

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

**MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON  
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ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Jones and Cllr Bell sent apologies for this meeting.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman) Cllr Bugler, Cllr Thomas, Cllr James, Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Burdon, Cllr Davies, County Cllr Fitzpatrick, and the Clerk.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllr James declared an interest in respect of the agenda items regarding the grass cutting contract and the Community Fund, as Chairman of the cricket club, and completed the relevant form.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Darbyshire seconded that the minutes, with one amendment, be approved as a true record of the last meeting.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>i) Canol Pentre wall – it was reported that the work to repair the wall had been carried out.</p> <p>ii) Pencelli litter bin – Cllr Baldwin reported that the bin had not yet been put in place. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Lyn Parry to follow up.</p> <p>iii) FoTR – the Clerk gave an update on an exchange of emails where DCWW had agreed that insurance was not necessary for litter picking activities, and advised that she had given the necessary details to enable a cheque for £200 to be sent to ToUCC.</p> <p>iv) Dial-A-Ride – the Clerk advised the cheque had not been written and signed at the last meeting and it was agreed that it would be done at the end of this meeting.</p> <p>v) Gethinog – Cllr Thomas reported that the driveway issue had been resolved.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>a) Letter from Brecon Mountain Biking advising that the Brecon Beacons Beast Mountain Bike Event is due to take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the organisers to ask about parking arrangements, and contact the Hall bookings secretary to check they had made a booking.</p> <p>b) ALCC membership – the Clerk advised that the Union activities of the SLCC were now covered by the newly created Association of Local Council Clerks, and that she had joined.</p> <p>c) Email from Chair of Hall Committee asking for contact details of the grass cutting contractor re the hedge around the hall car park. Cllr Bugler asked who owns the hedge. Cllr Thomas agreed to check the deeds and the Clerk agreed to ask Steve Morris for a quote.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/Cllr Thomas</b></p>
6	<p><b><u>Big Lottery Bid update</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman gave an update on the successful bid and stated that priority had been given to replacing the playground equipment. He advised that a project group had been set up and would meet this Thursday. A team of volunteers led by Ceri Bevan was ready to remove the old playground equipment. Cllr Bugler asked if another Council might be able to use it. County Cllr Fitzpatrick stated that Llanspyddid may do. Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Bugler seconded that Cllr Thomas should sign to accept the grant and ask Jeffreys and Powell Solicitors for a deed of dedication, and all agreed.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
7	<p><b><u>Long-distance cycle route</u></b></p> <p>Carry forward to next meeting when John Cook will be present to discuss.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
8	<p><b><u>BRAG</u></b></p> <p>A number of members expressed disappointment with the current situation. It was agreed that the Chairman would try to meeting with PCSO Dunne.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Thomas</b></p>
9	<p><b><u>Canal Trust Assets – maintenance and management</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Burdon described several issues with the Canal such as stonework on the bridge, rubbish area with large bins across the towpath, missing fencing, and dog bins. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Kevin Phillips to a meeting. Cllr Bell requested that the state of the path from the Canal into the</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	garden of The Star be discussed, and also added were landowner fences, the possibility of adopting a section of the canal, and the speed of the bridge and boat hirers moving very slowly through when the bridge is upright.	
10	<p><b><u>Community Fund 2016/17</u></b></p> <p>After a discussion about the applications received, it was agreed that the Chairman would speak with Ceri Bevan about the cost of the electronic counter, after which final amounts would be confirmed. In principle, the Tea &amp; Chat hostesses would receive £120, the Hall Committee would receive £624, the Cricket Club would receive £1250 and the Scethrog phone box project would have £150 earmarked for sandblasting once the adoption of the box by the Community Council was complete. Recipients of grants would be asked to provide a report to the Council at the December meeting to show how the money had been spent. Thanks were recorded to Talybont Energy for their generosity. This was proposed by Cllr Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Bugler.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Thomas
11	<p><b><u>Henry Vaughan Garden</u></b></p> <p>A resident had written to the Council raising concerns at the state of the garden. Cllr Davies had been to look and reported that the display boards could be cleaned up but that the herb wheel was in a dilapidated state. It was agreed that a number of materials could be used and Cllr Burdon agreed to meet with Richard Preece to discuss this and request quotes for various materials.</p>	Cllr Burdon
12	<p><b><u>Station Road Pavement</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Thomas reported that branches had become overgrown making wheelchair/pushchair access impossible. The landowner is responsible for keeping the path clear and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to him.</p>	Clerk
13	<p><b><u>White Hart Bus Shelter</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that this could be removed from the agenda.</p>	Noted
14	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that John Cook BBNPA Chief Executive had agreed to come to the July meeting at 6.45pm on 25<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	Noted

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15	<p><b><u>Community Council Assets</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr Davies and the caretaker had been present when the Wicksteed inspector had visited. A number of items had been identified as needing attention, however many would become irrelevant as the Lottery Grant had enabled a refit of the playground. Picnic tables should be bolted down; gate needs new spring closure; the new vehicle gate is always open (suggest locking it and giving a key to the grass cutting contractor); remove the old litter bin outside the playground gate; goal area needs filling in; signage on skate ramp. Advise Mike Smith that no further work should be carried out in the playground. It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Burdon that the old play equipment should be retained to offer to another Community Council.</p> <p>b) Noticeboards – update from Cllr Jones at next meeting.</p> <p>c) Cllr James reported that there are 4 remaining home games on a Saturday and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the contractor to cut the grass on the Thursday of the week before these.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Jones Clerk</b></p>
16	<p><b><u>Highway matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Speed monitoring – It was agreed that County Cllr Fitzpatrick would arrange for Cllrs Thomas and Burdon to meet with Jason Hawkins re Community Speed Watch and then with Jo Lancey. Cllr Burdon raised the issue of the lack of path/pavement along the road outside the shop, and suggested 20mph signage. ‘Children playing’ signage was suggested once the new playground equipment was installed. Could there be a high level path built into the bank on the canal side of the road?</p> <p>b) Scethrog street sign – the Clerk reported that the sign had been agreed by PCC and would be installed.</p> <p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick advised that the PCC hedge cutting contract had been given to a local man and so improvements in the service were expected. Parking on canal bridge in Pencelli – Cllr Thomas to clarify.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
17	<p><b><u>Planning applications</u></b></p> <p>No new applications received.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
18	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p>	

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	<p>a) Current financial situation - £13,456.06 of which £3,641.20 was restricted funds leaving £9,814.86 available.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – carried forward.</p> <p>c) Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr James seconded the final approval of the audit and the Chairman signed the relevant form.</p> <p>d) Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr James seconded the signing of cheques as follows:  Steve Goodsell - £185.00 for repairs to crawl tunnel  Jo Hughes - £35.00 for internal audit of accounts  SLCC Conferences - £82.80 for Clerk's attendance at joint conference  Katy Tutt - £302.75 for June salary  Mike Smith - £180.00 for q2 salary and additional payment for painting bus shelter  Brecon dial-a-ride - £50.00 donation</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
19	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting would be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 6.45pm at the Henderson Hall, starting with the visit of John Cook, BBNPA.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>