

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 16TH JUNE AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>Prior to the main business of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed Mr John Cook, CEO of the BBNPA and Mr Chris Morgan, Director of Planning for the BBNPA. A number of issues were raised and discussed, and Councillors felt the meeting was positive, and built some bridges between the two organisations going forward.</p> <p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr Davies sent apologies due to travel.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Bugler (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jones, Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr James, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Burdon, Cllr Bell, County Cllr Fitzpatrick and the Clerk.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr James seconded that the minutes of the May meeting be approved and all agreed.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>i) Public liability insurance for users of the Playing Field – Cllr James reported that the Club is to join the ECB, and insurance cover could then be obtained via that organisation. Cllr Davies was not present to provide an update on the Garden Club insurance cover.</p> <p>ii) Rural police partnership meeting – this took place but without any Members present, due to not having received notification of the time of the meeting. Apologise were received by PC Pole and it was suggested that a monthly informal meeting in the café be held.</p> <p>iii) Missing sign in playground – it was agreed that the Chairman would purchase some spare signs for future use. Cllr Baldwin raised the issue of the bins in the playground which had been overflowing. Cllrs Thomas agreed to visit Mel Thomas to clarify whether he was happy to continue his</p>	<p>Cllrs Davies and James</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Thomas/Cllr James</p>

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	<p>duties, and he and Cllr James agreed to empty them this had been done.</p> <p>iv) Forestry lorries – Paul Dann will attend the July meeting from 7pm to update.</p>	Noted
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 from PCC Highways re Ranking Scheme for undertaking minor works.</p> <p>b) Letter from Roger Williams and Kirsty Williams re review of speed limits on trunk roads – County Cllr Fitzpatrick advised that this was out of date as the consultation had closed in December 2012.</p> <p>c) Email from Peter Seaman re closure of A40 at Scethrog – reply received from Lyn Parry to assure that there would be traffic management and signage at all junctions and that he would raise the issue of using Scethrog as a rat run.</p> <p>d) Email re the public health white paper – toilets for public use. The Clerk summarised the relevant points and it was agreed that she would respond to the consultation questions and that the Chairman would look into the accuracy of the numbers of toilets in Powys.</p> <p>e) Email re proposal for the Navy to install a gate and safe steps at the far end of the playing field for the September Canalathon event, and reinstate afterwards. All were in favour with the proviso that a sprung gate be used to prevent dogs running onto the field, and that the work be inspected before a decision be made as regards the work remaining.</p> <p>f) Monthly report from PCSO Stephen Legg – this was read and noted. Cllr Bugler reported that he had cause to use the 101 service which he found to be very efficient.</p> <p>g) Email re TrekFest The Beacons – the event took place and was a success. Proposed date of 6-7 June 2015 – no objections.</p> <p>h) Email re Brecon Man event Saturday 5th July – no objections.</p> <p>i) Email re review of additional learning needs – Cllr James requested a copy.</p> <p>j) Email from Ceri Bevan re donation of memorial benches in the village. All were in agreement and requested that the design be consistent, and that the Council be consulted as to the final sites chosen.</p> <p>k) Draft financial regulations from One Voice Wales – Cllrs Thomas and Bugler would raise these at the OVW regional meeting in July and the Clerk would put the matter on the July agenda.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk/Cllr Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>

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6	<p><u>Talybont Energy Community Fund</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones advised that Sue Thorne had been away but that a meeting would be held.</p>	Cllr Jones
7	<p><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></p> <p>Cllr Bell reported that following the May meeting, he and Cllr Bugler had removed the remaining boards from the building, and made a list of items requiring repair/replacement. The Clerk reported that this list had been sent to Highways & Waste with a copy to Richard Hobbs.</p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire reported that the Henderson Hall toilet was now working again after a problem at the weekend. She would formally request the budgeted £700 from the Community Council for the toilet provision at the Hall.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he would write the letter to the Chief Executive as promised.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p>
8	<p><u>Bank Erosion on River Usk Near Scethrog</u></p> <p>This will be discussed further at the joint meeting on 23rd June.</p>	Noted
9	<p><u>National Park Matters</u></p> <p>Cllr Burdon requested that the Clerk contact the Planning Department to check on progress on the Canal Trust Operations and seek assurances that the promised deadline of September 2014 would be adhered to (app ref 13/09675/FUL).</p>	Clerk
10	<p><u>Community Council Assets</u></p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that Steve Morris was continuing to do an excellent job with the grass cutting. Also that the bike track needed some maintenance work and that he would contact Bikes & Hikes who were prepared to do this.</p> <p>The Chairman also mentioned that a small track around the perimeter of the playing field had been suggested, for the very young people to ride their bikes. It was agreed that he would request a copy of the proposed plan and that maintenance of the field would need to be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Burdon mentioned that one of the old benches near the tennis court had been vandalised and that it was unsafe. It</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Cllr Burdon/Cllr Thomas</p>

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	<p>was agreed that it be inspected to see if it could be repaired or if it needed to be removed.</p> <p>a) RoSPA play inspection – The Chairman that the crawl tunnel had been fixed, and that the upright had been replaced and that the work had been completed to a very satisfactory standard. Cllr Bugler reported that he had an invoice for the paint which he would send to the Clerk. Cllr James agreed that he would carry out the promised work to the seesaw.</p> <p>b) Parking lines in Henderson Hall Car Park – one remaining recycling container was still to be moved, and several requests had been made for this to happen.</p>	<p>Cllr Bugler/Cllr Thomas</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>a) Speed monitoring – the Chairman reported that temporary vehicular active signs had been placed at both ends of the village but that the one on Station Road was not working. The Clerk reported she had advised Jo Lancey of this, and would follow it up.</p> <p>b) Cllr Bugler reported that a team of surveyors/Highways Agency staff and crane company staff had been to inspect the railway bridge to assess the feasibility of repair or removal. The latter would require a road closure for 2 weeks. The Chairman agreed he would contact the Highways Agency to find a contact and invite them to attend a future meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>None had been received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></p> <p>a) App ref 14/10713/FUL – “Proposed single storey extension” at The Manse, Talybont on Usk LD3 7JE – permission granted – however it was noted that the Council had not received this application. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Planning Department to make them aware of this.</p> <p>b) App ref 14/10602/LBC – “Installation of wood burning stove and associated flue” at Coity Mawr, Talybont on Usk LD3 7YN – permission granted.</p> <p>c) Development at Gethinog (14/10700/FUL) – the Chairman reported that County Cllr Fitzpatrick had offered to support the applicant if they had any problems.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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14	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 16th June £3,223.34p.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – the clerk presented expenses of £8.50 for the period January to May 2014, for postage costs.</p> <p>c) Approval of payments and signing of cheques – invoices were presented and cheques were signed for £35.00 to Jo Hughes for the internal audit, for £513.65 to Came & Company for the renewal of the annual insurance policy, to the Clerk for £8.50 for expenses and for £260.00 to Steve Goodsell for work in the Playground. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Baldwin.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr James that Cllrs Michael Bugler and Simon Baldwin be added to the list of cheque signatories on the Lloyds Bank account, in addition to the current signatories of Cllr John Jones and Craig Burdon, with any two of the four required to sign cheques.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Bugler would request a form from Lloyds Bank Brecon to add signatories to the account and to ask about online banking.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Bugler</p>
15	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting is Monday 28th July 7.00pm with the visit of Paul Dann from NRW.</p>	<p>Noted</p>