

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH 2017 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from County Cllr Fitzpatrick.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Burdon (Vice Chairman), Cllr Bugler, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Davies, Cllr Jones, Cllr James, Cllr Darbyshire, the Clerk and two members of the public.</p> <p>Cllr Bell was absent.</p>	Noted
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	Noted
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr James seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the last meeting and they were signed by the Chairman, with minor amendments to correct the name of the councillor and date mentioned in item 16, Community Council assets including Playing Field, and to add under Finance, that tenders were to be received for grass cutting at the March meeting.</p>	Noted
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Email from Jon Young – the Clerk had replied, but the work on the wall had already been completed.</p> <p>Penpentre path – it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Housing again to state that it was their responsibility to clear the path and remove the piles of soil.</p> <p>The Chairman had spoken to the Lottery rep regarding the width of the perimeter path, but it was outside his remit. The width had to be 1.5m wide as a minimum, with 2m as the advisory width. He would check again with Ceri Bevan.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p>

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	<p>Boundary Fence – Mr Jenkins was in the process of obtaining quotes and would pass them on asap.</p> <p>Slurry lorries – no more lorries had been observed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Welsh Sheep event – posters to display on noticeboards in Aber and Talybont.</p> <p>b) Anonymous email regarding issues experienced by local residents during a cricket match in August 2016 – Cllr James as Chairman of the cricket club would respond via the Clerk.</p> <p>c) Review of electoral arrangements for Powys</p> <p>d) Review of parliamentary constituencies in Wales</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr James</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>To agree to adopt the revised Code of Conduct 2016/2017</u></p> <p>After a discussion on the matter, members agreed to adopt the revised Code of Conduct, proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Darbyshire.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>To receive quotes for grass cutting contract</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Powys County Council had neither responded nor quoted.</p> <p>The current contractor had quoted £58 + VAT per cut x 28 (£1620 + VAT) and the second contractor had quoted £85/ cut x 28 (£2380). Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that the quote from the current contractor be accepted, with the agreed condition that the cut be carried out on a Thursday or a Friday. The Clerk was asked to contact both contractors.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>Henry Vaughan Garden</u></p> <p>Contact has now been made by Cllr Jones with Robin Williams, and the land is still owned by the Williamses, with no public liability insurance in place, therefore no use of the land can take place as the transfer of the land to ToUCC and insurance issues had not been resolved. Cllr Jones suggested that the remains of an old metal roller could be used to replace the rotten herb wheel. The legalities can proceed if the transfer could take place before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Jones</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Canal adoption, maintenance, and forthcoming works</u></p>	

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	<p>The Clerk confirmed that the adoption had gone through and a framed certificate had been received.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that there had been significant concern expressed in the village. A meeting had taken place with CRT and they had taken responsibility for the lack of consultation regarding the works.</p> <p>However, a weighted bridge must have a barrier at either side, and must have red warning lights as ALL vehicles must stop for those. The size of the 'box' is required to accommodate the new hydraulics and related equipment. There were still serious areas of concern regarding the width and steepness of the diverted path, the sight line and the road surface.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to write to CRT.</p> <p>Aqueduct – temporary repair works are being carried out, with more due in the future.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Dogs on the playing field</u></p> <p>The Chairman agreed that more signs would be ordered to be placed at the far end of the playing field (access from canal path) and a larger sign at the car park end.</p> <p>The Clerk presented information received from the Clerk to Welshpool Town Council.</p> <p>It was suggested that PCSO Dunne could visit regular offenders.</p>	<p>Chairman/Clerk</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Woodland Group – Totally Talybont Trail</u></p> <p>The Woodland Group had put in a grant application to create a trail to link up the new orchards, Charles Weston's land, and the canal bank. Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that this be supported. It was noted that no dogs would be allowed on the playing field section.</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin reported that the first fruit trees were to be planted on Saturday.</p>	<p>Cllr Baldwin</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><u>Rubbish & Recycling</u></p> <p>The recycling centre in Brecon was now to be open only for three days per week.</p> <p>Cllr Davies had noted and reported rubbish blowing out of the recycling lorries, and PCC had noted his concerns.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Village signage</u></p>	

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	<p>Signage was due to be part of the hall project: better signage at the Station Road junction. Village Hall, car park & WC. Cllr Thomas agreed to speak to Carol Williams of BBNPA. A sign towards the reservoir on the canal bank opposite the shop is obscured by a maple tree. The Chairman agreed to raise this with CRT.</p> <p>Sat navs were directing traffic from Llangynidr down Maesmawr instead of along Station Road, which could require a sign.</p> <p>Parking – six more spaces would be freed up by rationalisation of the recycling centre.</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
14	<p><u>Street lighting</u></p> <p>All lighting had been replaced with LED bulbs. Two important lights were now not illuminated, and these had been reported via County Cllr Fitzpatrick. TYB34 outside the garage was on permanently and had been reported.</p> <p>Cllrs Burdon and Thomas were due to walk through the village to double check the lighting against the agreed plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Cllrs Burdon & Thomas</p>
15	<p><u>Talybont Matters</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had drafted a letter and all were in favour of this being sent to regular advertisers in the newsletter.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
16	<p><u>Big Lottery Grant</u></p> <p>The playground is now fully open and well used. Hall works were due to begin on 27th March. The schedule of works had been prepared around booked events. The work is due to finish 18th August.</p> <p>A purchase order was required for the amount of the quotation.</p> <p>The official opening of the playground was fixed for 2pm on Saturday 15th April.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Noted</p>
17	<p><u>BRAG</u></p> <p>The rota had been displayed in the shop and PCSO Dunne knows that it is there. He was due to attend the April meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
18	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p>	

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	Cllr Burdon had noted that it is the Year of Sustainable Tourism.	Noted
19	<p><u>Community Council Assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) There had been a drainage problem, which Dave Poulton had looked at. No maintenance had been carried out. It was agreed that the caretaker be asked to ensure the drains were clear.</p> <p>b) Two rollings of the field had taken place, with more to be done.</p> <p>c) The area around the playing field needs tidying up, with branches, spoil and excess grass in several areas. This would be discussed in the April meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>April agenda</p>
20	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>Scethrog issue with tarmac put down by Welsh Water – the Clerk would contact Peter Seaman for any information.</p> <p>Maesmawr Close drainage issue – the Clerk had contacted Allun Jones of PCC who had visited and noted that the drainage is via soakaway meaning any heavy persistent rain would settle on the corner and take some time to drain away. He has requested the jetter team visit to clear the gullies which may help a little, but short of a very expensive capital scheme, this is the only help possible at present.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p>
21	<p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>a) 17/14468/FUL – “Conversion of domestic garage to bicycle hire facility and workshop for repair and maintenance of bicycles” at Talybont Stores, Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7YJ. It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Bugler that this application be supported. There was one abstention, one against, and the rest in favour.</p> <p>b) 17/14543/FUL – “Change of use of land – 2 shepherd’s huts (non-permanent accommodation)” at Ty Twlch, Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7YQ. It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Burdon that this application be supported. All in favour.</p> <p>c) Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters. The application at the Boathouse had been deemed invalid.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p>
22	<u>Finance</u>	

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	<p>a) Current financial situation – current account £8,906.92 restricted funds £21,082.09.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – none.</p> <p>c) Banking issues – Cllr Burdon now had everything required to approve online payments.</p> <p>d) Approval of payment invoices and signing of cheques:</p> <p>Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the following payments:</p> <p>Katy Tutt - £302.75 (backdated) for March salary payment Mike Smith - £80.00 for quarterly payment M&K Pest Control - £100 + VAT SLCC - £88 for annual membership SLCC Enterprises - £69 + VAT for Clerk’s attendance at conference Playdale - £11,907.46 for VAT on playground invoice Brecon Advice Centre - £50 grant</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>
20	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Henderson Hall, preceded by a visit by PSCO Billy Dunne and PC Cheryl Rudge.</p>	<p>Noted</p>