

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

**MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2018 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON
 USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Eardley.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Burdon (Chairman), Cllr Baldwin (Vice Chairman), Cllr James, Cllr Jones, Cllr Newberry, Cllr Parry, Cllr Thomas, County Cllr Fitzpatrick, and the Clerk.</p>	Noted
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None.</p>	Noted
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr James proposed and Cllr Baldwin 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>Western Power Distribution – offer of a one off payment of £30 then no further payments. Bank transfer payment not possible. Members agreed to continue with the annual small payment.</p>	Clerk
5	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Boundary commission information – noticeboards b) Speed indicator sign</p>	Noted Noted
6	<p><u>Co-option of new councillor</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Bell had not written to confirm his resignation, so his email was accepted as intention to resign. In any case, six months had elapsed since his last attendance. The relevant notices will be displayed on the noticeboards. If no election is sought by members of the public within the specified timescale, the co-option process could begin at the April meeting.</p>	Clerk

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7	<p><u>Virtual attendance at meetings – Skype, mobile phone</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that members have to be physically present at meetings. The Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 39(1) states "...all questions coming or arising before a local authority shall be decided by a majority of the members of the authority present and voting thereon at a meeting of the authority."</p>	Noted
8	<p><u>General Data Protection Regulation - update</u></p> <p>The Clerk had very recently received information from SLCC and suggested a small group meeting to decide on the way forward.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Newberry/Cllr Burdon
9	<p><u>Community Orchard update</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin reported that 10th March was the official opening of the Orchard and the Trail, with over 50 people attending, who walked the trail. Literature is being distributed to local establishments. There are plans for an ‘adopt a tree’ scheme to help with maintenance. Thanks to the group and organisers were recorded.</p> <p>Insurance – the Clerk had consulted with the Council’s insurers. The landowner is responsible for any accidents or claims arising from any defect in his land and therefore must arrange insurance cover. If he wishes to transfer responsibility for the maintenance of that land to the Council, then the Council’s public liability insurance would apply.</p>	Noted Cllr Baldwin
10	<p><u>Hall Committee Liaison meeting 15th January</u></p> <p>Cllr Burdon has contacted the Hall secretary for notes of the meeting</p> <p>Sign – The Clerk reported on email conversations with the Hall Committee Chair. A Henderson Hall sign running across the front of the building will be put up in due course.</p> <p>Trail event 5th May – now using Gilestone Farm but 1000 competitors expected. County Cllr Fitzpatrick will contact the organisers to ask relevant questions regarding road closures etc. The Clerk will send through contact details.</p>	Noted Noted Clerk/County Cllr Fitzpatrick
11	<p><u>Joint Councils Meeting – 22nd February at Libanus</u></p>	

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	<p>Cllrs Burdon, James and Newberry attended the meeting, which was reported to be most useful. Sharing information about common issues, and noting how other Councils were dealing with their own issues was beneficial. Members from Llanfrynach did not attend due to not receiving the notification in time. Another meeting will be arranged in the next few months.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><u>Grass cutting contract tender – to discuss quotes received</u></p> <p>The Clerk circulated details of the quotes received.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed based on price that the contract for the three years be offered to Steve Morris. Cllr Baldwin seconded and all were in favour. The Clerk would respond to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Henry Vaughan Garden</u></p> <p>The Clerk had emailed the solicitor but received no response.</p> <p>Former Councillor John Jones has volunteered to try to contact James Anderson to try to resolve the matter.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>14</p>	<p><u>Canal Issues</u></p> <p>Cllr Burdon had noticed a CRT representative in the village and introduced himself. Emails have been exchanged and a meeting will be set up to discuss the new plans.</p> <p>Bridge 143 repairs have been completed.</p> <p>The towpath through the ToUCC area is still in a dreadful state – Clerk to contact Kevin Phillips to check if any repairs are programmed in.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>15</p>	<p><u>Village Signage</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas reported that a walk through the village to consider what signage is required to direct people to the facilities. Cllrs Thomas and Eardley would report back to the next meeting with suggestions and costings.</p>	<p>Cllrs Thomas and Eardley</p>
<p>16</p>	<p><u>Big Lottery Grant</u></p> <p>One minor drainage issue from the roof, £4298 retention money is being held until completed.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>The lottery bid came in £325 under the money claimed £256,125.</p> <p>A new lottery bid for the work at the far end of the playing field (multi use surface and new fencing plus landscaping) has gone through the first round of applications and the main application has to be in by May 2nd. Maximum grant will be £100,000. Can it be run in the same way? Cllr Thomas was happy to be involved. All agreed.</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas</p>
<p>17</p>	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>The Clerk had emailed thanks to the Head of Wardens, which had been acknowledged.</p> <p>The Inspector's Report in relation to the Powys LDP had been published for inspection online and in libraries. Clerk to email to all.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>18</p>	<p><u>County Councillor's Report</u></p> <p>Jo Lancey and County Cllr met in Aber and on Station Road and agreed new limits which were put to members. The proposed Station Road limit would put the outdoor centre into a 40mph limit which was of concern. A second meeting was proposed with Jo to better understand the decision-making process. Members preferred the 30mph sign to protect the village.</p> <p>The proposals for Aber village 30mph limit were accepted.</p> <p>Grit bins were requested to be refilled.</p> <p>Cllr James raised the issue of recycling collections in the bad weather. County Cllr Fitzpatrick advised that the amount of B roads in the county made collections with the large lorries difficult in snow, but that more, smaller vans were being considered.</p>	<p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick/Cllr Baldwin</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>19</p>	<p><u>Community Council assets, including playing field</u></p> <p>a) Play equipment maintenance – the Clerk would update schedule and email out again.</p> <p>b) Re-erection of the panel which had blown down, supply and fit of three timber 5 x 3 square posts, replacement of one of bottom rails and putting it back into position. Removal of kissing gate, post and rail across the hedge, remove concrete path and disposed of, topsoil and seeded. Two quotes had been received. Cllr Thomas</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>proposed that based on price, Eifion Morgan's services should be engaged. Cllr James seconded. Thanks to both tenderers.</p> <p>c) Request to erect marquee on playing field 17th November 2018 – further information required.</p> <p>d) Bonfire night – The Clerk had emailed Ben Mullen who had agreed to look into it.</p> <p>e) Gate at far end leading up to canal bank does not stay closed. New closing spring required.</p> <p>f) Water leaking from canal – needs to chase up Kevin Phillips – Cllr Baldwin.</p> <p>g) Email from Claire Wright re the condition of the trim trail. Grass cutting tender – priced for two treatments.</p> <p>h) Mole treatment – Cllr Burdon and James to check.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Burdon & James</p>
24	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>a) Station Road speed limit – dealt with above</p> <p>b) Brinore Tram Road access issues – remove from agenda</p> <p>c) Flooding of road by Beacons Cottages – work not been carried out. Trevor Tame has taken over from Allun Jones. County Cllr Fitzpatrick to follow up.</p> <p>d) Station Road bridge over the Usk – Cllr Newberry reported there is a drop in the surface, County Cllr Fitzpatrick agreed to meet him to investigate.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Cllr Newberry/County Cllr Fitzpatrick</p>
25	<p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>a) No new applications received since last meeting.</p> <p>b) Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters.</p> <p>Permission granted for app ref 18/15701/FUL and 18/15702/LBC at Glyn Deri, Talybont On Usk LD3 7YP.</p> <p>The Planning Department had advised that from 1st May 2018, emails will be sent informing of details of planning applications in the CC area, but no hard copies of plans would be sent. They will continue to be viewable online. Large scale plans can be requested, for a small fee.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
22	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – current account balance £13,908.60, reserved funds account balance £15,102.19.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – none</p> <p>c) Banking issues – Cllr Thomas to collect forms.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>d) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques: Cllr Parry proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the payment of invoices as follows:</p> <p>£302.75 to the Clerk for March's salary £120.00 to Mike Smith for Q1 salary £84.00 to SLCC for Clerk's membership.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>23</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 16th April 2018 at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	<p>Noted</p>