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**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 20th January 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, Cllr. R. Jones, F Morris. Also, in attendance County Cllr L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllrs D. Newberry- Vice-Chair, C Parry, S Baldwin |  |
| **1b** | **Absent** |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3**  **3a** | The Chair welcomed Councillor Fiona Morris to the meeting.  Minutes of the 18th November 2019 were accepted as a true record.  Richard Tyler of the National Parks addressed the meeting in response to concerns raised around events that impact on the village.  He explained that there was no booking system to register events, and that it was difficult to control as some events that impact on the areas the community council covers do not always originate there.  Mr Tyler said he could furnish the Clerk with the contact details of the landowners responsible for the land that large events go over and that the Community Council could broker a meeting with the landowners the event organisers and the Community Council to explore solutions to its concerns.  This was agreed by all and the Chair thanked Mr Tyler for addressing the meeting | Clerk |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**   1. Correspondence received in response to Cllr Burdon’s letter to Simon Crowther, land drainage officer for Powys County Council concerning flooding on the B4558 on the Brecon side of Menascin Bridge. Clerk has spoken with Simon Crowther who was to visit the depot to investigate this issue on the 20th November and gave assurances a response would be forthcoming. As no response had been received the Clerk to write to Mr lyn Parry voicing the Community Councils frustrations at the lack of progress. 2. Cllr Parry to be contacted for an update on street lamps timings in Aber Village. | Clerk  Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**   1. A request was received from One Voice Wales to enter the Chair into a draw to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. It was agreed for the Clerk to forward his details. 2. A request received by someone from outside the Community Council area to erect a memorial bench. Regrettably it is not the Community Councils policy to support such a request. Clerk to respond. 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. This was agreed, Clerk to respond with costings. 4. A request was received asking for permission to scatter ashes at the Vaughn Garden. This was agreed, Clerk to respond. 5. A request received from PCSO Billy Dunne asking to attend the February meeting, which was agreed. Also received a survey from Powys Police to gain views on police engagement. The Survey was completed by the Councillors, Clerk to return survey. | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| **6** | **2020 Community Council Meeting Dates**  Draft of the 2020 meeting dates were agreed by the Councillors , Clerk to post on Website. | Clerk |
| **7** | **One Voice Wales**  The Community Council had agreed to host the regional meeting on the 18th May. Henderson Hall has been booked as the venue. Awaiting further details from One Voice Wales. |  |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Cllr Burdon reported that limited grass cutting had taken place and that he was in discussions with the Canal and River Trust.  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. Clerk to follow up. | Clerk |
| **9** | **County Councillors Report**  Councillor Fitzpatrick reported a new MP had been elected in Powys.  There had been a 5% increase in the Council Tax despite a very good settlement from the Welsh Government. He also reported he is a member of a committee working on highways matters.  Following Brexit Councillor Fitzpatrick said Europeans need to apply for settled status and anyone needing help should contact him. |  |
| **10** | **Llandetty Young Peoples Fund**  Defer to next meeting. | Cllr Baldwin |
| **11**  **12** | **Rubbish Collection and Recycling Service**A number of complaints had been received concerning the service received over Christmas and the New Year. They ranged from no pickups at the curbside, no collection from Henderson Hall and no allowances made for the recycling centre. The Councillors voiced their disappointment, Clerk to write to Collett Evans at Powys County Council.  **Highway Matters**     1. Highways Department had been contacted to report that the surface of the draw bridge was breaking up, waiting for highways to confirm if its their responsibility or the River Trust. Cllr Fitzpatrick to take up with the Highways Department. Send Copy email to Cllr Fitzpatrick 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 send email trail to Cllr. Fitzpatrick and contact Mr Playdon for an update. 3. It was noted that there was a high level of parked traffic on Station Road due to a canoeist event. | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| **13** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  None received |  |
| **14** | **Co-opted Councillor Update**  After following due process Fiona Morris was appointed as Co-opted Councillor. |  |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play Equipment- Cllr Parry to develop the inspection Rota for the coming year 2. Table Tennis Table – Site meeting had taken place with Cllrs Burdon and Short along with Steve Morris. Awaiting quote to clear the area as part of the maintenance contract. 3. Solid base for picnic table, revised quote accepted clerk to inform JLStephens 4. Caretaker Duties- Pavo had been informed of change in Caretakers Salary. | Cllr Parry  Clerk |
| **16** | **Finance**  a. Audit- awaiting final report.  b. Vat update- nothing to report.  c. Current financial position was reported.  d. Invoices for approval –  JL Stephens, petrol blower.  Bobbins, Talbont Matters printing  e. Precept 2020/21- the finance committee members, meet on the 4th December to set the precept. Cllr Thomas presented a report which included the 2020/2021 budget and recommended the precept is set at £ 15070.00, which was the same as the previous year. Following an in-depth discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to ratify the finance committee’s recommendation. Precept form to be lodged with Powys County Council. | Clerk |
|  | **Date of Next Meeting**  17th February 2020 at 7.00pm at Henderson Hall. |  |