

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

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| 1 | <p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Thomas and Cllr Baldwin.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Bugler (Vice Chairman), Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Davies, Cllr Jones, Cllr Burdon, Cllr James, Cllr Bell, and the Clerk.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllrs Bugler, Davies, Jones and James declared an interest in relation to agenda item 18 (Community Fund) and signed the sheet accordingly.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 3 | <p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that the minutes of the January meeting be approved and all agreed. They were signed by Cllr Bugler.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 4 | <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>i) Western Power – it was reported that the work had been started.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>A number of newsletters and circulars were placed on the side table for inspection.</p> <p>a) Letter re litter problem in Scethrog. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact PCC to ask about signs, and also contact the Llangattock Litter Picking group for details of their signs.</p> <p>b) A letter from PAVO inviting Community Councils to become members, free of charge. All agreed that this would be a good idea.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
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| 6 | <p><u>Dark Skies event 25th March</u></p> <p>All were in favour of supporting this event and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to County Cllr Fitzpatrick's email accordingly.</p> | Clerk |
| 7 | <p><u>Welsh Government White Paper on future role of Community Councils</u></p> <p>The Clerk gave details of the proposals and it was agreed that Cllrs Davies, Jones and Darbyshire would meet before the next CC meeting to discuss and write a proposed response.</p> | Noted |
| 8 | <p><u>Communication and website</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman would write a short annual report at the end of each financial year to highlight the principal achievements of the Council, for publication on the website. It was suggested that the Council could have a stand at the Annual Show with documents on display and perhaps a suggestion box.</p> | Clerk/Chairman |
| 9 | <p><u>Training</u></p> <p>The Clerk requested permission to attend an SLCC finance training day in March at a cost of £95 + VAT and the joint OVW/SLCC event in May at a cost of £69 + VAT. All agreed.</p> | Clerk to book places |
| 10 | <p><u>Community Grant Lottery Application</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that no decision had yet been received.</p> | Noted |
| 11 | <p><u>Street lighting in Maesmawr Close</u></p> <p>Cllr Davies reported that everyone was happy with the changes and all agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.</p> | Noted |
| 12 | <p><u>Bus Shelter in Pencelli</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin was not present to give an update.</p> | Noted |
| 13 | <p><u>Trees on Station Road</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no reply had been received to the Council's second letter.</p> | Noted |

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| 14 | <p><u>Teen Shelter</u></p> <p>A meeting was due to take place between the Recreation Group and the local young people.</p> | Noted |
| 15 | <p><u>Orchard</u></p> <p>No further news at present.</p> | Noted |
| 16 | <p><u>Defibrillator</u></p> <p>This item was now covered in the Community Fund.</p> | Noted |
| 17 | <p><u>War Memorial</u></p> <p>It was agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.</p> | Clerk |
| 18 | <p><u>Talybont Energy Community Fund applications</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that applications totalling £5,800 had been received, and that the fund stood at £3,515 (including the returned monies from the WI). Extra information was needed from some applicants and it was agreed that this would be sought by the Clerk before the March meeting, where final decisions would be made.</p> | Clerk |
| 19 | <p><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></p> <p>The Clerk read the proposal from PCC, and Cllr Darbyshire confirmed that there was a meeting of the Henderson Hall Committee on 25th February. It was agreed that Cllr Bugler would email Claire Wright to set up a meeting to discuss the proposal.</p> | Cllr Bugler |
| 20 | <p><u>BRAG</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no volunteers had come forward as yet.</p> | Noted |
| 21 | <p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>a) Cllr Burdon gave an update on the Sustainable transport review panel meeting.</p> | Noted |

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| 22 | <p><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) RoSPA play equipment inspection It was agreed that the working party could begin on 21st March and that a notice publicising this date would be placed in the bus shelter.</p> <p>b) Mel Thomas status It was agreed that a cheque would be signed at the March meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 23 | <p><u>Highway matters</u></p> <p>a) The Clerk confirmed that Jo Lancey had responded to the Council's request for a permanent speed indicator device in the negative for cost reasons. It was agreed that the Clerk would request details of the cost of the devices.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Cllr Davies would email the Clerk with details of the benefits of thinning the vegetation at the A40 junction so that she could write again to Edwina Hart.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Davies/Clerk</p> |
| 24 | <p><u>Applications for planning consent</u></p> <p>a) 15/11780/FUL – “Part retrospective application for engineering operations to deposit screened soil from excavations at the neighbouring development (approval 12/08355/FUL) onto the surface of an adjacent field owned by the applicant” at Nant y Llannerch, Talybont-on-Usk LD3 7YS – no objections.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| 25 | <p><u>Results from National Park of applications for planning consent, and other matters</u></p> <p>None received.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 26 | <p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation - £20,377.00 of which £3,000 was the Community Fund earmarked reserves and £15,000 was the Teen Shelter earmarked reserves leaving £2,377.00 as available funds.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – carried over.</p> <p>c) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques – Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Davies seconded the signing of a cheque for £120.00 in payment of an invoice from Acer Trading Ltd for the production and editing of Talybont Matters issue 48.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted Clerk</p> |

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| 27 | <p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 16th March at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p> | Noted |