

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

**MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE HENDERSON HALL,  
TALYBONT ON USK**

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| 1       | <p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Bugler and Cllr Thomas sent their apologies for this meeting. Cllr Burdon chaired the meeting in Cllr Bugler's absence.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Burdon (Vice Chairman), Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Jones, Cllr Davies, Cllr James, Cllr Bell, County Cllr Fitzpatrick, and the Clerk.</p>   | <p><b>Noted</b></p><br><p><b>Noted</b></p>   |
| 2       | <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>  | <p><b>Noted</b></p>  |
| 3       | <p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Baldwin seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and all agreed. Cllr Burdon signed the minutes.</p>  | <p><b>Noted</b></p>  |
| 4       | <p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>i) Highway matters – Cllr Baldwin advised that the request to Talybont Energy for funding for the speed indicator device was pending.</p> <p>ii) The Clerk reported that PCC had been asked to carry out the relining of the tennis courts and a response was awaited.</p> <p>iii) Cllr Jones remarked that the mirror on the canal bridge was an excellent addition, but that it needed some adjustment to be of more benefit to motorists.</p> <p>iv) Wildflower planting on A40 junction – Cllr Davies advised that the planting around the junction would likely be thinned during the winter, and wildflower planting some time after that.</p> <p>v) The Clerk reported that Councillors' email addresses had now been added to the website.</p> <p>vi) FoTR – Cllr Jones reported that despite a positive meeting with DCWW, no response had been received</p> | <p><b>Noted</b></p><br><p><b>Noted</b></p><br><p><b>Clerk</b></p><br><p><b>Noted</b></p><br><p><b>Noted</b></p><br><p><b>Noted</b></p> |

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|          | <p>from them. FoTR would have a meeting before the end of September to decide whether to continue.</p> <p>vii) Station Road – County Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that he had met with Simon Harpur and that he was happy for the wood to be removed from his land, provided he did not have to bear any costs.</p>   | <b>Noted</b>  |
| <b>5</b> | <p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>A number of newsletters and circulars were placed on the side table for inspection.</p> <p>a) Email from PCC regarding briefing and training sessions on the new Universal Credit – Cllr Bugler wished to attend the session in Brecon.</p> <p>b) A letter from Leighton Andrews, Minister for Public Services regarding a consultation on the Welsh Government’s Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.</p> <p>c) A copy of a letter to PCC from a resident of Coity View regarding grass cutting. Members commented that a site meeting had been held with PCC in the past, and that no response was necessary that this time.</p> <p>d) An email from Newport Outdoor Group re Talybont Trial Challenge walk 2015 including a request for use of the car park. Members agreed that this was ok, subject to the ground not being too wet.</p> | <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b><u>One Voice Wales</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk agreed to find out the date and location of the next meeting.</p>  | <b>Clerk</b>  |
| <b>7</b> | <p><b><u>Welsh Government White Paper on future role of Community Councils</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that there was no new information to report at present.</p>  | <b>Noted</b>  |
| <b>8</b> | <p><b><u>Volunteer insurance – litter pickers and BRAG volunteers</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Davies reported that there was less litter at each litter pick, and that the signs would seem to be working. At the most recent pick, the representative from Keep Wales Tidy had been present, and photos had been taken of the volunteers with their new equipment. It was agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.</p>   | <b>Noted</b>  |
| <b>9</b> | <b><u>Training update</u></b>  |   |

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|           | The Clerk advised that she was unable to attend the SLCC Conference for Wales in Swansea on 17 <sup>th</sup> September, but that she would attend the November meeting of the SLCC branch.  | <b>Noted</b>                                    |
| <b>10</b> | <b><u>Community Grant Lottery Application</u></b><br><br>Cllr Darbyshire reported that the next round of paperwork was not due to be submitted until Christmas.   | <b>Noted</b>                                    |
| <b>11</b> | <b><u>Pencelli Bus shelters</u></b><br><br>Cllr Baldwin reported he had still had no response from John Forsey.   | <b>Cllr Baldwin/County<br/>Cllr Fitzpatrick</b> |
| <b>12</b> | <b><u>Orchard</u></b><br><br>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that permission was required from DCWW for change of use and that this was in progress.   | <b>Cllr Baldwin</b>                             |
| <b>13</b> | <b><u>Defibrillator</u></b><br><br>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that the defibrillator was now in place and that dates for community training by Simon Smith were 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> November from 7-8.30pm at the Henderson Hall. Numbers were limited to 10 people per session. Cllr Baldwin would publicise this in Talybont Matters. | <b>Cllr Baldwin</b>                             |
| <b>14</b> | <b><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></b><br><br>The Henderson Hall Committee had submitted an invoice for the £3,000 grant to run the toilets. Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the Community Council should pay the grant to the Hall Committee in one payment.   | <b>Clerk</b>                                    |
| <b>15</b> | <b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b><br><br>There were no matters to discuss.  | <b>Noted</b>                                    |
| <b>16</b> | <b><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></b><br><br>a) Play equipment maintenance and inspection.<br><br>Cllr Burdon reported that some maintenance had been carried out on 12 <sup>th</sup> September and photos had been sent to the Clerk.   | <b>Noted</b><br><br><b>Cllr Burdon</b>          |

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|                  | <p>After reviewing quotes obtained by Cllr Burdon, Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Darbyshire seconded that a galvanised half mesh stock gate should be purchased from Hay &amp; Brecon Farmers at a cost of £141.91.</p> <p>b) Offer by Recreation Group to purchase two bins for play area<br/>Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Darbyshire seconded that the offer should be accepted.</p> <p>c) Henderson Hall car park – use, protocol and compensation<br/>Cllr Burdon reported that contractors storing containers in the car park had caused damage to the white lines. It was agreed that the Clerk would send copies of the wayleave agreement to Cllr Burdon.</p>  | <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>  |
| <p><b>17</b></p> | <p><b><u>Highway matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Speed monitoring - The request for funding for the speed indicator device was still pending.</p> <p>b) Passing places – Allun Jones had attended a site meeting and three areas had been highlighted.</p> <p>c) Street lighting at Canol Pentre and Cartrefle – the issue at Cartrefle had been resolved. Cllr Thomas was not present to give an update on Canol Pentre.</p> <p>Additional items – it was reported that the hedge at the War Memorial had been trimmed and the area was tidy prior to the annual act of remembrance.</p> <p>The surface of the A40 at Scethrog was raised and it was agreed Cllr Burdon would raise it with Allun Jones of PCC.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the storm drain in the playing field had been fenced off.</p> | <p><b>Cllr Baldwin</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Burdon</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Thomas</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> |
| <p><b>18</b></p> | <p><b><u>Applications for planning consent</u></b></p> <p>a) 15/12478/FUL – Refurbish disused farmhouse and conversion of various farm buildings for accommodation and garage, to include improved access arrangements” at Neuadd Wen, Aber Village, Talybont-on-Usk. Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that this application be supported.</p> <p>b) Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters:</p> <p>15/12438/FUL - demolition of out-building, construction of two extensions in order to provide kitchen, utility room and shower room at Baileys Barn, Talybont on Usk LD3 7YU - <b>permission granted.</b></p> <p>15/12288/FUL - extension to side and rear of the property to provide dining room, wetroom, bedroom and</p>                  | <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>  |

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|         | <p>conservatory with wheelchair access at The Cottage, Scethrog LD3 7EQ - <b>permission granted.</b></p> <p>15/12347/FUL - extension to provide a reception area at Dolygaer Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1UR - <b>permission granted.</b></p> <p>15/12422/LBC and 15/12421/FUL - regularisation of planning permissions P21307 &amp; P21312 as not built in accordance with approved plans at Weighbridge Cottage Talybont on Usk LD3 7JD - <b>permission refused.</b></p>   |   |
| 19      | <p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation - £11,585.63<br/> b) Clerk's expenses – none.<br/> c) Payroll issues – the Clerk reported that the RTI software was approved by the auditors but that using Powys Payroll department was an option. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quote from them.<br/> d) Cllr Baldwin proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the signing of cheques as follows:</p> <p>£278.51 – Clerk's September salary (post-dated)<br/> £215.00 – Freestyle printers for Talybont Matters<br/> £120.00 – Acer Trading for Talybont Matters<br/> £3,000 – Henderson Hall Committee for toilets</p> | <p><b>Noted</b><br/> <b>Noted</b><br/> <b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> |
| 24      | <p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting would be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>  | <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |