

<b>TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b> <b>Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg</b>
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MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Darbyshire and Cllr Baldwin</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Burdon (Vice Chairman), Cllr Davies, Cllr Bugler, Cllr Jones, Cllr James, Cllr Bell, and the Clerk.</p> <p>Prior to the main business of the meeting, PS Craig Morgan and PS Adele Pitt spoke to members about the BRAG project. They confirmed they are covered by their insurance to carry volunteers in police vehicles, and that the project would restart at Easter. Police matters would be a regular item on the Council's agenda. It was hoped that police personnel could be increased.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>         <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record of the last meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
4	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>Gilestone planning – the meeting with the Head of Planning had taken place, and a new application was expected shortly.</p> <p>Community Fund reports – the Clerk read the one outstanding report from the Henderson Hall.</p> <p>Henry Vaughan Garden – Cllr Jones confirmed a meeting between interested parties was due to take place on 10/01/17 and the item would be on the February agenda.</p> <p>Mole Catcher – the Chairman confirmed he had spoken to a mole catcher who would do the necessary work for £100 + VAT which would come from the grounds maintenance budget. It was proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Jones that</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Jones</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Thomas</b></p>

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	this be accepted, with a small extra payment to be offered for regular checks of the field.	
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>a) OMM event on 29/30 April – notification that the event will be taking. All in agreement that a response be sent supporting the event, and thanking the organisers for their advance notification. Flyers were given out for display on noticeboards and in the shop.</p> <p>b) Mid &amp; West Wales Fire Service – letter confirming contact details. All agreed the Clerk would respond.</p> <p>c) SLCC Wales Conference – letter inviting the Clerk to the conference on 15<sup>th</sup> March in Cwmbran. Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Burdon seconded that the Clerk be given permission to attend, at a cost of £69+ VAT.</p> <p>d) Letter from Henderson Hall Treasurer requesting the grant payments of £1200 and £3000 which had been authorised in November. Cheques had been posted.</p> <p>e) Posters advertising Community Council elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May had been received, and were given out for display on noticeboards.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
6	<p><b><u>Canal adoption, maintenance and forthcoming works</u></b></p> <p>Maintenance and forthcoming works – Cllr Burdon read an email from Dilwyn Parry of CRT offering reassurance that access to pedestrians will be maintained. It was agreed that members would monitor the situation.</p> <p>It was also agreed that CRT would be approached to ask them to resurface the area where they intend to base their site office, once the works are complete.</p> <p>Canal Adoption – after a short discussion Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the open adoption of the section of the canal within the Community Council area and all were in agreement.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Burdon</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/Cllr Burdon</b></p>
7	<p><b><u>Dogs on the Playing Field</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman informed members that a bylaw can be invoked by the Community Council, and that Talgarth Town Council had done this. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact TTC to ask for their experiences. It was agreed that a larger sign would be sourced, using the ground maintenance budget. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact One Voice Wales to ask for their assistance with legal advice, and that the matter would be placed on the February agenda.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Thomas/Clerk</b></p>

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8	<p><b><u>Rubbish and recycling</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr Burdon reported that the litter bin had been removed by PCC from the land outside the former toilets. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between a member of PCC and members of ToUCC to discuss where a replacement bin could be sited.</p> <p>b) Recycling – Cllr Burdon reported that the recycling lorry was still driving through the village with its doors open, scattering rubbish. It was agreed that this be discussed at the meeting with PCC.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
9	<p><b><u>Council Policies for review</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk outlined the existing policies, and suggested a number of minor amendments. Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Burdon seconded that these be made and the policies signed off for a 12 month period.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
10	<p><b><u>Talybont Matters</u></b></p> <p>No update, the Chairman would update in February.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Thomas</b></p>
11	<p><b><u>Big Lottery Grant</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman advised members that the playground construction was due to finish on 12/01/2017 with the pour beginning on 16/01/2017. A meeting between Ceri Bevan, Cllr James, Cllr Davies and Dave Poulton was due to take place. Cllr Davies agreed to monitor the state of the ground re: reseeded the grass with a view to announcing a grand opening date.</p> <p>Major works – the builders were due to develop a programme of works by 20/01/2017.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Davies</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
12	<p><b><u>BRAG</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would generate a rota for weekend days beginning after Easter.</p> <p>Cllr Bugler wondered whether the remaining BRAG monies could be used to fund a speed indicator device. It was agreed that PS Morgan would be contacted to ask if this would be possible.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
13	<p><b><u>National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>None to report.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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14	<p><b><u>Community Council Assets including playing field</u></b></p> <p>Cllr James outlined how the tractor and trailer have compacted the land, necessitating repair before the start of the 2017 cricket season.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr James would contact Dave Poulton to see what he was prepared to do, with the option of talking to Gerwyn at the camp site, who it was believed had the necessary machinery for aerating the ground.</p>	<b>Cllr James</b>
15	<p><b><u>Highway Matters</u></b></p> <p>Three areas of road surface damage were described. The Clerk agreed to contact PCC.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
16	<p><b><u>Applications for Planning Consent</u></b></p> <p>a) 16/14275/FUL - "Conversion of domestic garage to bicycle hire facility and workshop for repair and maintenance of bicycles" at Talybont Stores, Talybont-on-Usk LD3 7YJ.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Bugler that the application be supported.</p> <p>A counter proposal that the application should not be supported was raised by Cllr Burdon, but had no seconder. The application was therefore supported, with some reservations about parking issues.</p> <p>b) Applications at Forge Cottage, Pwll yr Hwyaid, Ty Newydd, Llanfrynach and The Barn, Scethrog had been permitted. The application at Neuadd Wen, Aber had been refused.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
17	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) Current financial situation – current account £16,001.57 restricted funds £9,723.89.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s expenses – none.</p> <p>c) Banking issues – the online banking facility was still not enabled. Cllr Burdon had been able to request a new PIN, Cllr Bugler had still not received a card reader, a card and a PIN.</p> <p>d) Budget discussions and approval of precept – The Chairman thanked Cllr Bugler for his work on the budget. Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that a precept of £15,000 be requested, the increase of £2,000 being entirely composed of anticipated election costs.</p> <p>e) Approval of payment invoices and signing of cheques:</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the signing of cheques for the following payments:</p> <p>Katy Tutt - £302.75 (backdated) for January salary payment  Michael Smith - £100.00 for Q4 2016 salary payment  Came &amp; Company - £53.13 for additional insurance premium  Wales Audit Office - £163.50 for annual audit fee  Royal British Legion - £17.00 for poppy wreath  HMRC - £95.00 for PAYE payment</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>