

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

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| 1 | <p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr Davies sent his apologies for this meeting. Present:</p> <p>Cllr Bugler (Chairman), Cllr Burdon (Vice Chairman), Cllr Thomas, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Jones, Cllr James, Cllr Bell, County Cllr Fitzpatrick, and the Clerk.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Burdon declared an interest in agenda item 22c due to being a neighbour to the proposed site.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 3 | <p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and all agreed. Cllr Bugler signed the minutes.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 4 | <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>i) Trees on Station Road – Cllr Thomas confirmed that contractors had been approached and replies were awaited.</p> <p>ii) Highway matters – Cllr Thomas confirmed he had written to Talybont Energy to ask for their help in funding a speed indicator device.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>A number of newsletters and circulars were placed on the side table for inspection.</p> <p>a) British Heart Foundation – receipt of cheque for defibrillator.</p> <p>b) Ombudsman – confirmation of an amendment to the Code of Conduct already circulated by email.</p> <p>c) PAVO – Powys Volunteer of the Year competition already circulated by email. Clerk to request application form.</p> <p>d) Talybont-on-Usk Tennis Club – request for re-painting of the lines on the tennis court – Clerk emailed PCC.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| 6 | <p><u>Welsh Government White Paper on future role of Community Councils</u></p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the White Paper following her attendance at the SLCC/OVW joint conference. Leighton Andrews AM had been the speaker. Many concerns had been raised but no real answers supplied.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas confirmed that the the next joint councils meeting would be in June.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Talybont Reservoir Status</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones outlined the situation that the FoTR find themselves in and asked for ToUCC to write to DCWW and the BBNP. He would send an email to the Clerk.</p> | Cllr Jones/Clerk |
| 8 | <p><u>Volunteer insurance</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas outlined the situation. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's insurers had indicated that volunteers were covered under the policy provided that the volunteers were working under the control of the Council; that the Council had done a risk assessment and accepted responsibility for any injuries. This also applied to the BRAG volunteers.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Thomas would talk to the Litter Pickers group to find a way forward.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the BRAG volunteers were working under the control of the Council, and therefore should be covered under the insurance policy. It was noted that, should a police matter arise while a volunteer was out on patrol, the PCSOs always tell the volunteer to remain in the vehicle.</p> | <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 9 | <p><u>Training update</u></p> <p>The Clerk gave a resumé of matters arising from her attendance at the SLLCC/OVW joint conference in Llandrindod Wells.</p> | Noted |
| 10 | <p><u>Community Grant Lottery Application</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received an email confirming receipt of the amended application.</p> | Noted |

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| 11 | <p><u>Pencelli Bus shelters</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin would follow up with John Forsey having emailed him and had no response.</p> | Cllr Baldwin |
| 12 | <p><u>Teen Shelter</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the installation date was the end of May, and that the insurance policy had been amended to cover the shelter.</p> | Noted |
| 13 | <p><u>Orchard</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that proposals and grant applications had been sent off, and that there would be two lots of planting; one this winter and one next.</p> <p>The paperwork for the adoption of a section of the Canal was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the Canal and River Trust to check exactly what was involved.</p> | Cllr Baldwin Clerk |
| 14 | <p><u>Defibrillator</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that the defibrillator had been sent to the Welsh Ambulance Trust for testing. Once the model had been confirmed, the case would need to be purchased from First Responders. Once the installation date was known, Simon Smith could be asked to carry out the training.</p> | Cllr Baldwin |
| 15 | <p><u>Ditch Clearance</u></p> <p>It was agreed that this be put on the October agenda, since birds were likely to be nesting at present.</p> | Noted |
| 16 | <p><u>Talybont Energy Community Fund applications</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that all cheques had been delivered, and reports from the recipients were awaited for the September meeting.</p> | Noted |
| 17 | <p><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised that despite several attempts to contact Alastair Knox of PCC, no response had been received, and the grant payment had not arrived. It was agreed that the Clerk would email Sue Simpson of PCC Community Delivery to ask for her assistance.</p> | Clerk |

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| 18 | <p><u>BRAG</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas advised that, since the project had started, there had been no incidents in the patrol area, and there had been a reduction in offroaders and 4WD vehicles. More volunteers would be coming on board. He also agreed to talk to PC Pole about the promised funding for t-shirts, etc.</p> | Cllr Thomas |
| 19 | <p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>There were no National Park Authority Matters.</p> | Noted |
| 20 | <p><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) Play equipment maintenance and inspection. The Clerk confirmed that an inspection date was awaited.</p> <p>Cllr Bell agreed to carry out a weekly visual inspection and email a short report to the Clerk. Cllr James said a number of youngsters had asked if a football/rugby post could be provided. It was agreed that he would talk to Ceri Bevan of the Recreation Group.</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that he was still looking at the plastic tubing to replace the crawl tunnel which now needed urgent attention.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllr Bell</p> <p>Cllr James</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin</p> |
| 21 | <p><u>Highway matters</u></p> <p>a) The photo of the Community Concern signs had been circulated by Cllr Darbyshire and the Clerk would look for suppliers. Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had written to Talybont Energy re the Speed Indicator Device.</p> <p>b) The Clerk reported a positive response from the Canal and River Trust regarding the speed of the drawbridge and they had agreed to carry out adjustments in the next couple of weeks. Also that a mirror would be installed to help improve visibility.</p> <p>c) The Clerk reported that she had received no response from John Byrne and would contact him again.</p> <p>d) The Clerk confirmed she had written to Allun Jones of PCC but had no response. Cllr Burdon advised he was meeting Mr Jones soon and would raise the matter with him.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Burdon</p> |

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| 22 | <p><u>Applications for planning consent</u></p> <p>a) 15/12110/LBC – “Construction of two porches to the rear of the two cottages (part of Coity Mawr complex)” at Coity Mawr Cottages, Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7YN.</p> <p>b) 15/12123/FUL – “Construction of a single storey timber building” at Aberclydach House, Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7YS.</p> <p>c) 15/12142/FUL – “Seasonal Camping site (tents) on fields adjacent to Talybont Farm” at Talybont Farm, Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7YJ.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that applications a) and b) be supported, and that in respect of application c), the lack of detail in the plans, the potential effect on the local infrastructure, and the controversial history surrounding applications for campsites, that a delay should be requested in order to invite planning officers and members of the public to a meeting to discuss.</p> <p>d) Results from National Park of applications for planning consent, and other matters:</p> <p>Consent granted for: 15/12001/ADV A series of 5 new interpretation panels along the Monmouthshire and Brecon canal – at Towpath of Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that application 15/11979/FUL - Change of use, full renovation and development of Llanbrynean Farm house and barns to a residential education and outdoor recreation facility - at Llanbrynean Farm, Llanfrynach, Brecon LD3 7BQ had been declared invalid.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 23 | <p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation - £8,421.17. The Clerk confirmed that the VAT refund for the teen shelter and the first precept payment had been received.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – none.</p> <p>c) Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Bell seconded the signing of cheques as follows:</p> <p>£120 – Acer Trading for newsletter production £82.80 – SLCC enterprises for the Clerk’s attendance at the SLCC/OVW conference (half to be reimbursed via the bursary scheme). £595.90 – Broker Network (Came & Company) for annual insurance.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 24 | <p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> | |

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| | The next meeting would be Monday 15 th June at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall. | Noted |