

**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Darbyshire, and Bugler. Cllrs Burdon and James were absent.</p> <p>Ceri Bevan and Lisa Preece attended the meeting from 1930 in order to provide an update from the Talybont-on-Usk Community Recreation Group. Please see the document attached to these minutes. Councillors congratulated everyone involved in the fundraising efforts, which have raised over £4200 to date. Councillors raised the issue of the increased insurance commitments of having more equipment, and this was noted and will be dealt with when the equipment is in situ, in time for the renewal of the Community Council's insurance.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Baldwin declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item 9a and signed the relevant form.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>These were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Thomas.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>Old Information Board. The Chairman reported that there had been no progress on this item. The board is due to be relocated, by Richard Preece, to a spot just outside the Henry Vaughan Memorial Garden, at a cost of £80.</p> <p>White lining outside the White Hart – The Chairman reported that he had met Highways Assistant Manager Chris Richards who confirmed that the lining had been carried out in error, and would be removed.</p> <p>Dark Skies – an excellent community event with all funds raised going to the Community.</p> <p>Invoice from PCC re the uncontested Community Council elections – The Clerk reported that she had queried these</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>costs with the Electoral Services Office, and found that they related to photocopying, postage, stationery, and a contribution towards the publication of the Election News, and that costs could not be shared with the County Council Elections. Also the Clerk had requested a formal invoice for the costs, as opposed to the amount of £217.40 being deducted from the December precept payment.</p> <p>Bonfire night – a successful community event, with the only comment being that the bonfire could possibly be situated in a different place each year, to avoid damage to the grass.</p> <p>Planting of bushes at the edge of the playing field to complete the work to make good the damage caused by Welsh Water contractors – no update.</p> <p>Remembrance Day – the cost of the wreath was £17 and the Chairman passed an invoice to the Clerk in this respect.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to email again.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>a) Brecon Advice Centre – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party invitation. The Chairman and County Cllr Fitzpatrick wished to attend.</p> <p>b) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – request for contributions – this was displayed for Councillors to view.</p> <p>c) Countryside Council for Wales – denotification of Talybont Reservoir Site of Special Scientific Interest.</p> <p>d) Mid and West Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Service Community Plan for Powys – this was displayed for Councillors to view.</p> <p>e) LDP: Draft Hearing Sessions Timetable – ToUCC Hearing Session 9, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013, Brecon List of the Candidate Sites and the Site Alternatives / Guidance Notes for Participants – these would be circulated to Councillors by email after the meeting.</p> <p>f) Brecon Advice Centre – letter of thanks for donation of £50.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
6	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Thomas attended the Pre-Hearing meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November, and gave an update. He advised that he had electronic copies of documents to send out to Councillors, and would send them to the Clerk for distribution.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
7	<p><b><u>Community Council assets including Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>a) Update on Councillor's inspection of play equipment and repairs – no update, in the absence of Cllr James.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>b) Bus shelter repairs – the Chairman reported that he had found that guttering was missing, brackets had been broken off and guttering was lying on the ground. He sought advice from J.L. Stephens, who confirmed it had been damaged deliberately. They repaired the damaged guttering, and no invoice has been received.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Highway Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) Talybont Village Traffic Report follow up.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that plans of the proposed car parking area on a section of the playing field had been completed. They show parking for up to 21 vehicles, post and rail fencing and a 3m gateway at the far end, with access through the existing entrance to the playing field.</p> <p>Councillors commented that an entrance from the B4558 would need to be included, raised the issue of protective netting between the parking area and the cricket pitch, and the possible re-siting of the recycling facilities.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the plans, including the possibility of accepting the plans with the addition of an entrance from the B4558.</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin proposed and Cllr Osborne seconded we wait and see if the new signposting in the village increases the usage of the current car park, and all Councillors supported this proposal.</p> <p>b) Station Road – overgrown trees/brambles, etc.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the landowner, Mr Simon Harpur, but that there had been no response. The Chairman mentioned that PCC had removed branches in the past, and passed the bill onto the landowner. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again to Mr Harpur, with a copy to PCC, asking him to confirm the safety of the trees, as there is a concern of danger to traffic, people and property.</p> <p>c) Cllr Jones raised the issue of the banks along the B4558 at Cross Oak towards the reservoir, along the unclassified road.</p> <p>d) Maesmawr Close – the Chairman raised the issue of the poor quality of the road surface in Maesmawr Close, towards Maesmawr Lane.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Noted</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk to email PCC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk to email PCC</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></b>	

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	a) <b>12/08633/LBC</b> – The Tower, Scethrog, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YE – Demolition and removal of unauthorised UPVC conservatory and replacement with new timber framed conservatory. Councillors supported this application.	<b>Clerk</b>
10	<p><b><u>Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters</u></b></p> <p>a) The Clerk and Chairman reminded Councillors that Planning Applications would be made available on the side table for viewing at 7.15pm with the main business of the meetings starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>b) Possible enforcement issues at Troed-y-Mynydd, Pencelli – County Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that Powys County Council do not feel that any obstruction to the Highway has taken place, and that this is now a matter for the Enforcement Department, should they feel that that to be necessary. The Resident would need to approach the Ombudsman to take the matter further, if they wish.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
12	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – balance of account as at 26/11/2012 <b>£4,666.46</b>.</p> <p>b) Clerk's expenses – carried forward to the January meeting.</p> <p>c) Clerk's salary – the Chairman advised Councillors that the Clerk's salary was less than the National Minimum Wage. The Clerk left the meeting while this was discussed. The following paragraph is written by the Chairman:</p> <p>"Chairman reported that he and Cllr Jones had met with the Clerk to discuss her performance, development and future objectives as part of an annual appraisal process. Both Chair and Vice Chair felt that Katy's personal skills are evident in the intelligent and perceptive way she deals with matters relating to Council business. Katy's current salary is £2000 per annum for a 7 hour week. As this amounts to an hourly rate of pay of £5.49, which is less than the minimum wage of £6.19 per hour the Chairman recommended that this be increased to £2500 per annum. This was unanimously approved by the Council."</p> <p>d) Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that cheques should be signed for £120.00 to ERA 21 and £120.00 to Freestyle for production, editing and printing of Talybont Matters newsletter Autumn 2012; for £30 to Gareth Davies for daffodil bulbs and for £17 to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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13	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013, at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall. Cllr Baldwin gave his apologies for that meeting.</p>	