

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

**MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Community Cllr Baldwin.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Jones (Chairman), Cllr Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Davies, Cllr Bugler, Cllr James, Cllr Burdon, four members of the public, and the Clerk. County Cllr Fitzpatrick arrived at 7.45pm.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman declared an interest in respect of items 8 (as Chairman of the organisation who had made an application to the Community Fund) and 14 (as owner of the property re the planning application).</p>	<b>Noted</b>
	<p>Prior to the main part of the meeting, the Chairman proposed bringing forward item 9 on the agenda, public convenience provision. All agreed. Members of the public were welcomed and reminded that they were not allowed to speak.</p> <p>The Chairman gave a brief overview of a meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November between ToUCC members and Barry Thomas, Cabinet Member, and Alistair Knox of PCC. The closure of the public toilets was brought to the attention of ToUCC in August, and responses to PCC were not processed quickly as it was the holiday period. The toilets were closed as no-one expressed an interest in taking them on. There is an annual £1500 grant available for the current session of PCC should a Community group decide to take them on. ToUCC could purchase them for a nominal £1 cost on a 21 year renewable lease. PCC would cover their legal costs and ToUCC would use One Voice Wales. The building would be 'sold as seen', with no building survey or repairs done by PCC before takeover. No figures were available on water/electricity/heating costs.</p> <p>If ToUCC purchased the toilets and took them on themselves, they would receive the £1500 grant from PCC, then sponsorship could be raised by asking local businesses who benefit most from local tourism. There is the option of</p>	<b>All Councillors</b>

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	<p>including some of the costs in the precept, which would mean that all local residents would be directly contributing. The grant would still be available if the toilets were moved to another location.</p> <p>There is also the option of opening up the existing toilets at the Henderson Hall.</p> <p>There followed the opportunity for Councillors to give their views and make suggestions. Following this, the Chairman summed up, and Cllr Bugler proposed, with Cllr Burdon seconding, that there should be an investigation into the costs, the fabric of the building, sponsors and an approach to the Henderson Hall committee.</p> <p>At 7.45pm, the Chairman thanked the members of the public, three of whom left.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the October meeting were approved by all and signed by the Chairman, with one minor amendment, to mention that the Clerk left the meeting while salary discussions took place.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>Talybont village branding – the brand has been adopted but technical issues are preventing wider distribution of the electronic files.</p> <p>Henry Vaughan garden – Cllr Davies mentioned that two benches in the garden were in a poor state of repair, and that Richard Preece had provided a quote of £30 to do the work.</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund - £5000 grant had arrived in the ToUCC bank account.</p> <p>Station Road speed monitors – the Clerk would follow up.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Bugler</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>a) Neighbourhood Policing team – email received from PCSO Steffan Rees giving contact details and highlighting Farm Watch/Ringmaster systems. It was agreed that the Clerk would put details in Talybont Matters.</p> <p>b) National Library of Wales – request to archive websites of interest, wishing to include talybont.org and asking for permission. All agreed that permission should be granted.</p> <p>c) Natural Resource Management Welsh Government £6m Nature Fund – details sent by email. Chairman confirmed he had passed details to local interested parties.</p> <p>d) Stargazing at The Star Inn – the Clerk read out details. It</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>was noted that the lights would be switched off on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and not switched back on until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Linked to this, Cllr Burdon raised the issue of streetlighting in the early hours of the morning. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Leigh Williams for an update on the LED lighting conversion programme and to ask about the village lighting.</p> <p>e) Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – the Clerk read out a letter from Electoral Services detailing a Welsh Government review, with notices to be displayed on notice boards. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to say that the existing facilities were very suitable with easy disabled access, and that no changes were required.</p> <p>f) Suggested Relocation of War Memorial – the Clerk read a letter from Ray Briskham detailing traffic issues at the existing War Memorial site at Cross Oak, and proposing its relocation to a more central site in the village. Following a discussion, Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Darbyshire seconded that the issue should be considered over the next few months, and that if the memorial had not been relocated by the 2014 Remembrance Day, a traffic cordon be used to ensure safety.</p> <p>g) Email from Jean Packer, PA to John Cook, Chief Executive of the BBNPA asking if ToUCC would like to receive a visit from Mr Cook and Christopher Morgan, Director of Planning. All agreed that this would be acceptable and it was agreed that the February or March meeting dates should be proposed.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to respond</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Co-option of Community Councillor</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Powys County Council had received no request for an election from members of the electoral roll. The Clerk confirmed she had received one expression of interest and had emailed details of what the role involves. One member of the public present had expressed an interest, and one other had written to Powys County Council expressing an interest in the role. Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that before the January meeting, a sub-committee should interview applicants and report back to the full Council, with applicants expressing written interest to the Clerk prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.</p>	<p><b>Noted, await expressions of interest</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Budget Discussions</u></b></p> <p>a) 2013/2014 budget – Cllr Davies summed up the discussions at the October meeting, which had resulted in the anticipated £1000 increase in the precept. The Chairman presented information from the Clerk which showed that such an increase would mean an increase of</p>	<p><b>January agenda, sub-committee to meet prior to January meeting</b></p>

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	<p>£2.86 in the Council Tax on a Band D property. Cllr Burdon reminded members that the precept had not been increased in 2012/2013.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that the £1000 which had been promised to the Recreation Group for their Replace the Ramp project should be sent to them, with the proviso that a member of ToUCC reviews their annual accounts.</p> <p>Precept decisions needed to be made in February, so Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Bugler seconded that a sub-committee should meet with the Clerk to look at the finance software and report back to the full Council at the January meeting.</p> <p>b) Clerk's salary – the Chairman confirmed that Councillors had met and decided that the Clerk's salary should be increased to £8.42 per hour, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to email payroll company</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b><u>Talybont Energy Community Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that an article had been placed in Talybont Matters, asking for applications for a share of the fund, and that applications would be collected between now and the end of January, with consideration being given to each on their merits rather than on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>Cllr Bugler asked that an official letter be sent to the Treasurer of Talybont Energy, accepting the funds.</p>	<p><b>Await applications, January agenda</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to write</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></b></p> <p>See item at the start of minutes.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Phytopthera Ramorum</u></b></p> <p>No update.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) LDP update: Cllr Thomas reported that the Inspector's report had been published, with no changes other than to add the additional sites raised at the EGM. Also that legal advice was being sought by two areas in order to proceed to a judicial review. If this found in favour, it would invalidate the LDP. County Cllr Fitzpatrick said that he had received emails from several residents and asked for guidance on how to respond. All agreed that responses should express disappointment at the decision, particularly at the density of the development at Maesmawr Farm.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas requested permission for a Freedom of</p>	<p><b>Cllr Thomas</b></p>

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	<p>Information request to be sent to the BBNPA, and all agreed that this be done.</p> <p>The Clerk read a letter from Ann Jeans to the BBNPA expressing sadness at the size of the development and asking questions about the decision making process.</p>	
12	<p><b><u>Community Council Assets including Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>a) RoSPA Inspection Report Issues identified: Edge of boarding around climbing frame; timber framework; timber rotting on cross chains; exposed metal and timber uprights in poor repair on crawl tunnel. Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Bugler seconded that a commitment be made to get two itemised estimates for the work, on the understanding that the work should be carried out by July 2014. It was agreed that none of the issues required immediate attention.</p> <p>b) Parking lines in HH car park: Cllr Bugler reported that he had met with Colin Davies from PCC and that a quotation of £400 had been received. It was agreed that an email should be sent to Clare Wright as Chair of the HH Committee, including the original plan, and that Sue Thorne could give details of days when the HH was not in use.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to write to request quotations</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Bugler</b></p>
13	<p><b><u>Highway Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Traffic report: no update</p> <p>b) Dog fouling: It was agreed that the situation would be monitored so that contact could be made again when needed. Cllr Davies reported that one sign had been removed from the entrance to the playing field, and offered to check to see if there were any spares in order that it could be replaced.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Davies</b></p>
14	<p><b><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Jones left the meeting.</p> <p><b>13/10190/LBC and 13/1089/FUL</b> – “Reinstatement, conversion and extension to provide one residential cottage” at Glanclwydach, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, LD3 7YS – all supported the application.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
15	<p><b><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>13/09985/FUL</b> – “Demolition of existing outbuildings (store and lobby attached to dwelling) and replacement single</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	storey extensions including kitchen area and lobby” (Full application) at Cui Cottage, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys LD3 7YN – permission granted.	
16	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 18<sup>th</sup> November was £9,552.56p with £5,000 ringfenced for the Recreation Group.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – none, but the Clerk reported that an invoice would be presented in January for printer ink.</p> <p>c) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques – invoices were presented and cheques were signed for £270.00 to Richard Preece for the annual maintenance of the Henry Vaughan garden and repairs to the picnic benches; £17.00 to The Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath; £180.00 to BDP LLP for the annual audit fees; £140.00 to Freestyle for printing of Talybont Matters issue 43; £120.00 to ERA21 Ltd for production and editing of Talybont Matters issue 43; £3.05 to Gareth Davies for disinfectant for Mel Thomas to use in cleaning the bus stop; and £1944.00 to Steve Morris for the annual grass cutting of the Playing Fields. This was proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr James.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
17	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.15pm, at the Henderson Hall. It was agreed that thereafter, meetings would be held on the third Monday of the month.</p>	<p><b>Noted, Clerk to book Henderson Hall</b></p>