meeting held at the Village Hall.
Tuesday 13th October 2026, at 7pm.

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

APOLOGIES: All Cllrs were present

IN ATTENDANCE: Trish Richardson.

MINUTES: The minutes from September's meeting were reviewed and approved as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Morgan declared an interest as a neighbouring property owner in relation to **Planning Matters items 1 and 2**. Cllr Morgan agreed to withdraw from the planning discussion.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS: All assets are in good order.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trish Richardson attended to speak in support of two donation requests listed under correspondence.

The Chair agreed to consider these items at this juncture to allow the attendee to leave for another commitment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

2. Hay Dial-a-Ride have requested financial assistance toward the service's forecast funding shortfall caused largely by increased operating and fuel costs. Cllrs recognised the importance of the service to residents. After reviewing the current financial position and the knowledge that several budgeted allowances had not been claimed, Cllr Wells proposed £500, Cllr Bate seconded and Cllrs approved unanimously to donate £500.

3. Clyro Café and Hayday Café are planning a Christmas event and are requesting a donation towards the costs. Cllrs expressed thanks to both cafes for their contribution to the community. Cllr Morgan proposed a donation of £500, Cllr Fforde seconded this and all Cllrs agreed.

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MATTERS ARISING:

1. Natwest Online Banking – Cllrs Fforde and Wells gave an update and discussed user access levels available within the NatWest system, the importance of maintaining appropriate financial controls and concerns that the system appeared to permit payments to be made by a single authorised user.

   It was agreed that a test payment would be made using the One Voice Wales training invoice to establish whether dual authorisation was required. If not, further discussions would take place with NatWest regarding suitable controls.

   It was further agreed that appropriate access should be provided to the clerk.

2. Cllr expense declarations. The clerk apologised for forgetting the hard copies.
3. PCC Winter Gritting – Changes to routes – The proposed/revised winter gritting alterations were discussed, and Cllr Bate agreed to inform Cllrs when a public meeting is arranged in Painscastle.
4. Remembrance Sunday – November 8th. The chair agreed to purchase the wreath and attend the Remembrance Service.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. There are three casual vacancies for Cllrs to sit on Clyro Community Council. Cllr Crichton-Stuart suggested promoting the vacancies in the local monthly publication *The Messenger.* Cllrs agreed that this was a good idea and requested Cllr Crichton-Stuart to explore further.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. Dan-y-Castell Play Area and Community Garden – Cllr Wells reported that activities in the community garden were going well, potatoes, beans and onions have been harvested, and green tomatoes are being used for chutney. The composting workshop was attended by approximately 20 people who all enjoyed the event.
   The Community Garden are organising a Christmas event on Friday 4th December at 6pm. (Report - Appendix A)
2. 2026 projects – Cllr Wells proposed considering the development of the cycle route, a feasibility study could be invested in as with this information the possibility of support from organisations who can fund the actual development. Cllrs agreed to consider this proposal.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. **Application Reference**: P/26/1123/LBC

   Proposal: Internal and external works to include works to windows

   Location: Bronydd Baptist Chapel, Clyro. *Cllrs discussed this application and had no comment to make.*

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2. **Application Reference**: P/26/1033/HH
   Proposal: Creation of a new link between the Chapel and Chapel Cottage, improvements to insulation and a new replacement suspended floor.

   Location: Bronydd Baptist Chapel, Clyro. *Cllrs discussed this application and had no comment to make.*

GOVERNORS REPORT: Cllr Crichton-Stuart reported ongoing difficulties accessing the Powys governor portal due to technical issues. Cllrs also received an update regarding the replacement 20mph warning signs near the school. Progress had stalled due to the officer leading the project being absent. Cllr Wells reported that the SID close to the school continues to have a positive effect on reducing vehicle speeds. (Report – Appendix B)

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT – Appendix C

CORRESPONDENCE *(incl):*

1. Elan City – Extended warranty – after discussion it was decided that the extended warranty would not be purchased.
2. Hay Dial-a-Ride – This item was covered above in Public Comments
3. Clyro Café and HayDay Café – This item was covered above in Public Comments
4. Powys County Council, public consultation, Gladestry School closure https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/22937/Gladestry-Church-in-Wales-School
5. Powys Teaching Health Board, public consultation. Click below to take part Better Together Consultation
6. Brecon and Radnor September Meeting – Minutes for information.
7. Invoice 11121 - One Voice Wales, induction training Cllr S Main, £22.

FINANCIAL: Bank balances: Current £9,349.65 (on 4th October 2026) Reserve £1,932.77 (on 4th October 2026). Payments to include BT direct debit 6/10/26 (£55.48 account credit used), One Voice Wales (£22), HMRC (£161.79 and £10.60) and Clerks Salary (£255.68).

BT Account Credit -£253.56

Cllr Bate proposed these payments and Cllr Main seconded. All Cllrs agreed.

A.O.B: The chair attended the People's Emergency Briefing and reported that the screening was informative and encouraged others to view it.

Cllr Wells gave an update on the HADSCAL proposals for a new community campus project in Hay-on-Wye. The project includes a swimming pool, multi-purpose sports facilities, a café and community spaces alongside small business units to support financial sustainability. The group are progressing towards a planning application and are seeking future funding opportunities. Cllrs welcomed the initiative.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Cllr J Fforde, Chair)

Appendix A

Dan Y Castell Clyro Community Garden July, August - September 2026 Report

The garden has been enjoyed by many members of the community over the summer & early autumn despite challenging conditions for growing. We held two more workshops and of course everything has continued growing!

Sunday 28th July - Compost Workshop with Nicky Scott jointly hosted with Hay Regenerative Soils 20 attendees had a very informative session and will look forward to putting into practice some of the techniques learned.
Sunday 13th September - Green Wood Stool Making Workshop with Roger Wells. A full class of eight produced their own three or four legged stools.









As well as the workshops, members have been planting, cultivating and harvesting including a delivery of black gold - well rotted horse manure with many thanks to Alex!

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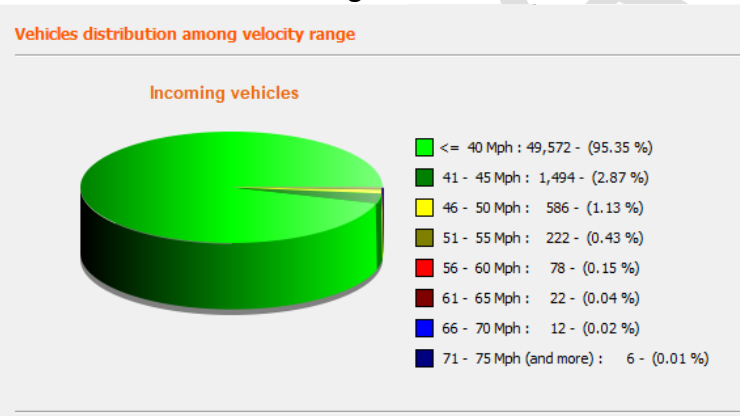
Next date for the diary is **Friday 4th December 6pm** when we will be hosting a Clyro Community Festive Gathering with mulled wine, mince pies, toasted marshmallows and Christmas tree lights switch on.

As always, many thanks to our team of volunteers, supporters and funders for all their support and work and if you'd like to get involved in a specific project or general volunteering please do get in touch!

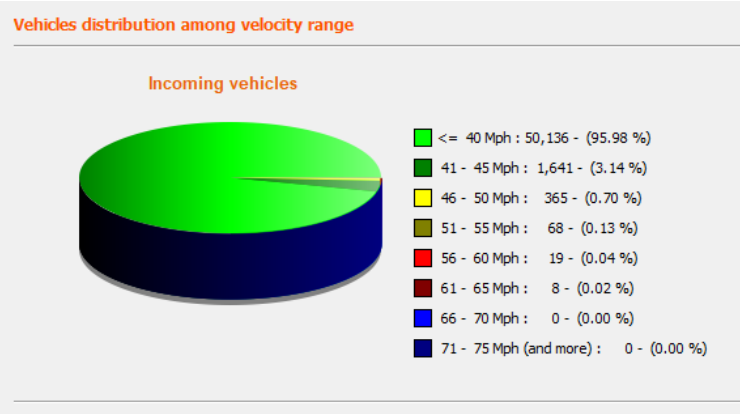
Appendix B

Speed Indicator Device Data for August 2026

School A438 Eastbound August 2026

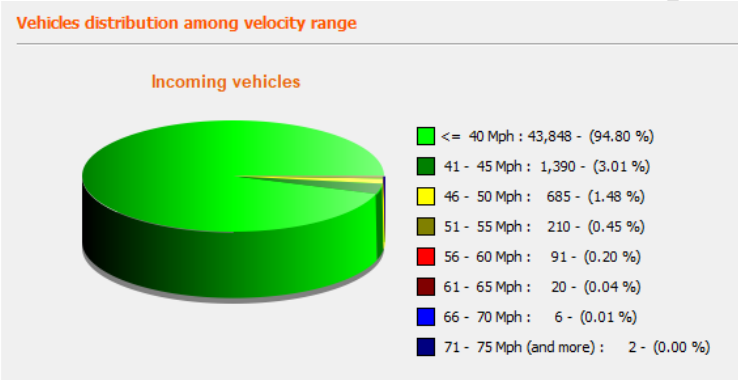


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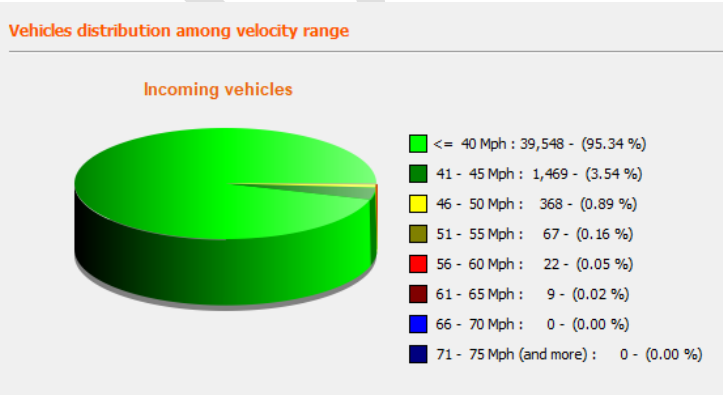


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Appendix C

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
13/10/26
REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR JAMES GIBSON-WATT.

Education in Powys
The first 6 weeks of the new school year appear to have begun smoothly in all our local schools and across the county.

More widely I am pleased to report that since February 2025 13 schools in Powys have been taken out of all categories of Estyn intervention, which range from 'monitoring' to full 'special measures', following enhanced support provided by Powys CC's education service. There are still 7 schools in an Estyn 'category', but I am hopeful that several of those will be removed from intervention shortly. This demonstrates the improvements in education that are taking place in our Powys schools and reflects the hard work put in by all school staff, pupils and education service officers. It is also an indication that Powys CC's Director of Education has put in place a much-improved support structure for Powys schools; and reflects the high priority that the council's current Lib Dem/Labour Cabinet places on education.

Alas, transformation of the schools system inevitably requires the future of very small schools to be considered, as pupil numbers in the county continue to fall. The demands of the new school curriculum in Wales means that delivery of it is increasingly difficult in very small schools; and the costs per pupil are very high. These schools often have to operate with three year groups in each class, placing, in my view, unreasonable demands on the teaching and learning support staff, as well as requiring headteachers to spend most of their time teaching, as well as administering the school. Larger schools are more able to deliver the curriculum and do provide better facilities and more after-school and sporting opportunities.

The outcomes for too many pupils in Powys's secondary schools are simply not good enough and a key aim of the Education Transformation Strategy is to enable improvement in that sector, which will require more funding directed to secondary schools, which in turn will

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have to be secured from reducing the subsidy required to keep Powys's very small schools open.

So, consultation has begun to consider the future of another school locally, Gladestry Church in Wales School. Pupil numbers there were 30 in the summer term but have fallen below that now and are predicted to drop to 19 in a few years' time. The public consultation ends on the 26th of October and the consultation document can be found here:

Click here to go to the consultation

Health and Powys Teaching Health Board

Powys Teaching Health Board has now published for public consultation its previously-leaked Better Together proposals for the future of health care provision in Powys, which contains radical changes to Powys's community hospitals and the number of their in-patient beds, with the aim moving healthcare more in to people's homes and to community and GP settings. As Council Leader from 2022 to 2025 I lead efforts to create a fully collaborative framework for the Council and Health Board to work together and jointly plan health and social care services, so I am very disappointed that the Better Together proposals appear to have been worked up without any meaningful involvement of officers from Powys County Council's social care services. This is especially concerning, as for the Health Board's proposals to have a chance of working, it will require not only much stronger community-based health services but also greatly-enhanced capacity in the council's social care services, something the Better Together document barely mentions.

There is a long way to go with all this and it is vital that local residents and local councils respond to the consultation process as fully as possible.

Highways issues:-

Glasbury Bridge - The exploratory work carried out on Glasbury Bridge a few months' ago has been considered by senior highways officers and the preferred option is to replace the bridge's deck and refurbish the supporting structure. The costs have risen well-above those originally anticipated and funding sources are being explored. In the meantime phase one design work will proceed on this very important project.

Waste & Recycling
The problems experienced after the new collection routes were introduced earlier this year appear to have receded and all seems to be working smoothly now. I have received no complaints about waste and recycling collections for some time.

Glasybont Common (the 'Bont)
Alas, no further news at the moment

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Planning
No new local planning issues of significance to report.

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