**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 20th June 2022**

**at Henderson Hall and via Zoom commencing at 7.15pm**

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllr. S Baldwin ( Chair), C Burdon , R. Jones, E.Moorman, and G. James.  Also, in attendance County Councillor A.Cartwright and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllrs. F Morris, C. Parry, J. Short and G Thomas. . |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | **Vice Chair**  Following the resignation of Cllr F Morris as it was agreed, as per Standing Orders, to continue without a Vice-Chair for the time being, to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting. |  |
| **4** | Minutes of the 16th May 2022 were accepted as a true record |  |
| **5** | **Matters Arising**  Cllr. James will forward Cllr Moorman joining instructions to the next OVW Meeting to take place over Zoom.  Billy Morgan has been informed of the Community Councils decision re Beach Volleyball Courts.  Gallagher insurance has been paid and acknowledged.  All other matters arising were on the agenda. |  |
| **6** | **Correspondence**  Donna Darbyshire -Conflict of interest.  Concerns raised there would be a conflict if Councillors took up an invitation to attend Green Man Festival. Cllr. Morris informed the meeting that no invitation had been received and that procedures would be followed in that instance. Cllr Burdon reported he had attended a training session with OVW and had been advised there was no conflict of interest as it would be a fact-finding exercise authorised by the Council, and that accusations of conflict of interest would be untrue and unfounded. Clerk to respond.  Jon Young -Gilestone Farm and Community Council Standing Orders  Questions asked around the Welsh Governments decision to purchase Gilestone Farm and lease to Green Man, also questions around the Councils Standing orders. The Clerk has responded in writing informing Mr Young the Council has no jurisdiction over Welsh Government decisions, however the Community Council has written to the Minister concerned. Concerning the standing orders, the clerk has directed Mr Young to the standing orders posted on the Councils website.  Alastair Mackeown – Gilestone Farm, wildlife species.  Mr Mackeown raised a number of issues concerning the impact on wildlife. The Chair and Cllr Burdon have responded. This Correspondence will be included in an evidence pack being developed by the Community Council. | Clerk |
| **7** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  A meeting has been arranged with National Parks, MS’s, County Councillor and the Community Council on the 28th July 2022  Cllr Burdon raised concerns that planning matters were still outstanding for the Outdoor Pursuits Centre. It was agreed to put a robust agenda together for the meeting of the 28th July 2022. |  |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Paul Kelly has agreed to hold an open day to explain to residents the process around the relining of the canal. Awaiting confirmation of a date.  Contact Mark Hughes for an update on the insurance claim which is with their loss adjuster.  It was reported that bridge 143 had undergone remedial work only, contact Hannah Booth for an update. | Clerk  Clerk |
| **9** | **Highway Matters**  Mobile Speed Units  Lyn Parry of PCC highways department had sent a quote for the installation of the post to house the Mobile Speed Units, which has been accepted. Awaiting installation of posts.  Ashford – Highways and Canal Towpath Safety Management  Road closure A40 between Llanhamlach and Brynich Roundabout 22&23 June 2022- Noted  Poor condition of road from canal basin to Llanfeugan Church, Pencelli. Report to Highways Department.  Cllr Jones reported a resident had inquired if a mirror could be erected oat the exit from Maesmawr Lane onto Station Road.  It was agreed to inform the resident that a mobile speed unit was to be placed on station road and should alleviate the speeding issue. Should that fail the Community Council will investigate further. | Clerk  Cllr Jones |
| **10.** | **Councillor Training.**  The Clerk reported that since the election a number of Councillors had taken the opportunity to attend trainingsessions hosted by OVW, a register of Councillor training to be maintained. |  |
| **11.**  **12**  **13** | **Gilestone Farm**- Correspondence to Welsh Government, BBNP and NRW.  Correspondence was sent to the Minister of Economy at the Welsh Government with questions around the acquisition of Gilestone Farm. appendix 1  Correspondence to both the CEO’s and Chairs of BBNP and NRW requesting their position statement.  appendix 2 & 3.  Response from the Welsh Government appendix 4.  Response from NRW Appendix 5.  An acknowledgement received from BBNP, awaiting a response.  Cllr Cartwright reported she had received correspondence from PCC setting out their position. appendix 6 .  Cllr Cartwright also reported that Jane Dodds MS had written to the Minister with a number of questions around the sale of Gilestone Farm.  Cllr Burdon raised concerns around heavy traffic ( Weight Limit) on the bridge to Station Road should large, non-permanent structures be needed for events along with the need to have a clearer understanding of time-scales.  **Public Meeting**  The Chair asked if any members of the public would like to speak about the public meeting , a member of the public reported that at the public meeting of the 2nd June it was very clear that there were strong views expressed and that the meeting was not supportive of mass tourism events and asked if the Community Council supported mass tourism events at Gilestone Farm or not.  Another member of the public said he could sympathise with the Council as not all the facts are yet known however, still felt the Council should establish its position.  It was agreed to schedule an additional meeting of the Community Council to discuss the Councils position. This meeting to take place on 28th June at 7.30 in Henderson Hall.  **County Councillor Report**  Councillor Cartwright reported that the Lib Dems have formed a new administration in a progressive partnership with Labour, the Leader and Cabinet are in place .  Cllr Cartwright was asked to join the Finance Panel and Economy and Residents Scrutiny Committees.  Key actions this month are moving forward with the Speed Units issue and also moving forward with maintenance issues in the bungalows at Canol Pentre.  Scethrog potholes– The Council officer concerned has inspected the road and has reported there is nothing along the road he would consider a major defect, however the repair have been added to the list potentially this year or next depending on the budget.  Cllr Cartwright will be holding community surgeries across the 3 areas she represents. | Clerk |
| **14** | **Applicatins for Planning Consent**  22/21119/FUL- 5 Y Scethrog- Replace garage with timber outbuildings – No objections received. |  |
| **15** | **Camping at Upper Talybryn-**  In the absence of Councillor Short it was agreed to reschedule to the next agenda. |  |
| **16** | **Website ,Social Media etc.**  Cllr Moorman reported the Council website is in need of a complete overall and went through the areas that needed updating. Cllr Moorman is happy to look into the website. It was agreed that Cllr Moorman would visit the Clerk to tidy up the website in the first instance and investigate if a new website was necessary.  Cllr Moorman asked if the Council should consider its own facebook page. It was agreed that an official facebook page could be beneficial, Cllr Moorman was asked to look into its viability and report back to the next meeting. | **Cllr Moorman** |
| **17** | **Church Meeting 1st July 2022**  The Chair announced there would be a meeting on the 1st July 2022 at Henderson Hall to discuss the future of churches in the area |  |
|  | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play equipment –Councillors and the Caretaker have carried out their scheduled inspections and forwarded their reports.   Awaiting Quotes for the renewal of the picket fence and gates surrounding the playground.   1. Tennis Courts - The Quote from Folly has been accepted. Cllr Thomas to organise.   **c**. Lighting at MUGA- It was reported that it was possible to turn the MUGA lights off when not in use.  **d.** Community Council Laptop  It was discussed and agreed to purchase a laptop to be used for Community Council work. Previously the Clerk was using her own computer, however the increased traffic of emails is causing a problem along with some unpleasant emails recently received, therefor the Clerk no longer wishes to use her personal computer for Community Council Business. Cllr Moorman to assess the type of laptop required. | Cllr Thomas      Cllr Moorman |
| **19** | **Finance**  **a.** Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting  **b**. Audit.  The Audit had been lodged with the Internal Auditor, Council must sign it off prior to the 30th June, it was agreed to hold an additional meeting on the 28th June 2022  **c.** Invoices and payments for approval  M. Smith – Petrol for Strimmer - £25.99  M. Smith – Strimmer Wire £30.  SBW Ground Maintenance- Grass Cutting - £300  OVW – Training - £140  All invoices were approved for payment. |  |

**Date of next Ordinary Meeting 19th July 2022**

**At Henderson Hall commencing at 7.15pm as a hybrid meeting**