

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2016 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

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| 1 | <p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Davies and Darbyshire.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Burdon, Cllr Bugler, Cllr Jones, Cllr James, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Bell, County Cllr Fitzpatrick, and the Clerk.</p> | Noted |
| 2 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> | Noted |
| 3 | <p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the last meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.</p> | Noted |
| 4 | <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>BRAG – The Chairman had agreed that some councillors would meet separately with the PCSO.</p> <p>Filing cabinet – is due to arrive this week.</p> <p>Penpentre – the overgrown footpath had not yet been attended to; Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>Gilestone Planning – it was thought that the application had been turned down.</p> <p>Talybont Farm – Cllr Bell reported that the owners confirmed that planning had been granted for 15 caravans, tents and no storage.</p> <p>Street lighting – PCC had replaced TB60 and TB22 had been turned back on.</p> | Noted |
| 5 | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Email from Henderson Hall bookings re an enquiry for dog training – not agreed.</p> <p>b) Email from Henderson Hall regarding issues with soak away and waste blockage. It was agreed that Craig</p> | Clerk Clerk |

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| | <p>would contact Welsh Water and ask them to attend asap and advise. Craig confirmed he had spoken to the grass cutting contractor regarding clearing the cuttings. The DCWW draining plans had been obtained and the main sewer runs along the hedge and past the playground. D Poulton had agreed to put a camera down with no charge.</p> <p>c) Email from Peter Seaman re: burglaries in Scethrog – it was agreed that the Clerk would contact PSCO Dunne.</p> <p>d) One Voice Wales Committee meeting agenda and minutes.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p><u>Talybont Matters</u></p> <p>The future funding of Talybont Matters was discussed, with options including fewer issues per year, charging for advertisements, or seeking advertisements from banks, solicitors, funeral parlours, etc further afield. All present agreed that it is a valued publication which is read across the Council area.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Baldwin, Bell and Thomas would meet to discuss a strategy.</p> | <p>Cllrs Baldwin, Bell & Thomas</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p><u>One Voice Wales</u></p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr Bugler had attended the recent meeting. They reported that the main issues discussed were the Welsh Government's plans for Town & Community Councils (clustering vs mergers) and the competence of councils, and that a white paper might be expected in January.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p><u>Henderson Hall Lease & land registration</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the lease had been amended and resolved, and a copy with the Clerk. The deed of dedication had been completed and would remain with the lottery bid documents. The invoice had been received and included the land registry fee in the total of £837.12.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p><u>Big Lottery Grant</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that work on the perimeter path had been started. The order had been placed with Playdale. The wooden playground items would be removed before bonfire night. Tenders were due in on the external works soon.</p> | <p>Cllr Thomas</p> |
| <p>10</p> | <p><u>Gilestone Planning</u></p> | |

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| | This had been dealt with in matters arising. | Noted |
| 11 | <p><u>Planning enforcement issues</u></p> <p>This had been dealt with in matters arising.</p> | Noted |
| 12 | <p><u>BRAG</u></p> <p>This had been dealt with under matters arising.</p> | Clerk |
| 13 | <p><u>BT Phone Box plans</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that OVW had set up a group to investigate the plans and their impact. There was a particular issue with the lack of mobile phone signal, especially in Aber, Talybont and Pencelli. 999 calls needed to be made due to the activities in the area. It was agreed that responses could be sent via OVW and that pressure should be put on Kirsty Williams and Chris Davies to improve the mobile phone network connection in the valley.</p> | Noted |
| 14 | <p><u>Canal Trusts assets – maintenance and management</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Jones that Caroline Kendall be invited to the next meeting to talk to members about the adoption plans.</p> | Cllrs Burdon |
| 15 | <p><u>Talybont Farm</u></p> <p>This had been dealt with under matters arising and could be removed from the agenda.</p> | Noted |
| 16 | <p><u>Henry Vaughan Garden</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to explain that as the land is not in the ownership of the CC, there are no powers to spend any money on the garden. The boxes of leaflets would be offered for the new visitor centre.</p> | Clerk |
| 17 | <p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>The tearooms at the visitor centre were to remain open. County Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that planning enforcement had improved.</p> | Noted Noted |
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| 18 | <p><u>Community Council Assets including playing field</u></p> <p>a) It was agreed that quotes for the 2017 grass cutting season would be sought in December.</p> <p>b) Dog fouling – it was agreed that a note would be put in Talybont Matters, but a solicitor’s letter/legal action were possible via the One Voice Wales legal cover.</p> <p>c) A padlock had been fitted to the large gate and the hazel tree along the line of the perimeter path had been moved and replanted as per agreement by members by email.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 19 | <p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>a) Community Speedwatch – would be on the agenda for the forthcoming joint meeting.</p> <p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick had forwarded an email regarding a temporary road closure of the B4558 between Station Road & Mill Lane from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th January with a signposted diversion route and access for emergency vehicles, and school transport journeys between 8.30 and 9am and between 3.30 and 4pm daily.</p> <p>Also resurfacing and repairs of Station Road, Maesmawr Close and the B4393 in Llansanffraed to the speed sign.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 20 | <p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>a) 15/12752/FUL – “Conversion and change of use from traditional Grade II listed redundant agricultural barns into five separate residential dwelling units with associated residential curtilage and new access” at Buckland Farm, Llansanffraed, Brecon LD3 7JJ – amended application – Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that this application be supported.</p> <p>b) Appeal PI Ref: APP/P9502/AA/16/3156760; NPA ref: 16/13175/FUL – no comment.</p> <p>c) 16/13392/FUL – “Change of use of agricultural land and buildings to various commercial uses with use class B1 and D1, with minor alterations to curtilage listed building (former stables) (retrospective)” at Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7JE – Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that this application be supported.</p> <p>d) The development at Dan y Wennallt had been withdrawn.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 22 | <u>Finance</u> | |

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| | <p>a) Current financial situation - £13,842.15. b) Clerk's expenses – none. c) Second bank account – the Clerk reported that the second bank account, for restricted funds was opened but the online access to both accounts for councillors to approve payments was proving problematic. d) Approval of payment invoices and signing of cheques:</p> <p>Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr James seconded the signing of cheques for the following payments:</p> <p>Steve Morris - £1944.00 for the 2016 grass cutting work. Katy Tutt - £302.75 October salary payment (postdated) Jeffrey's & Powell - £837.12 from the restricted funds account for work around the Henderson Hall lease and land registration.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Burdon, Bugler and Thomas would meet in in early November to prepare a draft budget for members to discuss at the November meeting.</p> | <p>Noted Noted Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Burdon, Bugler & Thomas</p> |
| 23 | <p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 28th November 2016 at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |