

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

**MEETING HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 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 Cllr Jones. Cllr Bell was absent. County Cllr Fitzpatrick was unable to attend.</p> <p>Cllr James arrived at 7.30pm</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Burdon (Chairman), Cllr Baldwin (Vice Chairman), Cllr James, Cllr Eardley, Cllr Newberry, Cllr Parry, Cllr Thomas, and the Clerk.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin proposed and Cllr Newberry seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the last meeting, and they were signed by the Chairman.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Cllrs Burdon and Baldwin suggested arranging a meeting with Kevin Phillips of CRT to discuss the ongoing smaller matters with the canal, including a leak thought to be next to the old cricket nets.</p> <p>Canal bank trees – Clerk to contact Allun Jones @ PCC.</p> <p>Poppy Appeal – Robert Goodwin and Seamus Hamill-Keays were introduced at the Remembrance Sunday event.</p> <p>Tennis Courts –Ceri Bevan, Clare Wright and representatives from the Tennis Club have met.</p> <p>Bridle Path – The warden had been tasked.</p> <p>Phone box – Scethrog – no change. Clerk to contact Allun Jones again.</p>	<p>Cllrs Burdon & Baldwin</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>Village Facebook page – this was now up and running.</p> <p>Cancer Research Hike – the Clerk confirmed the organisers would make a payment of £100 in the run up to the event.</p> <p>Playground inspection sheet – this had been amended and circulated to councillors and the caretaker.</p> <p>Marquee for wedding on 7/4 – the bride-to-be had requested that the marquee company be permitted to put up the marquee on 6/4 and all were in agreement.</p> <p>30mph speed limit on Station Road – Cllr Baldwin had emailed County Cllr Fitzpatrick and awaited a response.</p>	Noted Noted Noted Clerk Cllr Baldwin
5	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Email re the Talybont Tourism village video showing. b) Email from Seamus Hamill-Keays regarding the state of the cycle and footpath at Llansantffraed – Clerk to email Eifion Jones to check who is responsible. c) Letter from PCC confirming that, as expected, the grants for running the toilets were not being renewed. 	Noted Clerk Noted
6	<p><u>Forestry Lorries</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin reported and others confirmed that Forestry Lorries were passing through the area ignoring the agreed timings. The Clerk would email Bob Mayo to check the restrictions.</p>	Clerk
7	<p><u>Orchard Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin confirmed the Community Fund grant had been received. There had been two planting days, with another planned on 25th November. There had also been a well-attended cider making event at the Hall with 25+ attendees. The proposed route for the Talybont Trail, linking the orchard sites, was agreed.</p>	Noted
8	<p><u>Hall Committee Liaison Meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas suggested a meeting twice per year to discuss any joint issues. All were in agreement and a meeting in the New Year was suggested.</p>	Cllr Thomas
9	<p><u>Joint Councils meeting</u></p>	

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	It was agreed that these were useful, and that ToUCC would offer to host one on either Thursday 8 th or 22 nd February.	Clerk
10	<p><u>Henry Vaughan Garden</u></p> <p>There had not been any recent information regarding the signing of paperwork. It was agreed to revisit in January. It was noted that the Osbornes had again paid to have the hedge trimmed and the Clerk agreed to send an email of thanks on behalf of the community.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><u>IRPW Consultation Response</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Parry seconded that the proposal to pay £150 per Councillor be supported, with the proviso that individuals can opt out if they wish. This was supported by all present. The Clerk would send this response.</p> <p>Related to this, the Chairman shared information about new International Accounting Rules due to be in place in the new year which would forbid planning for an underspend on a budget in order to build reserves. The Clerk agreed to check this at the SLCC branch meeting.</p>	Clerk Clerk
12	<p><u>Henderson Hall drains</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas confirmed that the drainage work had been completed, and that additional funds had been obtained from the Lottery, meaning that some of the costs which were met by the Henderson Hall Committee could potentially be reimbursed. Cllr Burdon expressed concern that the work started without members being informed, this was due to the availability of the contractors. A drawing of the line of the drains had been requested. The site had been made good and left tidy.</p>	Cllr Thomas
13	<p><u>Canol Pentre</u></p> <p>CRT had accepted responsibility for the brambles on the bank and these would be cleared.</p> <p>Vermin – PCC had confirmed that dealing with vermin was the responsibility of householders, but that residents could contact Environmental Health.</p>	Clerk Noted
14	<p><u>Community Fund</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed all payments had been paid and reports were expected at the February meeting.</p>	Noted

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15	<p><u>Canal Issues</u></p> <p>The Clerk brought members up to date on the difficulties experienced in contacting CRT, including the discovery that Dilwyn Parry no longer worked for them. There had been a meeting between CRT representatives and PCC Highways, but County Cllr Fitzpatrick had not been able to attend. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Jo Lancey for a report on the meeting.</p>	Clerk
16	<p><u>Dogs on the playing field / dog fouling</u></p> <p>Cllr Eardley confirmed that the dog signs had been put up. Cllr Thomas reported that a post for a sign was due to be put in place near the bike hub in the next couple of weeks.</p>	Cllr Eardley
17	<p><u>Grit Bins</u></p> <p>It was agreed that this could be removed from the agenda.</p>	Clerk
18	<p><u>Village signage</u></p> <p>This should remain on the agenda until the January meeting, when an update would be provided.</p>	Noted
19	<p><u>Big Lottery Grant</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas confirmed that only minor snagging points remained, with the final paperwork awaited for sign off. A full financial breakdown would be available after the sign off.</p>	Cllr Thomas
20	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report. Ceri Bevan and Clare Parsons would attend the January meeting.</p>	Noted
21	<p><u>County Councillor's report</u></p> <p>In his absence, the Clerk read the County Councillor's report.</p> <p>Drawbridge – see above A40 roadworks – signage had been an issue Support with neighbour disputes – noted Motorcycles on trunk road - noted</p>	

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22	<p><u>Community Council assets, including playing field</u></p> <p>Playing field – the turf had been replaced following the bonfire and fireworks display.</p> <p>Mole activity had been noted by the tennis courts.</p> <p>Fence – Cllr Burdon agreed to ask Richard Preece for a quote.</p> <p>Access to the field beside the bike hub – Cllr Thomas had a quote from Dai Poulton to lay 30m of surface and a soakaway, £650. A second quote would be requested from Smiths.</p> <p>The Clerk would ask the caretaker to deal with the moss and the teen shelter.</p> <p>Grass strimming and trim trail maintenance – this would be clarified in the tender for grass cutting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Burdon</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
23	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>Road closure notice in December by the dam for DCWW work.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – dealt with in matters arising.</p>	Noted
24	<p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>None received since last meeting, and no decision notices.</p>	Noted
25	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – current account balance £12,827.02, reserved funds account balance £8,035.92.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – none</p> <p>c) Banking issues – Cllr Jones was absent. Cllr James agreed to try again to register for online banking.</p> <p>d) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques: Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr James seconded the payment of invoices as follows:</p> <p>£302.75 to the Clerk for November's salary £2088.00 to Steve Morris grounds maintenance for grass cutting £140.00 to Freestyle for Talybont Matters printing £25 x 2 to Richard Abram for Talybont Matters expenses</p> <p>It was agreed that a working party of Cllr Burdon, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Thomas and Cllr James be set up to look at the budget.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllrs James and Jones</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Those mentioned</p>
26	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7pm at the Henderson Hall. Cllr Eardley sent apologies.</p>	