

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

**MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2013 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Burdon and Darbyshire due to work commitments.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Osborne declared a personal interest in reference to item 4 (matters arising – tennis club) and signed the register accordingly.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>These were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Thomas.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p><b>5</b> – Tennis Club – it was agreed that the Clerk would follow up her original request for prices for line painting with Powys County Council.</p> <p><b>8b</b> – Station Road overgrown trees and brambles – there has been no change to the state of the trees on Mr Harpur’s land. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Harpur again, cc the highways department at Powys County Council.</p> <p><b>8c</b> – It was noted that some grass cutting had taken place. Clerk to email a reminder, and review at March meeting.</p> <p><b>8e</b> – Local road conditions – the Chairman reported that some tarmac had been used to fill in the main holes on Station Road.</p> <p><b>11c</b> – Grass cutting – it was agreed that Powys County Council would be contacted to ask for a quotation for grass cutting for the 2013/2014 season. Cllr James indicated that he knew of two other companies who might wish to quote.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>1 – Beacons Bus – an email was received asking for financial support for the service. Councillors indicated that the service was not widely used, that the trailer was rarely seen to be carrying any bikes, and that it was a service mainly for tourists and on that basis, it was resolved that funds would be better</p>	<b>Noted</b>

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	<p>spent on services for local people.</p> <p>2 – Charity walk 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Global Adventure Challenges will be holding their Thunderwalk which will pass through Talybont. They have hired the Henderson Hall as a checkpoint and wanted to advise ToUCC that they will be in the area, as a matter of courtesy. All Councillors indicated their support for the event.</p> <p>3 – LDP newsletter</p> <p>4 – Minutes of the BBNPA Local Access Forum meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012</p> <p>5 – Invitation from PAVO to one of three meetings in March re Community Engagment - building relationships with local people. Cllrs Jones and Baldwin indicated their wish to attend the Brecon meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>6 – Letter from Scrutiny, Democracy and Participation team re additional funding for the development of websites for Town &amp; Community Councils.</p> <p>7 – Email from Play Wales re the General Comment from the UN Committee on the Right of the Child – the right to play. Cllr Thomas indicated that this could be of use to the Recreation Group when applying for funding. The Clerk would forward to Ceri Bevan by email.</p> <p>8 – Tourism Conference March 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 1.00pm at Theatr Brecheiniog, Brecon. Details were passed to Cllr Bugler.</p> <p>9 – Invitations to two Good Business Sense training events. Details were passed to Cllr Bugler.</p> <p>10 – Letter from Phillip Jones from the NHS Primary Care Services regarding an application from Mediplus Ltd to provide pharmaceutical services in Talybont-on-Usk. Councillors indicated that any new pharmacy premises would be subject to the usual Planning constraints, and could be dealt with should a planning application be received.</p> <p>11 – footpath closure notice.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b><i>Stroke Stakeholder meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended the meeting which discussed the proposed transfer of Stroke services from Bronllys to Brecon. The Bronllys site was described as unsuitable for a variety of reasons. It was proposed that a Housing Association would be asked to take over all the buildings, and Powys Health Board would lease some of them back. Problems with Brecon included possibly capacity issues, a lack of parking, and inadequate bus service. Attendees from Hay, Talgarth and Bronllys were not in favour of the proposed changes. A response from the Health Board is awaited.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) LDP Update</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>Cllrs Thomas, Bugler and Davies attended Hearing Session 9 on 7<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>The Inspector had set an agenda of four questions and had received our written responses to those questions. She then used the session to seek clarification, including clarification regarding the environmental report conclusion that the Maesmawr site was inappropriate. The National Park planners appeared to have no knowledge of their own report, but we had a copy which was made available to them and to the Inspector.</p> <p>Director of Planning, Chris Morgan, was asked where and how the Community Council responses were considered in what should have been a consultative process. After much bluster he informed us that the information was available on the website!</p> <p>The Inspector did confirm that the site in Scethrog had been withdrawn.</p> <p>b) Storehouse/Car Park issues The original alleged breach of development control dates back to 2006, and in April 2011 a letter was sent from the then Clerk to ToUCC to John Cook, Chief Executive of the BBNPA. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again to draw attention to the fact that, despite all correspondence and actions by various authorities, the situation remains the same.</p> <p>c) Tree felling at the Reservoir The Chairman detailed communications between the Friends of Talybont Reservoir and Richard Poole of Dwr Cymru regarding the cutting down of various trees at ToU Reservoir. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Richard Poole to outline public concerns, and to request that all boundaries (gaps in fences) and ruts in the ground be restored.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>a) Update on Councillor's inspection of play equipment and repairs Cllr James reported that the climbing chains have been collected and will be put back in place before the March meeting. The area below the seesaw needs to be inspected and possibly re-welded, in drier weather.</p> <p>b) Gate from Playground on to Playing Field The Chairman advised that he will fit a bolt to the gates in order to secure them.</p> <p>c) Litter bins</p>	<p><b>Cllr James</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>The Chairman reported that the bins had been found to be full. They are emptied by Mel Thomas, who had run out of bags. The Chairman contacted PCC who delivered more bags, and the bins have now been emptied.</p> <p>d) Old information board The Chairman reported that the posts on which the board will be sited, have been put in place, and the board would be erected during week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>e) Tennis Courts Cllr Osborne gave details of pricing for a net (£62.09 or £76.73 + VAT) and posts (£169.23 + VAT). Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that the Community Council purchase both items, once the correct net size had been identified.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Osborne/Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b><u>Highway Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Talybont Village Traffic Report follow up.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the flyer drafted by Cllr Darbyshire. All agreed it should be made larger, then printed and sent to Cllr Darbyshire for display on windscreens of vehicles parking along the highway.</p> <p>b) Condition of the bank opposite Coity View. The Chairman gave an overview of the history regarding the wall and embankment opposite Coity View. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Richard Griffiths to find out what further work will be done (rebuilding the wall, a hedge, or seeding the bank) and contact Chris Richards of PCC to ask that a drain be installed to deal with any flood water coming down off the fields.</p> <p>c) A40 junction – overgrown vegetation</p> <p>The Clerk would request a start date for the thinning of the vegetation.</p> <p>d) Tourism Group – branding logo</p> <p>Cllr Bugler advised that the Tourism Group had received a grant from Rural Alliances, in order to brand Talybont-on-Usk and commission a logo, and presented the logos to Councillors.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>13/088013/CON</b> – all agreed support for the plans.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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11	<p><b><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Troed y Mynydd Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Baldwin seconded that the Clerk should write to seek clarification re the possible encroachment beyond the 'red line' and a legal opinion from the NPA legal department re the potential hazard and subsidence.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
12	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 18/02/2013 <b>£4,505.28</b></p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – to be carried over until the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that cheques should be signed in payment of invoices for £140 from Freestyle and £120 from ERA21 for editing and printing of Talybont Matters issue 40.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
13	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013, at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	