**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 16th March 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, . S Baldwin and R Jones Also, in attendance County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllrs D Newberry, F Morris. |  |
| **1b** | **Absent** |  |
| **1c** | Prior to the meeting Cllr Fitzpatrick spoke of the effect the Coronavirus could have on Community Council residents. He reported that 45% of people in his ward were over 70 years of age and that we should make plans on what we should do as a community to support residents. After discussion it was agreed that councilors would meet the following evening to put plans in place. |  |
| **2**  **3** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr J Short item 14c, invoices for approval.  Minutes of the 17th February were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**   1. Still awaiting a list of Landowners that stage events from Mr Richard Tyler of National Parks. 2. Henry Vaughan Gardens had received the final notice boards which were scheduled to be erected. |  |
| **5** | **Correspondence**   1. Correspondence received from Peter Seaman for information concerning the postponement of Talybont-on-Usk our community Past and Present event – Noted 2. Correspondence received from a resident with reference to planning application 19/17936 FUL. After discussion it was agreed to write to Cllr Gareth Ratcliff to request the application is put before the planning committee and not be officer led. 3. Correspondence received from a resident concerning the amount of rubbish, going down the dingle into Coity Bach Brook. After Discussion it was agreed to write to Ann Weedy of Natural Resources Wales to request a site meeting to look at the situation. | Clerk  Clerk |
| **6** | **One Voice Wales**  The Report from Cllr Newberry from the Regional Meeting held on 21st February 2020 was duly noted.  Clerk to contact OVW to establish the process of hosting the regional meeting in May. | Clerk |
| **7** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  A number of complaints have been received concerning the poor access to the footpath at Coity Bach. The issue has been raised with Eifion Jones, the Rights of Way Officer. Awaiting a response. |  |
| **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. Awaiting updates. |  |
| **9** | **County Councillors Report**  Councillor Fitzpatrick reported there had been a 4.8% increase in the Council Tax, which he voted against.  Locally the Highways department, are committed to spending money on roads. The damage was extensive after recent storms.  Storm damage has also affected agriculture and council culverts which will need to be addressed. |  |
| **10** | **Llandetty Young Peoples Fund**  Cllr Baldwin presented a letter from LLandetty Church Priest and Churchwarden requesting Talybont-on-Usk Community Council administer the Talybont-School Field Fund. This was agreed. The Clerk to liase with Reverend Kelvin Richards and Mr Neville Danby. | Clerk |
| **11** | **Highway Matters**   1. See County Councillors Report. 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. 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 has written to the Church Warden who responded that a notice would be put up showing church service dates and times requesting canoeists not to park in front of the church on those dates. |  |
| **12** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Application 20/1830/FUL, Glanclydach, Aber Village. Renovation Dual Row Quarrymen’s Cottage. No Objections were raised. |  |
| **13** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play Equipment- Updated rota sheets to be circulated to inspect play equipment 2. Table Tennis Table Area– Steve Morris has confirmed the work would not exceed 3 days, clerk to request the work is carried out as soon as possible. 3. Solid base for picnic table- awaiting work to be carried out by JLStephens | Cllr Parry  Clerk |
| **14** | **Finance**  a.  **V**AT update- The clerk had lodged a claim for a VAT refund. Awaiting refund.  b. Current financial position was reported.  c. Invoices for approval – JL Stephens for bus shelter repairs, approved.  d. Councillors of the Finance Committee met to discuss the Reserved Account. The report will be presented at the next meeting. | Finance Committee |
|  | Date of Next Meeting 20th April 2020 |  |