

**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK**

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
<b>1</b>	<b><u>In Attendance</u></b> Cllrs G. James (Chair), D Newberry (Vice-Chair) Cllrs C. Parry, S. Baldwin, R Jones, C. Burdon, G. Thomas,. Also in attendance Cllr L Fitzpatrick and Mrs K Bender (Clerk)	
<b>1a</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Cllr J Eardley Cllr J Short	
<b>1b</b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> None	
<b>3</b>	Minutes of the 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr S Baldwin, seconded Cllr G Thomas	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> a. MUGA– it was reported that the opening of the MUGA was a success and very good feedback was received by those in attendance. b. A date had been set for late June for Wickstead Renewal to carry out an unaccompanied playground inspection.	
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b> Permission was sought by the organiser of Beacons Ultra/Beacons Trail Marathon to erect a Tipi on the playing fields at Henderson Hall on the 16 <sup>th</sup> November. This was granted at a fee of £250 to include £50 refundable deposit. Clerk to inform organiser of terms. Request to use a small area of the playing field was made by a resident for his wedding. This was granted at a refundable deposit of £100. Clerk to inform resident of terms. A letter was received from Gareth Davies who had written to the Canal Trust expressing his concerns over the premature cutting down of the daffodils on the canal bank. Clerk to write to the canal trust in support of Mr Davies concerns.	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Henry Vaughan</u></b> Cllr Baldwin read out a letter of recent activities at the Henry Vaughan Gardens which included work by the Cubs the WI and	

	<p>Cllr Burdon. It also said construction of new raised beds and planting was completed and there was a need to put in place a plan for ongoing care.</p> <p>£150 had been raised by the Henry Vaughan Society and will be held in trust by the community council for its future needs.</p> <p>Clerk to bank monies</p>	Clerk
7	<p><b><u>Telephone Box</u></b></p> <p>BT have confirmed that it will take the Community Councils request to remove the phone box in Talybont village to Powys County Council in October. In the meanwhile the phone boxes at Talybont and Aber will be cleaned inside and out.</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Canal Matters</u></b></p> <p>The canal trust contractors (Fountains) have not been able to remove the branches from the tree opposite the shop as Powys Highways department will only allow them to carry out the work on a Sunday. County Councillor Fitzpatrick will speak to Lyn Perry of the Highways Department to seek a compromise.</p>	Cllr Fitzpatrick
9	<p><b><u>Village Signage</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Thomas shared copies of the signs with the Community Council, Cllr Fitzpatrick to contact PCC operatives to put them up.</p>	Cllr Fitzpatrick
10	<p><b><u>Henderson Hall 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Burdon reported that plans were going well and many activities had been planned, Posters had been put up.</p> <p>The Henderson Hall working group had made two requests of the Community Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) permission for the flag pole to be used to fly a commemorative "HH" flag.</li> <li>2) and would the Community Council pay any planning fees incurred for a commemorative Board/Cabinet.</li> </ol> <p>Both requests were granted.</p>	
11	<p><b><u>Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Matters</u></b></p> <p>A report had been received concerning Japanese Knotweed, Clerk has written to the relevant authorities and is awaiting replies.</p>	
12	<p><b><u>County Councilors Report</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Fitzpatrick had written to the cabinet member responsible for garden waste but had not received a response. He stated that the council tax rise was hitting many people, especially the elderly residents as they have fixed pensions. However he also reported some good news that money had been made available to completely resurface the lane from Pencelli to Talybont.</p>	

<b>13</b>	<p><b>One Voice Wales</b> Community Council details have been updated. The clerk was asked to contact OVW to ask their advice on constructing an agreement letter between the Community Council and Charles Weston referencing the insurance cover for the Orchard Walk.</p>	Clerk
<b>14</b>	<p><b>Defibrillator for Pencelli</b> A free defibrillator had been offered to Pencelli by the Welsh Ambulance Service. However a cabinet needs to be purchased to house it at a cost of £350. A local group had been advised to put in an application to the community fund.</p>	
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Community Fund</b> Applications from the community groups had started to come in, closing date for applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> June. All applications will be considered at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Station Rd speed limit. Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that Jo Lancey from Highways had not been in work and that he had taken the issue up with her manager and was awaiting a response.</li> <li>b) Yellow lines Station Rd. Cllr Fitzpatrick to chase up Ian Mills</li> <li>c) Flooding on B4558 West of Pont Menascin. Cllr Burdon to contact Simon Crowther.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Cllr Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Cllr Burdon</p>
<b>17</b>	<p><b>Training Report</b> Cllr Thomas reported the course he had attended which was run by the charity Planning Aid Wales was beneficial .It looked at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Major developments in Community Council areas with regard to planning procedures.</li> <li>2) Planning your places concept with regards to knowing future requirements for the area.</li> <li>3) Cllr Thomas suggested inviting a representative from Planning Aid Wales to give a presentation to all Community Councilors at a future meeting .</li> </ul>	Clerk
<b>18</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> Two applications had been received for Brynhyfryd at Talybont, there were no objections raised.</p>	
<b>19</b>	<p><b>Community Council Assets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play Equipment- As a result of the weekly inspections it was highlighted that the grass around Benches and play equipment had not been strimmed, Clerk to contact Contractor</li> </ul>	Clerk

	<p>b) Funding for the table tennis table is now available, the recreation group will clear the area where the table tennis table will be situated</p> <p>c) War Memorial, there has been a slippage in the program as there was an issue with materials. This has now been resolved and it should be completed by end of June beginning of July.</p> <p>d) Gate post and grass damage. The contractor who had put the gateposts in would be asked to quote for the repair.</p> <p>e) Orchard Trail Signage. Reports received that there were issues with the signage. The Chair and Cllr Baldwin to walk the Trail to inspect the signage .</p>	<p>Cllr Burdon</p> <p>Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Cllrs James/Baldwin</p>
<b>20</b>	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>a, Audit. Audi preparation is ongoing. A special meeting may be required to sign off the audit depending on time scales.</p> <p>b. Big Lottery Project update- It was disappointing that the marking of the courts was not completed in time for the opening of the MUGA, however it is expected to be completed by beginning of June. There are sufficient funds left to purchase extra equipment. The sub-committee will consider any outstanding issues, one of which is the concerns from residents living in Penpetre around the volume of traffic. The previous project was experiencing problems with the roof and toilet floor both of which will be addressed by the contractors concerned by beginning of June.</p> <p>c. Current Financial position, Reserve Fund £ 11,836.97, Main Account £ 25,861.95</p> <p>d. VAT update- A VAT claim for £11,461.61 had been made on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. The refund takes around 3 weeks.</p> <p>e. Invoices for approval - Came &amp;Co -insurance £825.55, Clerks wages £242.00. proposed Cllr C Parry, seconded Cllr C Burdon.</p> <p>f. Insurance Renewal- three quotes had been obtained from the insurance broker, Came &amp;Co. It was decided to enter into a three year agreement with our existing insurer Ecclesiastical. Proposed by Cllr Burdon and seconded by Cllr Thomas.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

**Next Meeting**

Date of the next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.15pm at Henderson Hall.