**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 18th May 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, S Baldwin and  R Jones  Also, in attendance County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllr. G Thomas |  |
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| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr G James, Item 13.b Cricket Nets |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 15th March 2020 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. Cllr Baldwin to erect the new notice boards as soon as it is practicable to do so. 3. Cllr Gareth Ratcliff, representative on National Parks responded to the councils request to call in planning application 19/17936 FUL, by saying he had forwarded the request, however it was doubtful as the time to do so had elapsed. 4. Llandetty Young Peoples Fund   The Clerk informed Reverend Kelvin Richards of the Councils decision to take over the administration of the fund. Reverend Richards was pleased with the outcome and requested it be kept on hold until after the lockdown.   1. The clerk has asked Mr Playdon for an update on the request that hedge trimming on the B4558 between Talybont and Llangynidr be brought forward, awaiting response. 2. Mrs Briskham will address notices requesting canoeist to refrain from parking in the layby outside the church during the times when services are taking place, as soon as the church reopens. |  |
| **5** | **Correspondence**  Talybont Show  An email received from Kevin Hollins confirming the cancellation of the Talybont-on-Usk Show. Noted  Came & Company Insurers  The Community Council insurance renewal notice had been received; this was the second year of a three-year agreement. Noted  Green Man Festival 2020  An email was received from Neil Startin, Green Man Festival organiser, confirming the cancellation of the Green man Festival. Noted |  |
| **6** | **One Voice Wales**  Advice was sought on reopening the tennis courts after requests from residents. The advice was non-committal, however it stated should the council wish to reopen the courts a risk assessment would have to be undertaken.  Following an in-depth discussion, it was agreed to carry out the risk assessment and circulate to all, if agreed, notices would be put up with the rules to be followed. Cllr Burton to carry out risk assessment and dependent on outcome Clerk to create the notice and circulate for agreement. | Cllr Burdon  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. No Update received Cllr Burdon to pursue with Eifion Jones.  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 to 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. | Cllr Burdon  Clerk |
| **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. The clerk to contact the new manager for an update, Cllr Burdon to send contact details to the Clerk. | Cllr Burdon  Clerk |
| **9** | **Coronavirus Community Support -Update**  The Clerk reported that the vast majority of calls are for prescriptions and shopping.  Prescriptions  Kellie, landlady of the Star looks after the vast majority of Brecon Surgery patients, with Emma Bonna Community Nurse, looking after Crickhowel Surgery. Stuart Isles has been collecting and delivering prescriptions from chemists in both Brecon and Crickhowel.  The Village stores are providing an amazing service to residents with volunteers making deliveries.  We have 4 regular volunteers who shop in Aldi and Morrisons and are forging strong links with those they help.  Victoria James continues to deliver daily and Sunday papers to those self-isolating and has been doing so since the end of March.  The Community Council has been successful in securing funding from PAVO to meet petrol expenses. |  |
| **10** | **County Councillors Report**  Councillor Fitzpatrick stated the Talybont Community Council work has been absolutely incredible during the lockdown, paying tribute to both the Talybont and Pencelli Hubs.  He expressed his concern over the number of people who had been tested in Powys, 0.43 % which equated to 9 people being tested a day out of a population of 132,000.  He also reported the HWRecycling Centre would reopen week commencing 25th May 2020. |  |
| **11** | **Highway Matters**  A question was asked when the £90K planned resurfacing of the B445A would be completed, Cllr Fitzparick said he would contact Lyn Parry of Powys County Council for a response and report back . | Cllr Fitzpartick |
| **12** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Application 20/18578/HEDGE, the hedgerow has been removed, Councillors were mindful that at some time in the future the hedgerow needs to be replaced. |  |
| **13** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play Equipment- The Rota for inspections by Councillors is currently on hold due to the coronavirus lockdown. 2. Table Tennis Table Area– Work has been completed by Steve Morris, with councilors stating the area looked very neat and tidy. Work has started on dismantling the cricket nets, which will then go into storage. 3. Solid base for picnic table update.-Work will commence in the first week of June. |  |
| **14** | **Finance**  a.  **V**AT update- Latest claim for a VAT refund has been received.  b. Audit Update-The audit has been completed, with an updated asset register to include the MUGA. The audit will then be forwarded to the Internal Auditor, Mrs J Hughes, to carry out the internal audit. When it is completed the papers will be presented to the Council for signoff before the audit papers are forwarded to the External Auditor. The audit notice will then be posted on the website and put up on notice boards inviting the public to inspect the Councils accounts.  c. Current Financial Position  Financial position to be emailed to Councillors following the meeting.   1. Request For Funding – Henderson Hall, it was agreed to fund as normal, clerk to inform their secretary the grant would be forwarded in October as in previous years.   e. Invoices for approval – Steve Morris- grass cutting. G&K Mole Patrol. Came & Co- insurance renewal. All approved.  f. Zoom Meeting Subscription- after a debate it was agreed not to proceed with a subscription for future zoom meetings. | Clerk  Clerk |
|  | Date of Next Meeting 15th June 2020  Meeting to take place as a Zoom Meeting. |  |