocated from Powys's share of the UKSPF for individual council members to nominate projects aimed at combatting poverty (in its broadest senses), up to a maximum of three projects per ward. Clyro Community Council put forward two projects for me to nominate and I am pleased to report that both (Community Garden and Clyro Village Hall) were accepted for funding. Both projects will greatly improve the lives of people living locally.

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Appendix B



Dan Y Castell Clyro Community Garden July 2025 Report

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

Sunday 22nd June Men's green wood working stool making workshop led by Roger Wells. 6 guys enjoyed a morning making their own green woodworking stool out of ash and sweet chestnut using just hand tools. All the materials were sourced locally from sustainably managed woodlands and from wind damaged trees. Lunch was provided by members of the DYCCCG committee. Funding for this event was provided by TYFU - Powys Sustainable Growing Network (£250 for refreshments and tools) and CLAN (Cultivating Learning and Nature) who provided additional tools that can be used again for future events.

Wednesday 2nd June Clyro and Hay Gardening Club held their July meeting at the garden and members brought food to share and chatted all things gardening.

The next event workshop is on Sunday 20th July 10 am to 2 pm – a natural cordage workshop led by Sarah Putt - this event is already fully subscribed.

We continue to meet at least every other Sunday mornings 9.30-11.00 for general gardening and chat and would love to welcome more volunteers!

