**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 19th October 2020**

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

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **PCSO Billy Dunne to address the meeting to update the Community Council on current issues and to take questions.** | The Chair welcomed PCSO Billy Dunne and invited him to address the meeting. PCSO Billy Dunne reported that 4 incidents of crime had been reported in the Talybont Area. During lockdown and the rules concerning coronavirus he with the assistance of the Community Council had been successful in preventing big events taking place that would have had an adverse effect on the village. The police force is employing the 4E’s method of dealing with people that are either unaware or flouting the Covid 19 rules. Engaging, Educating, Encouraging and Enforcing.Councillor Fitzpatrick and PCSO Dunne will work together along with the Community Council to draw up a volunteer list to enable the volunteer to carry out their duties unheeded, for example if a volunteer gets stopped they can show a card to allow them to carry on with their duties. PC Dunne to leave cards in the village store for distribution.The Chair thanked him for his contribution  |  |
|  | A minute silence was observed in respect for the sudden sad passing of Tommy Probert-Kenchington. The Chair said Tommy was a young member of the community who would be greatly missed. Tommy was a Captain of the Cricket Club and very kind and helpful to others. Condolences are sent to his Family.  |  |
| **1** | **In Attendance**Cllrs. G James (Chair), C Burdon, F Morris, C Parry, S Baldwin, D Newberry, J Short, G Thomas and R Jones. Also in attendance County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk)  |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence** |  |
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| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 21st September 2020 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising** 1. Following reports of further moles hills Clerk to contact M&K Mole Patrol.
2. Clerk has emailed Vincent Playdon of Highways Department concerning Ash Dieback in trees on Station Road. The County Councillor reported Mr Playdon has recently left the department. Clerk to escalate to Lyn Parry at Powys County Council.
3. Awaiting response from Minister of Rural Affairs concerning Canal and River Trust.
4. Clerk has re-written to Ann Weedy of Natural Resources Wales concerning the issue of rubbish and plastics in the Coity Bach Brook resulting in blocked culverts . Awaiting a response
 |  Clerk Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**1. Changes to Nevill Hall Hospital- Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick updated the meeting. There will be an enhanced minor injuries A&E unit retained at Nevil Hall. However, it takes an hour to travel to the new hospital in Llantarnum Grange Cwmbran where consultant services along with A&E will be based. Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr will also offer A&E and Covid services for the Talybont area. Councillors expressed their grave concerns around patients and visitors travelling to Merthyr hospital over Storey Arms especially in inclement weather.
2. Correspondence from Cllr Fitzpatrick re volunteer’s information- Noted
3. PCSO Billy Dunne – cancelled event 10th October- Noted
4. CCTV Survey from Powys Police and Crime Panel. Councillors completed the survey, Clerk to return.
5. Powys CC -Community Councillor numbers. It was reported that the CC was entitled to 9 Councillors, at present there are no vacancies.
6. Peter Seaman- request by Gardening Club to fund the purchase of a Community Zoom Account , the Community Council would be able to access it also. Following discussions, it was agreed in principle to support the request. Clerk to investigate .
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| **6** | **Covid Report**Since the most recent announcement reported by Welsh Government with reference to the two week Circuit Breaker, Powys County Council has gone back to emergency business procedures with inevitable cutbacks. All recycling centres will be closed for the duration. Pubs and non-essential businesses to close and only I family to meet inside or outside. |  |
| **7**  | **National Parks Authority Matters**  Following the cyber-attack on the National Parks Planning Department it was agreed that all Community Council previous responses to will be reissued.  |  |
| **8** | **Canal Matters** Councillor Burdon sent a letter to Hannah Booth reference the 2 rotting logs by bridge 143, awaiting her response following an investigation. In a further correspondence Cllr Burton expressed his concerns around the lack of health and safety measures taken by workers during grass cutting on the canal banks adjacent to the Star Public House. Canal and River Trusts responsed that the contract manager had investigated and the workers were working in line with their risk assessments. |      |
| **9** | **County Councillors Report**Covid affected businesses will be compensated using the same formula as previously . They will not have to apply for it as the funds will go straight into their bank accounts.  |   |
| **10** | **Highway Matters** No Matters to discuss |  |
| **11** | **Mobile Speed Units**Awaiting Costings from Jo Lancey concerning the purchase of a mobile speed monitoring.  |  |
| **12** | **On-Street Residents Parking Policy**To aid discussions the Clerk outlined the following:The cost to residents for the permit is £65 pa, only 1 permit per household. Permit does not guarantee a space outside household, vehicle must be registered to household and there is a £25 admin charge to change vehicle details.Following in-depth discussions, it was determined the Community Council would not support the initiative that at this moment in time.  |  |
| **13** | **Applications for Planning Consent** Non Received  |   |
| **14** | **AGM Arrangements**The AGM will take place in November, the Clerk explained the process for electing officers and representatives to outside bodies and internal committees. Self-nominations and nominations for Chair, Vice- Chair and other positions to be forwarded to the Clerk and should there be more nominations that positions a ballot would take place. All nominations to be received by 9th November 2020.  |  |
| **15**  | Community Council Assets1. Play equipment – Reports

All reports were completed and up to date.Caretaker is carrying out all strimming around play equipment and other areas. It was agreed to ask the Caretaker if he would be prepared to attend a strimming course.Ask Steve Morris for a quote to deal with weed encroachment . Cllr Thomas reported sand needed to be purchased to re-sand the tennis court areas as per ongoing maintenance, permission granted. Work party to carry out work, Cllrs Thomas ,Baldwin and James.Bucket swing rubber bumper in need of repair – check if it is covered under insurance.b. Request to use Playing Field by Coach of Crickhowel Football Club under 16s- The Community Council agreed to the request free of charge. User form to be completed. This is also covered by the Crickhowel Football Clubs insurance. |    Clerk Clerk Clerk Cllr Burton |
| **16** | **Finance** a.Current Financial Position Financial position was reported to the meeting.b. Invoices and payments for approval –Royal British Legion – Poppy wreath , approved. |  |
| **17** | **Audit Update.**Clerk has forwarded responses for the questioned asked by the Auditor. |  |
| **18** | **Remembrance Sunday Arrangements**There will be no Church Service, however the service will take place at the Cenotaph, need to ask Reverend Richards for further guidance on the procedure. | Cllr Baldwin |

 **Date of next meeting 16th November 2020**

 **Proceeded by AGM Commencing at 7.00pm**

 **To be held as a ZOOM Meeting**