



meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 14th October 2025, at 7pm.

MINUTES

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

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of public attended

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart declared an interest in Planning Matters, item 1. He agreed to leave the meeting to allow discussion of this item.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of public were present.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Website sign-up leaflet update – Cllr Wells reported three new sign ups to the website, a discussion was had on other ways to engage with residents, Facebook works well for other community groups, Cllr Wells sees this with the Community Garden and the Village Hall. Cllr Morgan suggested using these local pages to spread the Community Council news. Cllrs agreed this would be a good starting point. Cllr Wells proposed purchasing signs to put on projects (e.g. Speed Indicator Device's, SID's, Community Garden, Play Park) that the Community Council have provided and maintained to increase awareness and visibility of the work of the Community Council. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Wells should get costs for signs appropriate for this proposal.
2. Clerk review and local government service pay agreement 2025-26 – Chair Fforde and Cllr Morgan agreed to meet the Clerk prior to November's meeting to review the past year.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Casual vacancies for Community Councillors – Cllr Price has tendered his resignation from Clyro Community Council this leaves four vacancies for Cllrs. Chair Fforde expressed his thanks to Cllr Price for his service to Clyro Community Council, Cllrs agreed with this and acknowledged the many years of service.



COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. Dan Y Castell Play Area and Community Garden – Cllr Wells informed the Community Council that weekly sessions were ongoing with regular volunteers attending, the group would like to have a Christmas evening event possibly on December 5th that could include a contemporary Christmas tree made from left over offcuts decorated with lights that would be switched on during the evening, mulled wine, mince pies and other festive activities. Funding has been gratefully received for gardening tools from CLAN, Cultivating Learning and Nature. Cllr Wells invited Cllrs to attend the event.
2. Clyro traffic calming/cycle route subcommittee – Chair Fforde reported that the data from the SID devices are showing that 95% of motor vehicles are compliant with speed limits, Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart shared some resident feedback regarding the school hours display on the SID, the problem seems to stem from the Powys illuminated 20mph school sign not working. Chair Fforde will investigate the Powys signage problems. Cllr Wells explained that the old Community Council laptop that is used to host the software to download the data from the SID's is problematic. The laptop is slow and not fit for purpose. After discussion Chair Fforde requested that options to purchase a suitable device are discussed at the next meeting.
Cllr Wells updated the Community Council in regard to the cycle route still being very much in the ongoing Active Travel project. The Hay-Clyro-Glasbury route has been championed by the Hay Greenway Group in their proposal.
3. Meet the Community Council Event – Cllr Bate is hoping to organise a “Christmas” Tea that traditionally in Clyro was held in February.
4. 2026 projects, discussion –
Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart suggested.
 - some upgrades to the playpark to encourage residents to spend longer in the area. Cllr Wells added that a fort/castle would be in keeping with the landscape.
 - Outdoor gym equipment
 - Solar panels for the Village Hall. Chair Fforde explained that this project was up and running within the Village Hall Committee.

Cllrs liked these suggestions and decided to think of some more before going to the residents of Clyro to get informal feedback. Cllr Bate added this could be incorporated into the Christmas Tea event.

PLANNING MATTERS inc decisions and updates:



1. **Application:** Demolition of stable building and replacement with new loafing barn together with construction of additional permeable surfaced equine tracks. Address: Great Cwmgwannon Barn, Clyro, HR3 5JJ. Application Ref: 25/1266/FUL. – The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.
2. **Application:** Erection of a dwelling to replace fire damaged dwelling, installation of ground mounted PV array and all associated works. Address: Land at Racquety Lodge, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5RS. Application Ref: 25/1209/FUL. – The Community Council discussed this application and had no comment to make.

GOVERNORS REPORT:

Vice-chair Crichton-Stuart reported that the school year has started well with attendance sitting at 95% which is higher than previous years. The preschool is financially stable, and numbers are good. The new headteacher advert has been published and a new administrator has been appointed.

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FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £4,738.54 (on 4th August 2025) Reserve £1,912.11 (on 4th August 2025). Payments to include BT direct debit 6/10/25 (£50.34), PAVO Q1 (£36), PAVO Q2 (£36), One Voice Wales 9073 (£20) and Clerks Salary (£206.88) Vice-Chair Crichton-Stuart proposed paying these invoices Cllr Morgan seconded this and all Cllr's agreed.

Community Garden – Powys County Council anti-poverty grant received, £540.

A.O.B: Cllr Wells reported that the school had an apple pressing evening that was very popular, he hopes that next year the Community Garden can host a session.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

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

Appendix A

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.



Clyro C in W School

No further news at present.

Gwernyfed High School

I am pleased to report that overall pupils at Gwernyfed High School achieved the best results in Powys at both GCSE and A Levels/BTECs. A more detailed results analysis will be available shortly, which I will report to the council when I receive it.

The Secondary Education Sector in Powys

I was due to present a paper to Powys CC's Cabinet for it to take a decision on whether to issue a Statutory Notice of the council's intention to start the process of transitioning the Builth Wells campus of Ysgol Calon Cymru to become a 11-18 designated Welsh Medium school, coupled with the construction of a new campus at the Llandrindod Wells site to deliver English-medium 11-18 secondary education. As part of the process, the Builth Wells primary school pupils in its Welsh-medium stream would move to join the new Welsh-medium school on the current Ysgol Calon Cymru site from Sept. 2027.

This paper has now been deferred to Tuesday 21st October, in order to give the local county councillors more time to provide a response to the proposals.

This all follows a period of public consultation following a decision of the Cabinet to go out to consultation on the proposal back in March 2025. If the Cabinet approves moving to the next stage there will follow a further period of public consultation. The intention would be to complete the process by 2029, at which point there would be a 4-18 Welsh Medium School in Builth Wells and a separate new-build English-medium school in Llandrindod Wells.

It is clear that operating dual-stream secondary schools is increasingly difficult, financially as well as academically, and does not produce as good academic results as operating separate designated Welsh and English-medium schools. This very complex process is the next major step in the expansion of Welsh-medium education in Powys, following previous recent major steps in the north of the county, following decades of little progress.

Highways issues, etc.



Members will be aware that initial preparatory works for the replacement/refurbishment of Glasbury Bridge have started. The work at present is to explore the condition of the internal structure of the bridge, to provide a clearer picture of what will need to be done to provide a sound structure for the long term. As I receive more information, I will keep the council informed.

Sustainable Powys (SP)

As previously reported, a further round of engagement with local communities across Powys is being planned for the autumn period, to inform the proposals for service re-design and operational changes that Powys CC's Cabinet will be considering through the 2026/27 budget preparations. The local engagement meetings relevant to the Clyro/Glasbury/Llowes/Boughrood area will be as follows:-

- **Brecon** - Weds 26th November - The Foundry
- **Llandrindod** - Weds 26th November - County Hall

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