**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 15th June 2020**

**The meeting was held as a ZOOM Meeting commencing at 7.15 pm**

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. G James (Chair), C Burdon, J Short,  D Newberry, F Morris, C Parry, G Thomas,  S Baldwin and R Jones  Also, in attendance and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick unable to log into Zoom |  |
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| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 18th May 2020 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**   1. Contact was made with Mr Richard Tyler of National Parks office. Still awaiting a list of Landowners who stage events. 2. Cllr Baldwin to erect the new notice boards before next meeting. 3. No Further correspondence had been received from the National Parks in reference to the Community Councils request to call in planning application 19/17936 FUL. Clerk to contact National Parks Planning Department for an update. | Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**   1. Henderson Hall . Three items of correspondence had been received from the Henderson Hall Secretary and Chair. The first referred to proposed new charges to use the carpark, the second querying non payment of the grant for 2019/2020 and lastly a request to resume the annual joint meeting with the Community Council. After discussion it was agreed to support the proposed new charges and also to request the car park be reopened to relieve the strain of visitors parking on the roadside. After investigation it was established that no formal request had been received for the 2019/2020 grant, Clerk to ask for the formal request , on receipt the grant will be paid. Finally, the Community Council welcomed the resumption of the annual meeting. Clerk to communicate all the above to the Henderson Hall Secretary and Chair. 2. Keep Wales Tidy Initiative. Councillor Morris explained the initiative of a wildlife and butterfly gardens. After discussion it was agreed to pursue the initiative, a site meeting arranged for the 17th June at the Muga, Councillor Morris to take the lead. 3. Cross Oaks Resident Request. A request had been received for signs to identify the Hamlet of Cross Oaks, this was supported. Clerk to contact Councillor Fitzpatrick and PCC. | Clerk  Cllr.Morris  Clerk |
| **6** | **One Voice Wales**  No Reports. |  |
| **7** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  a. A number of complaints have been received concerning the poor access to the footpath at Coity Bach. Eifion Jones, the Rights of Way Officer reported the access area had been cleared and the right of way could be used.  b. Following a number of concerns being raised with reference to tree felling and engineering works being carried out on ground adjacent to the entrance off Station Road towards Gilestone, an Enforcement Complaint had been registered. Natural Resources Wales and Just Mammals also informed.  Ann Weedy of Natural Resources Wales has been contacted with reference to rubbish and plastics in the Coity Bach Brook resulting in blocked culverts . She has responded by saying this is a matter for Monmouthshire CC. Clerk has request clarification as this issue falls under Powys CC. It is the view of the Community Council that NRW has a duty in regard to this matter and that the Community Councils concerns had not been addressed. Clerk to write to Ann Weedy. | Clerk  Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Hanna Booth, the new manager of the Canal and River Trust had been contacted concerning the tree opposite the village shop, awaiting a response.  Cllr Burdon has arranged to meet with Hanna Booth on the 16th June to discuss the upkeep of the area around the aqueduct between the White Hart and the Star, along with other Canal Trust related issues. Chair and Clerk to be in attendance. | Cllr Burdon |
| **9** | **Trees in Pencelli Layby**  Cllr Baldwin requested permission to prune the trees in the layby at Pencelli, which was granted. | Cllr Baldwin |
| **10** | **Coronavirus Community Support Update**  The Clerk reported calls for support had fallen over the previous month, however there was still a need for repeat prescription pickups and grocery shopping. |  |
| **11** | **County Councillors Report**  As Councillor Fitzpatrick was not able to join the meeting an email requesting an update on actions will be forwarded to him. This will include an update on the planned spend of £90K for the B445A, and the poor condition of the tarmac on the draw bridge. A question was also raised around purple bag collection dates, clarification required. | Clerk |
| **12** | **Highway Matters**  1. The clerk has asked Mr Playdon for an update on the request for hedge trimming on the B4558 between Talybont and Llangynidr be brought forward. Mr Playdon has forwarded a schedule of hedge trimming organised by Allun Jones, the schedule does not address the Community Councils original concerns, clerk to contact Allun Jones for clarification.  2. Councillor Thomas reported that there was Ash Dieback in some trees on Station Road which presented a danger . Simon Harpur is the land owner. Clerk to contact Powys County Council to report the situation. |  |
| **13** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Application 20/18596/FUL- Cui Lodge and Application 20/18700/FUL- Nantgarw , were both discussed with no objections raised. |  |
| **14** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play Equipment- Inspection carried out by the Caretaker with pictures circulated to all Councillors- Noted 2. Table Tennis Table Area–dismantling cricket nets ongoing. 3. Solid base for picnic table update.-Work completed. Also discussed, applying play surface around tables, it was agreed not to go forward with the play surface as it was not deemed necessary at this time. 4. Tennis Courts- Original guidance sought resulted in the temporary opening of the tennis courts, however further guidance from Welsh Government received made it clear the courts should remain closed. 5. Book Cases for the Bus Shelter. During lockdown the bus shelter has been used by residents as a book swap and offering items, such as plants, for others to take at no cost. This has proved very successful, however the bench in the bus shelter was being used to store the books. Fiona Godsell has offered two bookcases which will be erected by her husband and son. This was unanimously approved. Clerk to inform Fiona Godsell. |  |
| **15** | **Finance**  a.  **V**AT update- Latest claim for a VAT refund has been received.  b. Audit Update-The Audit had been agreed and signed off by the Internal Auditor. The Clerk explained the figures to the councilors and highlighted the Assets Register had increased to include the MUGA. It was also stated that there is a need for an independent valuation of assets to be undertake. After a discussion the Councillors agreed to accept the audit and instructed the Chair and Clerk to sign the appropriate section of the audit papers.  The next step in the process is to display the Audit Notice inviting the public to inspect the Community Council accounts. The notice must be displayed on community notice boards , photographed as evidence and also included on the Community Councils website.  The completed audit will then be forwarded to the external auditor  Consideration to be given to include the Henry Vaughn Gardens and the War Memorial in the asset register in 2021.  c. Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting.  e. Invoices for approval – LJ Stephens- Solid bases for tables. Steve Morris- sowing grass. Both invoices were approved. |  |

Date of Next Meeting 20th July 2020

Meeting to take place as a Zoom Meeting