

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

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

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>None received.</p>	Noted
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Burdon declared an interest in respect of item 11a (neighbour overlooking the site) and signed the register accordingly.</p>	Noted
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>These were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Baldwin.</p>	Noted
4	<p><u>To discuss the inclusion in the minutes of a list of Councillors present at meetings</u></p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from a member of the public requesting this. It was agreed that this would be done.</p>	Clerk
5	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>7c – the Chairman read the Clerk’s email to Richard Poole, his response, and an email from the Friends of Talybont Reservoir thanking the Council for its involvement. It was agreed that the situation should be closely monitored. Cllr Baldwin informed members that a similar matter had not been resolved further to tree-felling work at Dolygaer.</p> <p>8b – gate leading from play area to Playing Field – the Chairman reported that he had fitted a latch to the gate.</p> <p>8e – Local road conditions – the Chairman reported that some tarmac had been used to fill in the main holes on Station Road but stated that this had deteriorated quite quickly. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the relevant department to bring this to their attention.</p> <p>Public toilets – the Clerk reported a response from Lyn Parry stating that work would begin in April.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p>

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6	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>All listed items were available for inspection by Councillors.</p> <p>6) Email from Sandra Briskham re the possibility of adding a tab for church services to the Community Council website – all agreed.</p> <p>8) BBNPA Town & Community Council Liaison meeting and Charter update – 10am-12pm Saturday 27th April in Brecon Subud Hall, Canal Bank, Brecon – The Chairman indicated his wish to attend.</p> <p>10) Audit & Scrutiny reports – Councillor Bugler gave a report on the Audit & Scrutiny webcasts which he determined to be a useful addition, however they seemed to have little in the way of detail.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Noted</p>
7	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>a) LDP Update The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Helen Fry in response to our letter to Chris Morgan regarding the consideration given to the Community Council's comments re the three potential housing sites in the village. The letter stated that Officer responses to Community Council comments can be found in the Site Assessment Report, however Cllr James reported that the CC's comments were not scored.</p> <p>b) Storehouse/Car Park issues The Clerk reported that she had written to John Cooke with copies to Kirsty Williams AM, and Roger Williams MP, and received a response stating that the PAROW Committee has approved an extension of time until 31st March 2013 for the landowner to remove the items from the Car Park, and if this does not happen, arrangements to take Direct Action shall be progressed, and that in relation to the Boathouse, the Authority is in the process of finalising an Enforcement Notice requiring the removal of the containers placed between the Boathouse and the highway. Kirsty Williams and Roger Williams also contacted Mr Cooke, and offered support. Councillors agreed that the situation would be monitored, and reviewed at the April meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All Councillors to monitor</p>
8	<p><u>Vegetation on canal embankment</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave a report on the state of the vegetation which is impinging on the disabled access to the towpath. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact The Canal And Rivers Trust to ask that they attend to the matter.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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9	<p><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) Update on Councillor's inspection of play equipment and repairs Cllr James reported that the climbing chains had been put back in place. The area below the seesaw needs to be inspected and possibly re-welded, in drier weather.</p> <p>b) Old information board The Chairman reported that the board had been put into its new position and an invoice for £75 had been received from Richard Preece.</p> <p>c) Grounds maintenance The Clerk reported that a quote for the grass cutting had been received from Steve Morris, which amounted to 28 x £60 + VAT, giving a total of £1680 + VAT, in comparison with the quote received from PCC of £1456.88 + VAT. A discussion took place regarding the service given by PCC in recent years and the service promised by Mr Morris, and Cllr Burdon proposed to accept the quote from Mr Morris. Cllr Thomas seconded, and all agreed.</p> <p>d) Tennis Courts The Clerk reported that a quote had been received: to blow and sweep off all loose chippings and to apply chemicals to treat moss growth (£163.36), to remark two tennis courts (£97.68) and two netball courts (£97.68). Cllr Burdon proposed accepting the quote for blowing/sweeping off chippings and chemical moss treatment, as well as remarking the tennis courts, and Cllr Jones seconded.</p>	<p>Cllr James</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>a) Talybont Village Traffic Report follow up. It was agreed that Cllr Darbyshire would distribute the parking flyers to other Councillors. The issue of enforcement was raised, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Tony Caine to request increased enforcement of existing parking restrictions in the village, in order to encourage parking in the Henderson Hall Car Park.</p> <p>b) Condition of the bank opposite Coity View. The Chairman gave a resume of the situation. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Chris Richards to request that PCC keep the culverts on the top road clear of debris to assist with drainage.</p> <p>c) A40 junction – overgrown vegetation The Chairman remarked that the trees had been thinned and a good job had been done. It was agreed that the Clerk</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>should send an email of thanks to Dean Williams, and welcoming the start of regular maintenance in the area.</p> <p>d) Hedge/trees on Station Road. Cllr Thomas reported that the hedge had been cut, however 6 to 8 large tree branches were overhanging the road, with one resting on telephone cables. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Chris Richards to request that he meets with a Community Councillor for a site visit for both this issue and the Coity View issue, and that she would write another letter to Mr Harpur to again request that he confirm the safety of the trees in this area.</p> <p>e) Streetlighting in Scethrog The Clerk reported that she had received a request from a member of the public for PIR (passive infrared) lighting in the area. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the person concerned to advise that PIR lighting is not currently offered by County Councils, and that ToUCC would request that a street light which is not currently active, could be switched back on.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10	<p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>a) 13/08919/FUL: “Retention of timber-clad storage container for temporary (3 year) period, retention of enclosed storage area and access track” at Talybont Farm, Mill Lane, Talybont-on-Usk.</p> <p>Cllr Burdon presented the views of residents close to this area, and having received this information, it was agreed that the Clerk would respond indicating that the Council could not support this application as the initial application time period had been exceeded, the permission was originally intended to be temporary, and for storage only, and that the area was impinging on residents’ quality of life.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
11	<p><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></p> <p>a) 12/08757/FUL: “Proposed single storey annex projecting from the south east elevation (full application) at 25 Penpentre, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, LD3 7YQ.” Permission granted.</p> <p>b) 12/08681/LBC and 12/08680/FUL: Glanclydach Cottages, Aber, Talybont LD3 7YS – applications withdrawn</p> <p>c) 11/07077/CON – Variation of Condition I to allow a further 3 years for the submission of reserved matters (Variation/Renewal of Conditions) at Penybont, Pencelli, Brecon, LD3 7LX</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	d) Troed y Mynydd – the Clerk reported that she had written as agreed to Janet Kealey but that the letter had been sent to the wrong office. It was agreed that the letter be re-sent to the correct office.	Clerk
12	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 18/03/2013 £2,176.22p</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – £18.30p</p> <p>c) Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Burdon seconded that cheques should be signed in payment of invoices for £370.16 (tennis posts and net), £58.33 + VAT (RoSPA inspection of play equipment, £75 (renewal of Clerk's membership of SLCC, £45 (One Voice Wales membership – 50% reduction).</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 15th April 2013, at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	Noted