

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 21st OCTOBER AT THE USK INN, TALYBONT ON USK

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Community Cllrs Burdon, James, and Baldwin.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Jones (Chairman), Cllr Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Davies, Cllr Bugler and the Clerk. County Cllr Fitzpatrick arrived at 7.35pm.</p>	Noted
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None</p>	Noted
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the September meeting were approved by all and signed by the Chairman, with one minor amendment, to correct the date of the October meeting.</p>	Noted
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Talybont village branding – electronic files are still awaited. Cllr Bugler said that he might have copies to send to the Clerk. Henry Vaughan garden – Cllr Davies mentioned that two benches in the garden were in a poor state of repair, and that Richard Preece had provided a quote of £30 to do the work.</p>	Cllr Bugler Noted
5	<p><u>To discuss the possibility of sending agendas and minutes to Community Councillors by email</u></p> <p>All present were in favour of this being implemented, which would save money on postage. The Clerk would provide a number of printed copies of both documents at each meeting.</p>	Clerk
6	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Talybont on Usk Energy Community Fund – a letter from ToUE was read to members, which detailed a Community Fund based on a proportion of annual profits and in the</p>	Clerk

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	<p>first year commencing 1st November 2013 would amount to £3000.</p> <p>After some discussion regarding how the fund would be administered, Cllr Thomas proposed accepting in principal that the Fund would be administered by the Community Council via a separate sub-committee or working party who would refer back to the full Council, with the process yet to be decided, and with any additional hours for the Clerk to be recompensed at an agreed rate. It was agreed unanimously to accept the proposal, and that the Clerk would respond to ToUE accordingly.</p> <p>b) Big Lottery Fund Grant – a letter had been received requesting further information before a decision on the grant could be reached. The Clerk confirmed she had forwarded the requested additional information and awaited a response.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Budget Discussions</u></p> <p>Discussions took place regarding the setting of the 2013/2014 budget. It was apparent that maintaining the same budget would not be possible, and that the detailed budget would be agreed at the November meeting.</p>	<p>November agenda</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>Phytopthera Ramorum</u></p> <p>Letter from Roger Williams MP – requesting confirmation as to whether Natural Resources Wales had contacted ToUCC regarding the proposed extraction route from Dyffryn Cwannon Forestry since the consultation in the Henderson Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to confirm that they had not.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>a) LDP update: Cllr Thomas read a draft letter on behalf of ToUCC to the Welsh Government regarding the LDP process, and it was agreed that it would be circulated to all members, and then sent to the distribution list.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Community Council Assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) RoSPA Inspection Report Two significant issues had been noted, and it was agreed that they would be dealt with at the November meeting.</p> <p>b) Parking lines in HH car park: The Clerk reported that she had chased up her contact at PCC but had received no response.</p>	<p>November agenda</p> <p>Noted</p>

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11	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p>a) Traffic report: concerns were raised at the speeds of traffic on Station Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Dyfed Powys Police to request the use of speed signs to display motorists' speeds as they enter the village</p> <p>b) Dog fouling: The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Canal and Rivers Trust, then to Powys County Council and that the bins had been emptied. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored so that contact could be made again when needed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p>
12	<p><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></p> <p>13/09949/FUL – Tir Hir – it was agreed that a response should be sent to the Planning Department confirming that ToUCC had no problem with the design of the building, but that the rules regarding building in the open countryside should be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>13/09985/FUL – Cui Cottage – all supported the application.</p> <p>13/10066/FUL – Cui Lodge – all supported the application.</p> <p>13/10035/FUL – Dylluan Wen – all supported the application.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13	<p><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></p> <p>a) 13/09675/FUL – storage container at Talybont Farm, Talybont-on-Usk – retrospective permission deemed to have been implemented on 17th June 2013, with the building being removed and land restored to its former condition on or before 17th June 2014. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward this to Cllr Burdon, and that the situation would be monitored.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
14	<p><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></p> <p>After a short discussion, it was agreed that County Cllr Fitzpatrick would ask Grahm Eels to contact Owen Cartwright.</p>	<p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick</p>
15	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 21st October was £4,8011.97</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>b) Budget discussions – see separate point above</p> <p>c) Clerk’s salary – The Clerk presented information regarding a national salary review for Clerks. The Clerk left the room while a discussion took place. It was agreed that a decision regarding the Clerk’s salary would be taken after an annual appraisal had been carried out.</p> <p>d) Clerk’s expenses – The Clerk presented an invoice for stationery purchased to the value of £34.88, and a cheque was signed for this amount.</p> <p>e) Approval of payment of invoices and signing of cheques – it was agreed that Richard Preece would be asked to carry out the work to repair the benches in the Henry Vaughan garden, at a cost of £30, with the invoice being sent to the Clerk.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>November agenda</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
17	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting is Monday 18th November at 7.15pm, at the Henderson Hall.</p>	<p>Noted</p>