

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 20th APRIL AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>PCSO Dunne attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new PCSO for the Talybont area, and to give an update on the BRAG project. He thanked those who had already spared time to join in the patrols and appealed for more volunteers.</p> <p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Bugler (Vice Chairman), Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Davies, Cllr Jones, Cllr Burdon, 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>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the minutes of the March meeting be approved and all agreed. They were signed by Cllr Thomas.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>i) Trees on Station Road – permission has been granted by the landowner to remove the trees. It was agreed that contractors would be approached to see if they would do the work and take away the wood.</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) PCC – general dispensation for Community Councillors re school modernisation or school transport review except in the case of a pecuniary prejudicial interest.</p> <p>b) OVW – Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015. Email</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>received detailing provisions connected with local government with effect from 1 May 2015. Clerk to check register of interests requirements.</p> <p>c) One Voice Wales – invitation to propose motions for debate at the AGM on 3rd October.</p> <p>d) PCC Community Delivery Initiative update.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	<p><u>Welsh Government White Paper on future role of Community Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Kirsty Williams was unable to attend a meeting at a mutually convenient time. He suggested that having three meetings per year with Llanfrynach and Glyn Tarrell Community Councils with each village taking it in turns to act as host, could show that ToUCC is already working in partnership with those councils. All agreed that this would be desirable and that the Chair should approach Bwlch and Llangorse CCs to ascertain their approach. The next meeting would be in June. Cllr Darbyshire suggested that “working in partnership with” could be used on agendas, website and in the Chairman’s annual review and all agreed this should be done.</p> <p>The Clerk gave a resumé of the SLCC and OVW responses to the White Paper and agreed to keep members informed.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
7	<p><u>Council Tax Premium Exemption</u></p> <p>The Clerk summarised the proposal and members decided that they did not wish to make any comments.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><u>Training</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented the Welsh Bursary form to enable 50% of the cost of her attendance at the Joint SLCC/OVW Conference in May to be reimbursed and it was signed by the Chairman.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>Community Grant Lottery Application</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the application had been due to be resubmitted, and that he would contact Ceri Bevan and Clare Wright for an update.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
10	<p><u>Bus Shelter in Pencelli</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin advised that he had not heard back from John Forsey of PCC and that he would follow up.</p>	<p>Cllr Baldwin</p>

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11	<p><u>Teen Shelter</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that payment had been made, and that she would contact the Council's insurers to add cover for the shelter.</p>	Clerk
12	<p><u>Orchard</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin updated members on the project, and it was agreed that the sites at Gilestone Farm and in the Playing Field were definite, with the former School Field, and a site under Talybont dam being investigated. The Woodland Group was involved. A letter to Renew Wales to confirm the Council's commitment to the project was required and the Clerk would write this.</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin also spoke about the possibility of ToUCC adopting a section of the Canal and would circulate the paperwork for discussion at the May meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Baldwin/Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin</p>
13	<p><u>Defibrillator</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed that the next step was to send payment and requested that a cheque be signed at this meeting. The Chairman asked if the training sessions, which are to be run by Simon Smith, could include as many members of the Community as possible, including the young people, and all agreed.</p>	Cllr Baldwin
14	<p><u>Ditch Clearance</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that PCC had agreed to do the necessary work to clear the ditch, but that if signs of nesting birds were discovered, then staff would have to leave the work until another occasion.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the hedge cutting in Penpentre had not been done, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write again to PCC.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>
15	<p><u>Talybont Energy Community Fund applications</u></p> <p>The Clerk had written to all applications to advise them of the decision of the Council and that cheques would be signed at this meeting.</p>	Clerk

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16	<p><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the agreement had been sent to Alastair Knox of PCC and that she would chase up the grant payment, ask what will happen to the building, to request extra signage to the toilets at the Henderson Hall, and to advise that the lights were still on inside the building.</p> <p>The bus shelter next to the toilets was being used as a toilet, and members asked who owned it and if it was necessary, since there was a shelter further along the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to find out.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17	<p><u>BRAG</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would draw up a timetable of volunteers.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
18	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that he had read the National Park Management Plan Consultation and that no comment was needed.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
19	<p><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) Play equipment maintenance and inspection. The Clerk confirmed that an accompanied inspection had been requested via Wicksteed.</p> <p>Cllrs Baldwin, James and Davies had met on 21st March and inspected the equipment. The post on the double gate needs replacing as the gates don't meet properly. The gate hinge spring had been fixed, beams had been painted and moss treatment carried out. They reported that the crawl tunnel had been damaged and wood was splintering on the top. It was suggested that it could be replaced with a large plastic pipe which would not splinter, and Cllr Baldwin agreed to look into suppliers. Only the goal in the multi-sport unit was functional, and it was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr James that the basketball hoop and wickets could be sourced, as well as some work done to level the ground under the goal area with some astroturf to prevent damage to the surface. The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their work and it was made clear that the crawl tunnel had been damaged by people picking at the wood, and that it was not a reflection on the work carried out by Steve Goodsell.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Cllrs Baldwin/James/Davies</p>

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	<p>Cllr Burdon reported that the tennis club members had tidied up the courts, removing overhanging branches and clearing moss. A request for line painting would be received and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask PCC for a quote, as well as Cllr James looking into a supplier of some lining spray which he had used successfully.</p> <p>Cllr James requested permission for the Cricket Club to roll the outfield and all agreed that this would be desirable.</p>	<p>Cllr James/Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>20</p>	<p><u>Highway matters</u></p> <p>a) The Chairman apologised that he had not yet contacted ToUE re the speed indicator device, and agreed that he would do so.</p> <p>b) Cllr Davies confirmed that he had met with John Byrne from the transport department of WAG and that he had agreed that thinning out was required. Also that some grass and wildflower planting could be carried out. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Byrne to follow up.</p> <p>c) Cllrs Davies reported that a resident had mentioned the limited visibility for drivers crossing the drawbridge over the canal and suggested that a mirror could be used. The Chairman commented that the drawbridge seemed to be moving more slowly and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Canal and River Trust to mention these issues.</p> <p>d) Cllr Darbyshire mentioned that she had seen some 'Community Concern' speed area signs in Ross-on-Wye and agreed that she would try to take some photos of them.</p> <p>e) Cllrs Burdon raised the issue of passing places on the road up to Upper Wenallt and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Allun Jones of PCC.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Darbyshire</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>21</p>	<p><u>Applications for planning consent</u></p> <p>a) 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. Members agreed that they did not wish to make any comment on this application, since it falls outside the ToUCC area.</p> <p>b) 15/12001/8ADV – A series of 5 new interpretation panels along the Monmouthshire and Brecon canal – at Towpath of Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal. Cllr</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	Burdon proposed and Cllr Baldwin seconded that this application should be supported, and all members agreed.	
22	<p><u>Results from National Park of applications for planning consent, and other matters</u></p> <p>Consent granted for: 15/11780/FUL part retrospective application for engineering operations at Nant y Llannerch, Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7YS.</p>	Noted
23	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation - £2,106.89. The Clerk confirmed that the VAT refund for the teen shelter had been sent off, and that the first precept payment was due at the end of April.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – none.</p> <p>c) Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Darbyshire seconded the signing of cheques as follows:</p> <p>Henderson Hall – £515 Gardening Club - £200 Litter pickers - £400 Technique trip - £530 Tea and Chat - £120 Photo history book - £750 Defibrillator - £400</p> <p>d) Cllr Darbyshire proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the appointment of Jo Hughes as internal auditor.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
25	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be the AGM to be held on Monday 18th May at 7.00pm at the Henderson Hall, followed by the ordinary May meeting.</p>	Noted