

**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2013 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT  
ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baldwin.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllrs Jones declared a personal interest in reference to item 9a and signed the register accordingly.  Cllr Burdon declared a personal interest in reference to item 5 and signed the register accordingly.  Cllr Osborne declared a personal interest in reference to items 5 and 11 and signed the register accordingly.  Cllr Darbyshire declared personal interest in reference to item 11e and signed the register accordingly.  Cllr James declared a personal interest in reference to item 11e and signed the register accordingly.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>These were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr Jones and all agreed, with one amendment, to item 8b: "The Chairman mentioned", not Cllr Bugler.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p><b>Item 1</b> – Talybont on Usk Community Recreation Group – some ground clearance has started. Cllr James reported that the mountain bike group are going to take a look at a track in Tredegar.</p> <p><b>Item 4</b> – 50 hawthorn whips have been planted which completes the work to repair damage caused by DCWW contractors.</p> <p><b>Item 5a</b> – the Chairman attended the Brecon Advice Centre anniversary celebrations and the event was well supported.</p> <p><b>Item 7b</b> – an invoice for £96.96 has been received from JL Stephens for repairs to the guttering on the bus shelter.</p> <p><b>Item 8b</b> – new signage is now in place.</p> <p><b>Item 8c</b> – banks at Cross Oak have been cut back.</p> <p><b>Item 8d</b> – no response received.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>1 – Village Hall Annual Grant Revenue Scheme Following a discussion of the options available, Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Jones seconded keeping the grant the same at £1200 with the option to review at a later date should further funds become available.</p> <p>2 – LED streetlight replacement scheme It was decided that as a village with a reputation for support of energy efficiency, the Council would support the LED replacement scheme, on the understanding that all lights currently in use would be maintained.</p> <p>3 – Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill. This was left on the table for Councillors to view.</p> <p>4 – Request for feedback on the support received from the various projects of the Rural Development Plan. No support was received therefore no feedback.</p> <p>5 – Precept – see separate point under agenda item 11.</p> <p>Items 6 – 10 were left on the table for Councillors to view.</p> <p>Additional item – letter from the Tennis Club requesting line painting and a new post and net. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond asking for costs of the post and net, and write to PCC for a quotation for the line painting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>None</b></p> <p><b>None</b></p> <p><b>None</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
6	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr Thomas advised that he would be attending a meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January regarding housing policy. It was agreed that Cllr Thomas and Cllr Bugler would attend Hearing Session 9 on 7<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>b) Cllr Bugler proposed, and Cllr Jones seconded that the Community Council continued to support the residents of Scethrog in their opposition to the site, and confirmed that the Community Council had re-stated its opposition to the site's inclusion in the deposit LDP.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to respond</b></p>
7	<p><b><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>a) Update on Councillor's inspection of play equipment and repairs Cllr James reported that the climbing chains have been repaired and are ready to be collected and put back in place. The area below the seesaw needs to be inspected and</p>	<p><b>Cllr James</b></p>

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	<p>possibly re-welded, in drier weather.</p> <p>b) Old information board The Chairman reported that the work would be carried out by Richard Preece on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	<b><i>Noted</i></b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Highway Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Talybont Village Traffic Report follow up.</p> <p>Cllr Bugler expressed surprise at the Council’s decision, taken at the last meeting, to adopt a ‘wait and see’ policy regarding the new signage directing drivers to the Henderson Hall car park, and reminded the Council of the suggestion contained in the Traffic Report, of the virtual pavement.</p> <p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick stated he felt that enforcement should be equal in villages and towns.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed that he would write a short article for inclusion in Talybont Matters reminding people to use the Henderson Hall car park, and that illegal parking would be reported.</p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire agreed that she would draft a small flyer to put on the windscreens of vehicles parking on the main road, thanking them for visiting and drawing their attention to the car park.</p> <p>b) Station Road – overgrown trees/brambles, etc.</p> <p>The Clerk read a letter from Mr Simon Harpur, advising that his contractor had been asked to cut back the branches and brambles, but that he was behind in his work. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored and reviewed at the February meeting.</p> <p>c) A40 junction – overgrown vegetation</p> <p>The Clerk read a response received from Dean Williams (Trunk Route Manager) indicating that maintenance teams had been informed, and that thinning of the vegetation was planned.</p> <p>d) Enquiry from Wynn Bowen regarding overgrown verges</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding who the landowner was, and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond advising that Councillors believe the landowner to be Network Rail, but that Wynn Bowen’s searches when purchasing the property should give further information.</p>	<p><b><i>Chairman</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Darbyshire</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Clerk to put on February agenda</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Monitor, and review in February</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Clerk to respond</i></b></p>

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	<p>e) Road conditions in Maesmawr Close</p> <p>No response received. The Chairman also reported that the surface on Station road from the bridge to the Outdoor Centre is breaking up, and that the B4558 by Ashford is in a similar condition.</p> <p>f) Condition of the banks along the B4558 at Cross Oak.</p> <p>The vegetation has been cut back.</p> <p>g) LED Streetlight Replacement Scheme – see item 5/2.</p> <p>h) Wall opposite Gilestone Cottages</p> <p>This has been repaired.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to email Local Environment Area contact</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>None</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>12/08681/LBC and 12/08680/FUL</b> – no action</p> <p>b) <b>12/08757/FUL</b> – all agreed to support the application</p>	<p><b>None</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></b></p> <p>a) b) and c)</p> <p>All noted.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 13/01/2013 <b>£5,090.92</b></p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – the Clerk presented details of her expenses for November/December/part of January which totalled £46.75.</p> <p>c) To agree payment of invoice for £1418.38 from PCC for grass cutting – all agreed, but given the unsatisfactory service received, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to ask for a quotation for 2013/2014 stressing the importance of a full cut every 7-10 days given that a full fixture program for the cricket club has been booked.</p> <p>d) To agree payment of invoice for £217.40 for uncontested Community Council Elections – all agreed.</p> <p>e) Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme – see item 5 point 1.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>f) Precept 2013/2014</p> <p>After a brief discussion, Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr Osborne seconded that the precept remain the same at £8750 and all agreed.</p>	<b><i>Clerk to respond</i></b>
<b>13</b>	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013, at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	