

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

**MEETING HELD ON 20 May 2013 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Jones (Chairman), Cllr Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Davies, Cllr Burdon, Cllr Bugler, Cllr James, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Darbyshire, County Cllr Fitzpatrick.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Osborne declared an interest in respect of the repainting of the tennis courts.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>These were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Bugler.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p><b>Public toilets</b> – it was agreed that the clerk would email Lyn Parry again, since no work had begun.</p> <p><b>9c</b> – Playing Field – the grass had been cut 5 or 6 times. It was agreed that the situation be monitored and the Contractor be contacted should the number of cuts begin to bring the costs close to the annual budget.</p> <p><b>6c</b> – Scrutiny panel – Cllr Bugler reported that he had attended an introductory meeting and that the panel's remit seemed comprehensive, and the panel itself well-organised.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>All listed items were available for inspection by Councillors.</p> <p>a) Ofwat – Cllr Bugler raised that every location in the LDP had a less than adequate provision for sewerage.</p> <p>b) Befriending Scheme – it was agreed that the poster would be displayed on the noticeboard. The Chairman gave a brief resumé of the recent meeting. It was agreed that the organiser of the scheme's details would be passed to the</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>organiser of the Tea &amp; Chat sessions</p> <p>c) Email from Peter Seaman regarding the tree felling in the Talybont Valley – the Clerk read the emails and responses by Paul Dann from Natural Resources Wales, and Cllr Burdon added that there was the potential for landslip affecting the Tram Road but the impact could be managed.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Clerk’s Attendance at Regional Training Conference, Swansea</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the SLCC Regional Training Conference in Swansea including the closer scrutiny of Community Council budgeting by auditors, the limiting of the Power of Wellbeing by section 137 monies, and the possibility of joining other Community Councils in ‘clusters’ to take on services devolved from County Councils, and to benefit from better prices on contracts, i.e. grass cutting.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Meeting with Chris Richards re various local issues</u></b></p> <p>Cllrs Davies, Bugler, and County Cllr Fitzpatrick met with Chris Richards of PCC in the Henderson Hall car park and walked around the local area to discuss a variety of issues:</p> <p>i) Coity View – grass seed has now been sown on the bank. There is nothing to compel a landowner to reinstate a wall or a hedge once removed. The source of the flooding seems to be the culverts on Cui Road, which are no longer being maintained by the landowner. A trench at the foot of the bank will be built, and routed into the brook on the B4558. Cllr Burdon stated that the Highways department and PCC can enforce a landowner to keep a culvert clear and would advise the Clerk on wording of a letter.</p> <p>ii) Station Road – resurfacing was taking place at the time of the meeting. The top dressing would be put on at a later date. Chris Richards said he would speak to Lyn Parry about the work needed to the public toilets.</p> <p>Overhanging branches – Chris Richards felt that 8 or 9 branches could be in danger of falling down, and he would arrange to have them tested. Two other trees in the turning to Maesmawr Farm were found to be unstable; one was dead and the other leaning and Mr Richards would have the dead one removed and the other tested. It was agreed that another letter should be written to Simon Harpur.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b><u>Town &amp; Community Council Liaison Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Davies attended this meeting and circulated copies of the charter.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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9	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) LDP Update A report had appeared in the Brecon &amp; Radnor newspaper stating that “200 new homes were needed”, and that Officers had reported that the Inspector had declared the plan sound, which is not the case. There remain three major concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plan has to guarantee a 5 year supply of housing</li> <li>• The NPA and the National Housebuilders Federation were asked to come up with a new figure of houses required</li> <li>• Disproportionate development in settlement areas</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Inspector.</p> <p>b) Storehouse/Car Park issues Action on this issue had been promised by 23<sup>rd</sup> May, all agreed to monitor the situation.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
10	<p><b><u>Vegetation on canal embankment</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk read an email from Kevin Smith, Operations Supervisor at the Canal and River Trust in which he stated his willingness to meet a representative of ToUCC to see what was required, but that clearing the vegetation would be subject to the necessary funding, and would not be possible before October.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
11	<p><b><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>a) Update on Councillor’s inspection of play equipment and repairs Cllr James reported that the area below the seesaw work was still to be carried out. Cllrs Davies and Bugler repeated their offer of assistance with this.</p> <p>b) Tennis Courts The Clerk reported that the work to repaint the lines on the tennis court was due to take place the following week.</p> <p>c) Request from Kirsty Carr for the Playgroup to use the Playing Field for a Teddy Bear’s picnic on 15<sup>th</sup> July. All agreed that permission should be granted for this event.</p> <p>d) Request from Henderson Hall for financial assistance towards the costs of groundwork for installation of new gas tank. Cllr Darbyshire reported that works costing approximately £2000 were required. After some discussion, it was agreed</p>	<p><b>Cllr James</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>that the Hall Committee should be urged to approach Talybont Energy for financial assistance, and that the Clerk would put the item on the agenda for the June meeting.</p> <p><b>Additional item:</b> The Chairman had noticed an item in Talybont Matters advertising a pet service and picnic on 7<sup>th</sup> July in the Henderson Hall/Playing Fields and raised the issue of the 'no dogs' policy. Councillors agreed that this policy could not be lifted for this event, and the Chairman agreed to speak to Andy Robinson.</p> <p><b>Additional item:</b> Cllr Burdon thanked Cllr Davies for the display of narcissi in the planter on Station Road.</p> <p><b>Additional item:</b> Cllr Davies raised the issue of some pallets which had been left at the side of the Playing Field. Cllr Burdon agreed to remove them.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Burdon</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b><u>Highway Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Talybont Village Traffic Report follow up. Cllr Davies reported that on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 22 cars were in the Henderson Hall car park, 44 parked in the village, of which 4 were on double yellow lines between the Star and the White Hart. He called 101 and had a follow up call the following day apologising that it had not been possible for Officers to come out and ticket the cars or move them on. Does this emphasise the need for an extension to the car park? It was agreed that the situation would continue to be monitored.</p> <p>b) Condition of the bank opposite Coity View. See item 7</p> <p>c) Hedge/trees on Station Road. See item 7</p> <p>d) Streetlighting in Scethrog County Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that Cllr James had provided the number of the relevant streetlight, and that Leigh Williams had agreed that it would be switched on.</p> <p>e) Bus stop The Chairman reported that while some bus drivers would stop beside Gilestone Cottages, it was not an official stop and others were not prepared to do so, resulting in passengers needing to get off opposite the shop and walk back. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Stagecoach to request the additional stop.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></b></p>	

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	<p>a) <b>13/09258/FUL</b> – “Demolition and rebuilding conservatory” at Tyn Y Wern Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon LD3 7YQ – all agreed to support the application.</p> <p>b) <b>13/09425/FUL</b> – “Single storey extension” at The Mill House, Pencelli, Brecon LD3 7LX – all agreed to support the application.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
14	<p><b><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>13/08813/CON</b> – “To allow minor alterations to appearance and layout – vary condition 2 to allow minor changes to window sizes and relocation of garage. Vary condition to allow grey limestone rather than old red sandstone or similar” at Buckland Hall, Bwlch, Brecon LD3 7JJ – <b>permission granted</b></p> <p>b) <b>13/08919/FUL</b> – “Retention of timber-clad storage container for temporary (3 year) period, retention of enclosed storage area and access track” at Talybont Farm, Mill Lane, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon – <b>application withdrawn</b>. This was noted, with the comment that the storage container had already exceeded its permission by two years and it was agreed that the Clerk would put the item on the agenda for the June meeting.</p> <p>c) <b>Troed y Mynydd</b> County Cllr Fitzpatrick and Cllr Thomas met with the property owner and there was a concession that PCC owns some of the Highway land that had been built on. A new planning application would possibly follow, and County Cllr Fitzpatrick considered that the matter was now closed.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
15	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 20/05/2013 - <b>£4,798.99p</b>, which included a precept payment.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – carried over.</p> <p>c) Presentation and approval of the Annual Return. Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that the Annual Return be approved, and the Clerk agreed that the accounts would be emailed to all Community Councillors.</p> <p>d) Purchase of a scanner/colour printer/copier for the Clerk’s use. All agreed that this could be purchased, with an upper ceiling of £85.00 and Cllr Bugler agreed to assist the Clerk in finding a suitable printer.</p> <p>e) Quotes for annual insurance</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/Cllr Bugler</b></p>

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	<p>Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Osborne seconded that the quote from Came &amp; Company of £491.89 should be accepted, including a 5% discount for a new Long Term Agreement until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.</p> <p>f) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques. Cllr Darbyshire proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that cheques should be signed in payment of invoices for £11.60 to Cllr Davies for the purchase of a new gate lock for the Playground; £128.40 to RBS Software for the annual Alpha software license; £54.24 to Wrights of Lymm for the purchase of signwriter's paint; £120.00 to ERA21 for production and editing of Issue 41 of Talybont Matters; £35.00 to Jo Hughes for the internal auditing of the accounts; and £140.00 to Freestyle for the printing of Issue 41 of Talybont Matters.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>16</b>	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	<b>Noted</b>