

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

**MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>PCSO Dunne was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr Bugler for chairing the February meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Bugler (Vice Chairman), Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Davies, Cllr Jones, Cllr Burdon, Cllr James, Cllr Bell, County Cllr Fitzpatrick, and the Clerk.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllrs Davies, Jones and James declared an interest in relation to agenda item 16 (Community Fund) and signed the sheet accordingly.</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 Burdon seconded that the minutes of the February meeting be approved and all agreed. They were signed by Cllr Thomas.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>i) Western Power – the Clerk reported that all necessary wayleave paperwork had been received.</p> <p>ii) PAVO – the Clerk reported that the membership pack had been received.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
5	<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) Reduction in branch library opening hours – letter from PCC detailing new hours as from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Clerk to put on website and noticeboard.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>b) Letter from OTM Garden Groundwork &amp; Tree Surgery offering services.</p> <p>c) Draft Revised National Training Strategy 2015-2019 email from OVW. Clerk to email to all.</p> <p>d) Launch of new OVW website – the Clerk advised she had emailed login details to all.</p> <p>e) Consultations on Council Tax exemptions for long-term empty homes and second homes in Wales. Clerk to put on agenda for April meeting.</p> <p>f) Email from Llangattock Litter Pickers re their signs. These were obtained from Vistaprint at a cost of £125 for 20. It was agreed that funding for similar signs for the litter picking group in Talybont and Scethrog could be found in the next financial year.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
6	<p><b><u>Welsh Government White Paper on future role of Community Councils</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Jones gave a précis of the proposals contained in the White Paper and many concerns were expressed by members. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Kirsty Williams as well as the other Clerks and Councils in the cluster and invite them all to a meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
7	<p><b><u>Communication and website</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Sandra Briskham to book a space at the Annual Show.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
8	<p><b><u>Training</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the recent SLCC financial training which she attended in Llandrindod Wells. In general the training was very useful, and a few areas were identified as needing further research. It was agreed that the Clerk would email all Councillors the list of powers under which a Council can spend money; that the internal auditor would be approached to see if she was able to do the audit for this financial year; and that the Clerk would look into external back up for Council data.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
9	<p><b><u>Community Grant Lottery Application</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the application had been unsuccessful, but Cllr Darbyshire advised that the application was being reviewed and amended to be resubmitted, on the advice of the person who had made the decision.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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10	<p><b><u>Bus Shelter in Pencelli</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin advised that he met with John Forsey of PCC on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and agreed that the wide section of pavement by the lime kilns, up the road from the pub was the most suitable place for a new bus shelter. Mr Forsey had confirmed that a new, basic shelter would cost £3,500. He had agreed to talk to PCC and the bus companies.</p>	Noted
11	<p><b><u>Trees on Station Road</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no reply had been received to the Council's second letter. It was agreed that the Council had done all it could on this issue and that it could be removed from the agenda.</p>	Noted
12	<p><b><u>Teen Shelter</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Teen Shelter had been ordered, that the invoice had been received, and the next step was a site visit followed by confirmation of an installation date.</p>	Noted
13	<p><b><u>Orchard</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that the application had been successful, and that the next step was the identification of sites, as well as requests for permission from the Canal &amp; River Trust and PCC. The sites were: Gilestone Farm; an area above the old peoples' bungalows; the Playing Field; in Pencelli an area on the verge by the campsite; and in Aber, small plantings at the far end of the village by the sign.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Davies would liaise with Cllr Baldwin and the Orchard group.</p>	Noted
14	<p><b><u>Defibrillator</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that the application to the British Heart Foundation had been completed and was successful. The Defibrillator is sent to the ambulance service who will site it. There was a possibility of ToUE being approached to cover the total cost of the defibrillator, case and energy supply (£1,000) and Cllr Baldwin would investigate this.</p> <p>Cllr Bell advised that Simon Smith had offered to carry out Community training at no cost.</p>	Cllr Baldwin
15	<p><b><u>Ditch Clearance</u></b></p>	

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	<p>The Chairman reported an email had been received from the litter pickers group identifying the ditch between the playing field and the highway was full of brambles and litter. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Highways Dept at PCC to request that it be cleared. If this was not possible, the grass cutting contractors would be approached.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>								
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b><u>Talybont Energy Community Fund applications</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the amount requested by the Gardening Club was £200, that the amount requested by the Henderson Hall Committee was £500 for the turf cutter and the BBQs had already been purchased at a cost of £600.</p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire proposed and Cllr Bell seconded the Community Fund of £3,515 be divided between the following applications:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Defibrillator - £1,000</td> <td>Hall - £515</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gardening Club - £200</td> <td>Technique trip - £530</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Litter pickers - £400 includes signs</td> <td>Tea &amp; Chat - £120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Photo history book - £750</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>All were in agreement.</p>	Defibrillator - £1,000	Hall - £515	Gardening Club - £200	Technique trip - £530	Litter pickers - £400 includes signs	Tea & Chat - £120	Photo history book - £750		<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire advised that the Hall Committee was prepared to keep the hall toilets open on the condition that the £3,000 grant promised by PCC was applied for by ToUCC. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Alastair Knox of PCC and make the necessary application.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>								
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b><u>BRAG</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman requested volunteers from the members present and several were prepared to volunteer. There were also volunteers to attend the launch on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Dam head.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>								
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>There were no National Park Authority Matters.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>								
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>a) RoSPA play equipment inspection</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>								

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	<p>It was agreed that the working party would work on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10am and that Cllr Bugler would obtain the necessary paint and moss killer. The Clerk reported that she had received the request for payment from PCC for the next RoSPA inspection, and it was agreed that other options would be investigated.</p> <p>b) Mel Thomas status A cheque was due to be signed at the end of the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
21	<p><b><u>Highway matters</u></b></p> <p>a) The Clerk confirmed that Crickhowell Town Council had paid £1,113.60 for their speed indicator device, and that PCC moved it between four locations. It was agreed that the Chairman would approach ToUE to ask if they would be prepared to fund one for Talybont.</p> <p>b) Cllr Bugler reported that there were two Highway issues at present: a water main leak between the garage and the Traveller's Rest, which was expected to take 1 week, and ballast work on the railway bridge being undertaken by a contractor for Network Rail.</p> <p>c) Planting at A40 junction – the Clerk confirmed that John Byrne from the transport dept of Welsh Govt had offered to meet with members to discuss the planting. Cllr Davies confirmed he had made contact and would attend a site meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Davies</b></p>
22	<p><b><u>Applications for planning consent</u></b></p> <p>There were no new applications.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
23	<p><b><u>Results from National Park of applications for planning consent, and other matters</u></b></p> <p>Consent refused for: 14/11691/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.</p> <p>Consent refused for: 14/11632/FUL - "Refurbishment of garages to include a holiday let suitable for disabled access" at Hafod Wen, Llansantffraed House, Llansanffraed".</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
24	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation - £20,470.05 of which £3,515 was the Community Fund earmarked reserves and</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>£15,000 was the Teen Shelter earmarked reserves leaving £1,955.05 as available funds.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – the Clerk presented receipts for expenses totalling £72.00.</p> <p>c) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques – Cllr James and Cllr Bugler seconded the signing of cheques for:</p> <p>£96.00 – One Voice Wales Membership  £500.00 – Caretaker  £88.00 – SLCC Membership  £140.00 – Freestyle Talybont Matters printing  £114.00 – SLCC Financial Training  £72.00 – Clerk's expenses  £17,598.00 – Sutcliffe Play Teen Shelter</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
25	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>