

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

**MEETING HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2015 AT THE HENDERSON HALL,
TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones sent his apologies for this meeting. Councillors sent best wishes for a speedy recovery.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Bugler (Chairman) Cllr Burdon (Vice Chairman), Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Davies, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Bell, Cllr James, Cllr Darbyshire, County Cllr Fitzpatrick and the Clerk.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p>Before the main business of the meeting, Ceri Bevan and Clare Wright gave an update on the Totally Talybont project application to the Big Lottery Fund. All Councillors expressed their support for the project and their thanks to those involved for their hard work.</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
3	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin proposed and Cllr Darbyshire seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting with the two amendments (correction of the word Trial to Trail and correction of Cllr Burdon to Cllr Bugler with ref to street lighting review).</p>	<p>Noted</p>
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>i) Talybont Matters – Richard Abrams of Pencelli had expressed an interest in the role of editor. Cllr Baldwin agreed that he would speak to him.</p> <p>ii) The Clerk advised that no response to her communications re the three weekly black bin collections had been received. County Cllr Fitzpatrick advised that all three Community Councils in his area felt similarly that the collections would lead to an increase in fly-tipping and potential public health issues. Cllr Thomas asked County Cllr Fitzpatrick whether PCC had a legal</p>	<p>Cllr Baldwin</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>duty to clear fly tipping, and he said he would check. Cllr Davies reported that there had been fly tipping between Llangynidr and Talybont, and that PCC Environmental Services had not removed it within a week of reporting. PCC Highways Department at Ffrwdgrech removed the next day.</p>	
5	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Email from Peter Seaman regarding Friends of Talybont Reservoir. Cllr Davies gave an update on the last meeting of the Friends and explained that the group had been 'suspended'. It was agreed that he would assist the Clerk in writing to DCWW (Chief Executive) one final time.</p> <p>b) Letter from Barry Thomas re Community Delivery. Noted with dismay.</p> <p>c) Letter from Mel Thomas giving notice as cleaner/caretaker due to ill health. An advert would be placed in the January edition of Talybont Matters and displayed in the village. In the meantime, it was agreed that Cllr Thomas would empty the bins in the playground, and that Cllr Davies would keep the keys to the new bins in the play area and that the litter pickers would include them on their route.</p>	<p>Clerk/Cllr Davies</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6	<p><u>Council Policies for Review</u></p> <p>The requirements of the Big Lottery Application had highlighted that the Council's Policies needed to be reviewed. The Clerk had previously circulated the proposed Health & Safety, Welsh Language, Equal Opportunities and Child Protection Policies and Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that they be adopted. It was agreed that all regular users of the Hall should adopt their own policies, and that occasional users should be required to confirm that they have a policy, with mention of such being added to the booking form. Cllr Darbyshire reported that this was being done, and that posters were being sourced to display in the hall.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
7	<p><u>One Voice Wales model standing orders for review</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed that he and two others form a working group to review the model standing orders line by line and report to the full council meeting in January. Cllrs Bugler and James agreed to join him.</p>	<p>Cllrs Thomas, Bugler and James</p>
8	<p><u>Community Grant Lottery Application</u></p>	

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	This had been dealt with earlier in the evening.	
9	<p><u>Pencelli bus shelter</u></p> <p>County Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that he had not had any news from John Forsey.</p>	Noted
10	<p><u>Orchard</u></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin suggested that a plan was required for the proposed planting on CC land, in light of the proposed development of the playing field. It was agreed that he, and Cllrs Bell and James would meet to create a plan.</p>	Cllrs Baldwin, Bell and James
11	<p><u>Public Convenience Provision</u></p> <p>This would be discussed later in the meeting during budget discussions.</p>	Noted
12	<p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
13	<p><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></p> <p>a) Play equipment maintenance and inspection. Cllr Burdon reported he was awaiting one further quote for installation of the gates. Cllr Bell reported that he would catch up on the inspections and forward reports to the Clerk.</p> <p>b) Henderson Hall car park – use, protocol and compensation Cllr Burdon reported that the wayleave agreement and plans seemed to differ from the work that had been carried out. It was agreed that he and Cllr Bugler would meet with Mark Murrell from Western Power Distribution. The Clerk confirmed that payment for use of the hall car park had been made to the Hall Committee, and that the damage to the white lines was to be made good.</p> <p>c) CCTV – it was agreed that this could wait until the proposed development of the playing field had been completed.</p> <p>Additional item: Henry Vaughan garden – Cllr Burdon suggested that wildflower planting could reduce the need for grass cutting, and that grants were available. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out more from the Llangattock Litter</p>	<p>Cllr Burdon</p> <p>Cllr Bell</p> <p>Cllr Burdon/Bugler</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	Pickers Group and report back. Cllr Davies asked that the Clerk also remind John Byrne about the proposed wildflower planting on the A40 junction.	
14	<p><u>Highway matters</u></p> <p>a) Speed monitoring – Cllr Baldwin agreed to ask Talybont Energy for an update at their meeting on Wednesday 25th November.</p> <p>b) Passing places – Cllr Burdon reported that the work ticket was still out.</p> <p>c) Street lighting review – Cllrs Burdon and Thomas had carried out a review and reported that the current state of the lighting bears no resemblance to the previously agreed plan. They gave details of their proposals, which would be sent to the Clerk to request the necessary changes of PCC. County Cllr Fitzpatrick agreed to request that TB25 and TB26 at Canol Pentre be switched to ‘all night’ lighting.</p> <p>d) Y Scethrog street sign – Cllr Thomas said that residents of Scethrog had asked that a street sign be provided. It was agreed that the Clerk would request one from Highways, and that the Station Road sign be repaired.</p>	<p>Cllr Baldwin</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllrs Burdon and Thomas</p> <p>Clerk</p>
15	<p><u>Applications for planning consent</u></p> <p>a) 15/12752/FUL and 15/12753/LBC – “Conversion and change of use from traditional Grade II Listed redundant agricultural barns into five separate residential dwelling units, with associated residential curtilage and new access” and “Alteration of existing listed buildings for conversion into five separate residential units and ancillary curtilage and access” at Buckland Farm, Llansanffraed, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7JJ – supported.</p> <p>15/12931/FUL – “1. Provision of two new rooflights in roof store area. 2. Construction of a new porch to the side entrance of the dwelling” at Craiglas House, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YU - supported</p> <p>b) None received.</p> <p>c) Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters: None received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) Current financial situation - £5,310.47 of which £1,930 were restricted funds (BRAG project)</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – none.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted Clerk</p>

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	<p>c) Payroll issues – the Clerk reported that PAVO could be used, and it was proposed by Cllrs Darbyshire and Burdon that this was the preferred option. However the payments would still need to be made by cheque. Since there is no December meeting, Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that they be delegated responsibility for signing a cheque for the Clerk’s December salary once the figures were advised by PAVO.</p> <p>d) Budget discussions – Cllrs Bugler and Thomas presented a draft budget which was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would provide an estimated end of year balance and that further discussions would take place at the January meeting.</p> <p>e) Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Davies seconded the signing of cheques as follows:</p> <p>£278.51 – Clerk’s November salary (post-dated) £200.00 – Richard Preece for grass cutting at Henry Vaughan Garden.</p>	Clerk
24	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting would be Monday 11th January 2016 at the Henderson Hall.</p>	Noted