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**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 17th February 2020**

**AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. G James (Chair), C Burdon, J Short,  G Thomas, C Parry, D Newberry, F Morris. Also, in attendance County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllrs. S Baldwin and R Jones |  |
| **1b** | **Absent** |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 20th January were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**  1. Awaiting a list of Landowners that stage events from Mr Richard Tyler of National Parks. Henderson Hall Events Secretary has furnished the Clerk with event organisers contact details.  A meeting to be brokered with both parties and the the Community Council to explore solutions to its concerns regarding events that impact on the Village.    2.Concerning flooding on the B4558 on the Brecon side of Menascin Bridge, Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that the road is scheduled to be re-surfaced during April 2020 and this should alleviate the situation.  3.A request had been made by Massive UK Ltd, organisers of the Alzheimer’s Society Trek26 to use the field to erect a marque. Clerk to inform Massive UK Ltd with costings £250 including a £50 refundable deposit. | Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**  1. Rubbish Collection and Recycling Service – A response received from Collett Evans at Powys County Council with reasons for the poor service received over Christmas and the New Year. She expressed her hope that this situation would not be repeated again.  2. Correspondence received from the Chair of Henderson Hall concerning the damage to the playing field as a result of bonfire night. The Community Council would like to thank him for his letter and welcomes his proposed solutions. | Clerk |
| **6** | **One Voice Wales**  Cllr Newberry will represent the Community Council at the Regional Meeting to be held on 21st February 2020. |  |
| **7** | **VE DAY Celebrations**  After an in-depth discussion it was agreed not to arrange the VE Day celebrations, however the Community Council are happy to support any other organisation willing to arrange the celebrations. |  |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  It was also reported that the Canal and River Trust had reported the tree opposite the village shop had its crown lift. The Community Council is disappointed with the work carried out. This has now become an internal matter at the River Trust with the Canal Trust working with the contractors to ensure the work was done to specification. |  |
| **9** | **County Councillors Report**  Councillor Fitzpatrick reported there had been a 5% increase in the Council Tax despite a 4.2% settlement from the Welsh Government that had not been passed on.  He also reported Education, Children Services and Adult Services were all in Special Measures.  Locally the Highways department, after recent bad weather, were committed to spending money on roads.  Councillor Fitzpartick is in correspondence with Mr Nick Willsons about his concerns around planning application 19/17936FUL-Ty Canol. The Community Council has already raised its objections and observations to the Planning Department.  The Landlord of the The Star in Talybont Village spoke with him about a music license and Cllr Fitzpartrick advice was to include the community before applying. |  |
| **10** | **Llandetty Young Peoples Fund**  Defer to next meeting. | Cllr Baldwin |
| **11** | **Highway Matters**   1. Highways Department had been contacted to report that the surface of the draw bridge was breaking up, waiting work to commence. 2. A letter was sent to PCC Highways Department requesting that hedge trimming on the B4558 between Talybont and Llangynidr be brought forward as the road is used to access the Green Man Festival and the Llangynidr Show. Correspondence is ongoing, the clerk is seeking clarification. Verbal response from Mr. Vince Playdon said he would speak with Mr. Alun Jones however, the contract for the following year had recently been signed. Clerk to contact Mr Playdon for an update. 3. A concern received of canoeists parking outside Llansantffraed Church during Church Services, blocking the Church entrance and making it difficult for the congregation to access the Church. Clerk to write to the Official British Canoeist publication to inform their members to park in 3 Bears layby opposite the church. Also to ask the church warden to put up a notice showing church service dates and times requesting canoeists not to park in front of the church on those dates. | Clerk  Clerk |
| **12** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  20/18269/FUL and 20/18270/LBC, Bank House Talybont-on-Usk – Take down and rebuild chimney, replace modern windows and door on SE, SW and NE elevations. After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council had no objections to the proposals.  20/18286/CON, Llandetty Hall Farm- vary condition 2 of 19/16998/LBC to revise drawing 160A to 160B. . After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council had no objections to the proposals. |  |
| **13** | **Henry Vaughan Gardens**  Updated accounts of HVG was distributed to members. Cllr Thomas reported the HVG committee are considering installing ramps at both entrances to the HVG. |  |
| **14** | **PCSO Billy Dunne**  PCSO Billy Dunne was unable to attend sent his apologies and will reschedule. Clerk to forward future meeting dates. | Clerk |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play Equipment- Cllr Parry has developed the inspection Rota for the coming year, which was circulated and populated at the meeting. 2. Table Tennis Table Area– Site meeting had taken place with Cllrs Burdon and Short along with Steve Morris. Quote received to clear the area as part of the maintenance contract. This was a day rate, Clerk to respond requesting a fixed price. 3. Solid base for picnic table- awaiting work to be carried out by JLStephens 4. Caretaker Duties- Caretaker has developed an inventory for the MUGA lockup, which was adopted by the meeting. 5. G&K Mole Patrol appointed to clear the field of moles which had been carried out. | Clerk |
| **16** | **Finance**  a. Audit- Final audit report received which was a unqualified report, this was happily received as it was a clear report with no issues raised.  b. VAT update- A claim had been lodged for a VAT refund.  c. Current financial position was reported.  d. Invoices for approval – Anglezarke Dixon-signage for Henry Vaughan Gardens, Bobbins- printing of Talybont Matters, One Voice Wales- membership renewal,  R G Abram-Talybont Matters  e. Precept 2020/21 - Precept form has been lodged with Powys County Council.  f. Councillor requested a meeting of the Finance Committee be arranged to discuss the Reserved Account. | Clerk |

**Date of Next Meeting**

16th March 2020 at 7.15pm at Henderson Hall.