**Minutes**

**Meeting held to discuss matters concerning Talybont on Usk Community Council and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority**

Thursday 28th July 2022, 11:30

Henderson Hall, Talybont on Usk

Present:

Canon Aled Edwards, Chair, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA)

Dr Catherine Mealing-Jones, CEO, BBNPA

Gareth Jones, Director of Planning and Place, BBNPA

Simone Lowthe-Thomas, Director of Nature Recovery and Climate Change, BBNPA

Jane Dodds MS, Mid and West Wales

James Evans MS, Brecon and Radnorshire

Branwen Griffiths, Administrator for Jane Dodds MS

Kate Pritchard, Office Manager for James Evans MS

Councillor Anita Cartwright, Powys County Councillor for Talybont on Usk

Simon Baldwin, Chair, Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Keren Bender, Clerk, Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Craig Burdon, Councillor, Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Geraint James, Councillor, Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Ellen Walsh Moorman, Councillor, Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Following a number of questions from Community Councillors concerning: -

1. The Outdoor Pursuit Centre at Station Road with regards to the granting of a Certificate of Lawfulness that led to planning permissions also being granted.
2. Enforcement Complaints
3. Whether railway carriages, with 4 having been delivered to the Old Station site, can be catogorised as caravans or mobile homes.
4. The breakdown of communications between BBNP and the Community Council.
5. BBNP position on the sale of Gilestone Farm.
6. Noise, light and phosphate pollution
7. Parking issues
8. **Planning issues**
9. The Old Station, Talybont on Usk. BBNPA will provide information about this in writing by 5th August 2022
10. Local residents have noticed out-of-hours movements at the Old Station, in breach of planning. Gareth Jones will follow this up.
11. James Evans MS and Jane Dodds MS will press Julie James MS (the Minister responsible) to review the Certificate of Lawfulness procedure as part of a wider review of planning procedures that is taking place.
12. Aled Edwards will discuss Certificates of Lawfulness with the other National Parks in Wales
13. **Communications**
14. Catherine Mealing-Jones will provide information about a new way to contact BBNPA by 5th August 2022
15. Cllr Anita Cartwright requested that BBNPA provide information about planning process and timelines when they are unable to provide more substantial updates
16. **Noise on the A40**. Motor bikes are the main problem
    1. This is not a devolved issue, so Talybont CC will write to Fay Jones MP to request her assistance and ask for noise monitoring equipment.
    2. Talybont CC will write to Dyfed Powys Police about this
    3. BBNPA have no jurisdiction on this, but Catherine Mealing-Jones will discuss it with other Dark Skies Areas.
17. **Light pollution**. To be discussed at a future meeting. BBNPA can set rules on this for new developments, but for existing properties this is a matter of communications and persuasion.
18. **Water quality in the River Usk**. Simone Lowthe-Thomas is working on solutions to improve this, convening a nutrient management board and seeking to establish a catchment partnership.
19. While **phosphate pollution** needs to be reduced, it was agreed that housing is also required, in particular to provide homes for people who have grown up in the local area
20. **Place plan**: Catherine Mealing-Jones proposed that BBNPA is ready to work with Talybont CC and residents to create a strategic place plan. This has worked well elsewhere and would involve community consultation, trying to engage with everyone. It could be adopted as supplementary planning guidance but could go beyond planning issues to embrace community-based issues, such as keeping a range of ages including younger people in the community. Talybont CC will consider this.
21. **Parking issues**. The car park at the Henderson Hall is often full and there are problems with excessive roadside parking. BBNPA are looking into Park and Ride Schemes and other transport strategies. Too many parking spaces sometimes leads to an excessive concentration of people in one place. This is also a problem elsewhere and being considered across the National Park.
22. It was agreed that another meeting will be held in 6 months’ time (early 2023), although it is possible that by then regular meetings will have started in the context of the proposed Place Plan.