**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 21st March 2022**

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

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
|  | Prior to the meeting the Chair welcomed Billy Morgan to the meeting to talk about a proposal to develop 2 Beach Volleyball Courts on the land near the Muga, providing a unique opportunity for adults and young people alike in one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Mr. Morgan was thanked for his thought-provoking presentation. The Community Councillors will consider his proposal in line with other ventures planned for the grounds. Clerk to inform Mr. Morgan. | **Clerk** |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. C Burdon( Chair), G Thomas, D Newberry, S Baldwin, C. Parry, R. Jones, F Morris and G James,.  Also, in attendance County Councillor L.Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllr. J Short |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 21st February 2022 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**  There were no matters arising |  |
| **5** | **Correspondence**   1. Peter Seaman- Brinore Tramroad.   Correspondence received requesting support for scheduling of the tramroad explaining that scheduling would be a really important and valuable measure to protect the tramroad. Following a discussion, it was agreed to support the request . Letter of support to be sent to Martin Buckle, Chair of BBSP.   1. Request for funding from Kids Cancer Charity.   The request came from a national charity , it is the Community Councils policy to support local charities. The request was declined. | Clerk |
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| **6** | **Gigabit Broadband**  It was agreed that before further action is taken concerning the initiative the Clerk would ascertain if the scheme would be extended beyond 31st March 2022. A letter has been sent to the Minister at the Senedd responsible for digital inclusion and Powys County Council. PCC have responded that they have been informed the voucher scheme would not extend after 31st March 2022, awaiting a response from the Minister. |  |
| **7.** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  Members of the Senedd, James Evans and Jane Dodds met with Councillors on the 11th March 2022. Discussions covered the Certificate of Lawfulness issued for the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, the Enforcement Complaint for land at Station Road and the Freedom of Information Request brought by the Community Council. It was agreed that the MS’s would broker a meeting with Brecon Beacons National Parks. Clerk to forward documents to Jane Dodds PA. | Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Members of the Senedd, James Evans and Jane Dodds met with Councillors on the 11th March 2022. Discussions covered the flooding incident of December 2020 and the response from Lisa Hicks, the loss adjusters for the Canal and River Trust. Discussions also covered the lack of consultation with the Community Council on a number of issues including flooding at the White Hart. It was agreed that the MS’s would broker a meeting with Canal and River Trust. At the meeting the damage to bridge 143 will also be discussed. Councillors will forward agenda items for discussion to the Clerk.  The Tow Path from bridge 147 to 141 is in a very poor condition being impassable in places. Contact Hannah Both for an update and to inquire when the canal will be refilled. Ducks and birds will shortly be nesting, and there are concerns the nests will be destroyed if the canal is not refilled before the nesting season.  Star Wall and Erosion from the River.  Councillors agreed that in Cllr Short’s absence there was nothing meaningful to discuss. Cllr. Short to speak with the owner of the Star to check his deeds to establish if the wall on his property. | All Councillors  Clerk  Cllr Short |
| 9 | **Highway Matters**  Mobile Speed Units  Cllr Fitzpatrick has been in contact with Lyn Parry of the Highways Department who has promised to install the posts and sockets to house the speed units in the following days. Clerk to email Lyn Parry for confirmation.  Cllr Fitzpatrick confirmed that road sweeping in Talybont would now take place in the next fortnight. | Clerk |
| **10** | **County Councillors Report**  Powys County Council agreed an increase in Council Tax of 3.9%. This was not supported by Cllr. Fitzpatrick.  Operations are getting back to normal since Covid with officers returning to their offices in May. |  |
| **11** | **Applicatins for Planning Consent**  22/20826/FUL – Ty Pencelli, Pencelli -provision of new external staircase for fire escape from first floor bedroom. The Community Council has no objections in principle; however, it is anticipated the planners gain approval for Building Regulations in relation to fire safety for the stairs under part B of fire safety under building regulations. Clerk to forward comments. | Clerk |
| 12 | Jubilee Wood  The Jubilee workgroup were met a Cui parc by Andrew and Sue Large.  The group were taken to the proposed area where the trees would be planted . Woodland Trust are also involved with the project. It is anticipated the Woodland Trust would donate a number of trees and also individuals would donate a number of trees from the Queens Green Canopy plant a tree initiative. |  |
| 13 | **Election Process**  The Clerk explained the Community Council Elections process and passed out nomination papers. Nominations to be lodged with Powys County Council by 4pm on the 5th April. |  |
| 14 | **Ukraine Crisis**  It is recorded that the Community Council were shocked when Russia invaded Ukraine and that Russia was at war with Ukraine. Henderson Hall opened its doors for donations. Nicole Cowley and the Chair of Henderson Hall Trustees organised and received the donations. The amount and quality of the donations were overwhelming. The donations were delivered to St Mary’s Church Brecon and Llangynidr Primary School where they were transported to Poland.  Henderson Hall Trustees donated £1000 to the Ukraine appeal, unfortunately the Community Council could not match fund the donation as holders of the public purse prevented them from doing so. |  |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play equipment –Councillors and the Caretaker have carried out their scheduled inspections and forwarded their reports. 2. Flood Lighting at the MUGA- JL Stephens has installed the posts to hold the Floodlights. There is a need for a key box to enable others to access the key for the floodlights. 3. Tennis Courts- Moss and Repair – JL Stephens to supply quote for repairs, this work will not compromise the work required following the flood. |  |
| **16** | **Finance**  **a.** Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting  **b.** Audit Report  The clerk reported the Wales Audit Office had awarded the Community Council an Unqualified Audit Report with no recommendations. This outcome was welcomed.  **c.** Invoices and payments for approval  There were no invoices presented for approval  **d**. Clerks Salary  It was agreed to progress the Clerks salary to pay point 10 on the salary scale**.**  Clerk to send an email from the Chair to payroll services | Clerk |

**Date of next meeting 25th April 2022 at 7.15pm Hybrid meeting at Henderson Hall**