

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

MEETING HELD ON 19th November 2018 AT THE HENDERSON HALL, TALYBONT ON USK

ITEM NO	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>None</p>	Noted
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None</p>	Noted
3	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Chase up Billy Dunn to attend January meeting. Send out copy of new check sheet from Mike.</p>	Clerk
4	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p><u>Letter (email) from Abermule Council Clerk requesting support</u></p> <p>Cllr Fitzpatrick is in full support of Abermule council regarding the issue with the recycling centre in Abermule and the allocation of funds from Powys County Council. He believes that Abermule have been treated unfairly. Cllr Thomas and Cllr Baldwin discussed whether to write a letter of support for Abermule and also in the wider sense to raise the issue of effective allocation of funds as a whole from Powys CC and the importance of listening to the voice of the community council.</p> <p>ACTION Cllr Baldwin to draft letter.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Baldwin
5	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p>	

	<p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 14th January at 7.15pm at the Henderson Hall.</p>	Noted
6	<p><u>Henderson Hall Meeting</u> Cllr Baldwin requested any additional items for discussion be sent to him for collation.</p>	Cllr Baldwin/Cllrs
7	<p><u>Henry Vaughan Garden Update</u> Planting day on Saturday morning. Progressing well. No major updates to report.</p>	Noted
8	<p><u>Canal Issues</u> Cllr Thomas received an email regarding the bins down by the lime kilns. The contractors (Biffa) do not appear to be doing the job. Cllr Burdon disagreed with this and suggested that it was simply down to volume of rubbish linked to potential misuse of the bins by people other than those who are simply on the canal. Cllr Baldwin had a discussion with those carrying out the works on the canal. They advised that they had contacted Powys county council regarding replacement of deck and utilising the current road closure in order to do so but the offer/request had been declined so they were unable to do it at this particular time. Cllr Fitzpatrick to investigate further. Another letter to be written to Kevin Phillips of the canal business regarding upgrading of the tow path. Cllr Baldwin to supply clerk with address to contact Mr Phillips. ACTION - Clerk/Cllr Baldwin Cllr Burdon advised received many compliments from visitors on canal but they also sometimes felt too enclosed foliage-wise with views being restricted. Cllr Eardley mentioned that the display and information cabinet just up from the shop could do with a clean and an update as it looks somewhat tired.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Baldwin
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13	<p><u>Village signage.</u> Nothing to report, ongoing.</p>	Noted
	<p><u>Big Lottery Grant</u> Project manager from original contractor has now</p>	Cllr Thomas/Cllr Burdon

	<p>transferred to the new company. Local firm. Hope to start works on the 7th December with the removal of the tarmac and levelling of the ground, to be complete by Christmas. Netting, gates and equipment etc aiming to be completed before the end of Feb 2019. Some people have requested the tarmac be used for the bike track once removed. Cllr Thomas will put Keith in touch with Nick the contractor in order to arrange this.</p>	
14	<p>Tennis club have requested a practice wall. Original quote 8,500 but there is an alternative. Cllr Thomas approached the Welsh Water Community fund and they have released a grant of 250.00. There may be another grant that will cover this which is being investigated.</p>	
15	<p>Insurance claim for roof - Faulty materials, suppliers to replace all under their guarantee. Request for timelines of the project from Cllr Burdon to add to the council website. Cllr Thomas to source this and any other information that could go onto the website.</p>	Ongoing
16	<p><u>War Memorial</u> Cllr Baldwin did the annual clear up prior to Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Baldwin will work more closely with Rob Goodwin of the British Legion re general upkeep of the memorial, for example re-pointing may be required. Cllr Burdon believed that the last pointing was done over 12 years ago.</p>	Cllr James
17	<p>Difference between residential and business premises/properties Cllr James has been asked by some residents of Penpentre what constitutes the difference between residential and business areas. Who monitors when something crosses the line. Self-employed people coming home and perhaps continuing to work at home and in some cases potentially affecting other residents. Cllr Fitzpatrick advised there is extensive legislation re this scenario. This begins with trading standards investigating (who will deal protect the anonymity of those reporting the issues eg in the case of other residents) then valuations office, then business rates. The contact would be Clive Jones at powys who is in charge of trading standards. Cllr James will relay this back to those originally raising the queries to see if they wish to pursue further.</p>	Clerk
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<p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Invoice required for the annual 2000 fund. Council need to invoice Talybont energy for the annual payment. Clerk to chase up and invoice ASAP.</p> <p><u>National Park Authority Matters</u> Claire Wright received contact from the Brecon Beacons National Park regarding a star disk. Council discussed and decided this was not something to be pursued at this time.</p> <p><u>County Councillor’s Report</u> Abermule council and the wider issue of lack of communication and uneven distribution of funds and cuts. Thinking of cutting down waste again. School budgets are uncertain. Top management is being reduced. However extra 500,000.00 been allocated to children's services. Cllr Fitzpatrick has serious concerns about the forthcoming budget. Potential raise of 5/6% in council tax 2019. Cllr Thomas advised that we need to address and discuss the issue of green waste. Cllr Burdon feels strongly about this and advised that he believes the green waste disposal facility is an essential for our community. More carbon would actually be expended by transferring waste by car into Brecon. Everyday householder's should not be penalised for the innappropriate use of bins by commercial traders. All were in strong agreement with this. Cllr Thomas proposed that we write to council advising that we disagree with removal of green waste recycling facilities in Talybont. Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Baldwin seconded.</p> <p>ACTION - Letter to council re green waste</p> <p><u>Council Assets</u> A) Clerk to contact Wicksted to carry out inspection on playing field B) Cllr Thomas has looked into the signs issue and found the best quote to be for 15.00. He believes that we will require approximately 7 signs. These would come out of the maintenance materials budget. Cllr Thomas to contact clerk with further details. Cllr Baldwin proposed and Cllr James seconded. Nothing further to report on table tennis.</p> <p><u>Highways Matters</u> A) and B) Cllr Fitzpatrick to chase these up with Jo. Re bridge to station road Cllr Fitzpatrick discussed this last Friday and it</p>	<p>Clerk/Cllr Baldwin</p>
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is being looked into.
Email received regarding Scethrog issue with slabs around the telephone box being a potential trip hazard and unsightly generally as per email from Peter Seaman. Cllr Baldwin wanted to make Cllr Fitzpatrick aware that this is an issue. Cllr Fitzpatrick acknowledged this.
Streetlight at the top of Station Road by garage is not working. Abigail James at Powys to be contacted to repair.
Clerk to action.
ACTION - Contact Abigail James at Powys

Planning

Planning application 18/16832/FUL Cllrs were somewhat curious re the requirement here as believed that there seems to be ample provision for this already. Council were in agreement that they are happy for this to proceed. Cllr Burdon raised as a more general issue that there is a weekly update that is not regularly updated, ie not really weekly as information is not up to date. Cllr Burdon requested that we raise concerns via letter to the National Park and all were in agreement.
ACTION – Clerk, letter to National Park

Finance

Unable to confirm level of funds in account due to lack of access. Letter to be sent to Grant Thornton requesting results of audit. (Clerk to action) URGENT.

Invoices/Payments

Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Jones seconded on Talybont Matters invoicing
Freestyle Cllr Burdon proposed and Cllr Newberry seconded
Tree Services - Proposed Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr James
PAVO Proposed Cllr Parry seconded Cllr Eardley
Cheque for Rob Goodwin for Poppy Wreath - £16.00 no invoice submitted.
Invoice to company who used the marquee on the field £200.00 (refund due back of the £50.00)
Clerk pay - Cllr Thomas proposed Cllr Baldwin seconded

General

Powys CC have not yet allocated all their war memorial funds so Cllr Fitzpatrick suggested a request submitted for funds.

<p>Cllr Burdon to look into this. Possibility of writing to local businesses re Talybont Matters fund</p> <p>Next Year's Budget Cllr Thomas to distribute copies of the figures to council when he has finished amendments. Suggested precept £15,070 as oppose to £16,000 so a reduced precept this year. As per letter post audit suggesting this. Therefore note that this has been addressed. Double check that this notification is due in the January meeting. Letters out to local businesses. Cllr Newberry proposed precept figure of £15,070 and this was seconded by Cllr Eardley.</p> <p>Apologies for January 14th from Cllr Baldwin.</p> <p>Updated list of Cllrs to be put up in noticeboard. Clerk to produce, addresses contact details etc.</p> <p>ACTION - Clerk</p>	
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