

MEETING OF

CLYRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at

7pm on TUESDAY 13th September 2016

in the Village Hall, Clyro

MINUTES

- 204 **PRESENT:** Cllr B Morgan (Chairman), Cllr D Hood (Vice Chairman), Cllr V Price, Cllr J Fforde, Cllr P Bate, Cllr J Thomas, Cllr H Wheeler & County Councillor J Gibson-Watt
- 205 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Cllr Brown
- 206 **MINUTES:** The Minutes for the August meeting were accepted as a true record save that the Clerk had named Cllr Hood as present at the meeting twice instead of Cllr Hood AND Cllr Brown. This was amended, initialled and signed by the Chairman. In addition the planning matters for the construction of the new school had been included on the agenda although this was discussed at last month's meeting.
- 207 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None
- 208 **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for duration of this meeting for fire regulations Cllr B Morgan (Chairman) who pointed out all fire exits.
- 209 **MATTERS ARISING:** These will include:
- (a) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS:** Cllr Morgan confirmed that although the signs were all fine but the benches need to be replaced (see (b)).
 - (b) **BENCHES TO BE REPLACED:** Cllr Morgan had a quote of £167.99 (inc VAT) for a single 4' bench but it was agreed that he would also look at the Old Railway Line Nursery for a comparison. This will then be discussed at October's meeting.
 - (c) **DONATION TO ROYAL BRITISH LEGION:** It was agreed that the usual annual donation of £50 would be made and this was proposed by Cllr Hood and seconded by Cllr Fforde. The cheque will be drawn at the October meeting.
- 210 **REPORTS ON DOCUMENTS READ, MEETINGS ATTENDED, and ACTIVITIES etc. including:**
SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT: There was no report as Cllr Brown was not in attendance.
- 211 **POLICE REPORT:** The Police report (item 12 below) was displayed for August 2016 (this is available upon request). There were 192 calls received that required attendance from the Police and 21 recorded crimes in the Hay policing area between 1st and 31st August.
- 212 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON-WATT:** This was displayed and is also available upon request. County Councillor Gibson-Watt reported the welcome news that the Cabinet has abandoned the proposal to close Gwernyfed and Brecon High Schools with the intention of re-opening as one 11 – 16 school. It is now proposed to apply for 21st Century Schools funding from the Welsh Government to build a like for like replacement for an 11 – 18 school in Brecon and invest an unspecified amount in Gwernyfed. The proposal to close the sixth form has now been dropped. Provided the Cabinet accepts the new proposal, and indications are that it will be supportive, 11 – 18 education at Gwernyfed appears to be secure for the time being.

The application for the new egg production unit at Lower House has not yet gone to committee for determination.

The planning variation application for the new estate has been passed.

County Councillor Gibson-Watt has asked Highways to have another look at the white lines on the Clyro to Hay Road and he has also submitted a list of hedges and trees in the area that need to be trimmed back. Cllr Morgan confirmed that the overhanging branch on the pavement leading to the school appears to have been cut off and left on the side of the pavement.

213 **CORRESPONDENCE:** (*incl*)

1. Letter from Chris Davies MP regarding Clyro Post Office (post) – the Clerk read out the letter from Chris Davies MP and the enclosed letter was displayed. The new arrangements for the Post Office were up and running today although there were problems reported and further attempts will be made tomorrow, 14th September.
2. Powys Community Health Council’s updated schedule for meetings 2016/2017 – no action.
3. CARS handheld camera training date – no action. The Clerk confirmed that no further e-mails had been received from C.A.R.S following our request to be removed from the mailing list.
4. Cusop neighbourhood development plan – This does not relate to Clyro.
5. Police & Crime Commissioner request for information for inclusion in Police & Crime Plan – no action.
6. Zurich Insurance regarding premium tax increase – displayed – IPT rises from 9.5% to 10% with effect from 1st October 2016.
7. Powys Community Health meeting on 30th August 2016 – this date has passed – no action.
8. E-mail from Chris Davies MP regarding Clyro Post Office closure (also in post) – as per 1 above.
9. Powys Citizens Advice newsletter August 2016 – no action.
10. Powys County Council secondary school consultation update – displayed – the link is as shown:-
<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/plans-for-powys-schools/>
11. Powys Archives newsletter – displayed – there are plans for a new £1.7million archives and modern records centre to be built in Llandrindod Wells.
12. Crime report for August 2016 – as per police report above.
13. Clyro Community Council – Auditor’s report and comments – the Clerk confirmed that the audit had been completed with three minor points raised which will be dealt with. The notice of conclusion of audit will now be displayed on the notice board.

Cllr Morgan confirmed that he had received a letter from Heather Keylock thanking the Council for their recent donation to the QEHB charity and confirming that over £9,000 had been raised through local fundraising and the hospital now had sufficient funds to purchase the scanner making them only the second hospital in the country to have such a valuable piece of equipment.

214 **FINANCIAL:**

The Clerk confirmed that the up-to-date bank balances are now – Current A/C - £3,482.94 as a further precept payment had been received on 31st August 2016 and Reserve A/C - £2,832.22.

Payments to include: BT Direct Debit & Clerk’s salary which was proposed by Cllr Bate and seconded by Cllr Hood.

Cheques drawn: £127.62.

215 **AOB:**

Cllr Hood said that he would like to clarify that in recent flyers he and his wife felt that the impression had been given that they had just shut the shop and walked away. They had made attempts to pass the Post Office on for 18 months but nobody was willing to take it on. After 34 years Yvonne felt that she needed to retire but they would like to impress that this was not a decision that was taken lightly.

Cllr Morgan confirmed that he had inspected the playing area and whilst there was a litter bin within the children's play area there was not specifically a dog waste bin nor any signs asking people to pick up their dog mess. Also the fence that separates the children's play area from the rest of the green has collapsed in places and County Councillor Gibson-Watt confirmed that he would pursue this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:32pm

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