

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

Minutes of meeting held on 17th October 2011

The meeting started first with a discussion with Mr Leigh Marshall Waste Services Manager, Powys CC on the shortly to be introduced recycling scheme. This was followed by a discussion with Mr Steve Essex of Transport Initiatives, the contractor for the Talybont traffic and parking study.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Gray and D Lawrence
- 2) Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) To approve the minutes of the last meeting. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) Matters arising:
 - a. Gilestone area 2 correspondence from the Park Authority. The Clerk reported that he had received apologies from Mr Cook, CEO of the Park Authority regarding delays to replies to correspondence and a letter from the principal solicitor to the Authority in which she changed the earlier explanation from her assistant solicitor in his July letter to the Council. She confirmed that the enforcement notices had not been varied, and that the unauthorised development has to be removed by 21st October. The Clerk has advised a local resident who had earlier written to express his concerns about the continued unauthorised development. The Clerk also reported that Kirsty Williams AM had also corresponded on the issue.
 - b. Canal anniversary. Cllr Jones updated the meeting
 - c. Jubilee meeting. Minutes of the meeting were circulated. Noted
 - d. Talybont Sustainable Tourism project. Cllr Bugler and the Chairman updated members on a very useful meeting. There are to be 2 further workshops on 1st November and 29th November both at 10am in the Hall.
 - c. Bus services. It was noted that an officer of Powys CC will be attending the November meeting to discuss local bus service problems.
 - d. Newsletter evaluation survey. The Clerk reported that he was to meet the editor on 26th October.
 - e. Talybont reservoir Local Nature Reserve. The report to the Park Authority has been delayed again and is now scheduled for December 2011.
 - f. Play area. Equipment update. The Clerk reported that this was still in hand.

Action: Clerk
 - g. Vegetation management at A40 junction. Although two reminders had been sent to Powys CC, there had been no response. County Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick offered to assist.

Action: Clerk and Co Cllr Fitzpatrick
- 5) Correspondence
 - a. Annual bonfire on 5th November. Hall committee. Agreed
 - b. Correspondence regarding horse riding advisory signs in Scethrog. The Clerk outlined the situation. It was agreed to write to Powys CC suggesting that the signs be relocated to more suitable positions.

Action: Clerk.

Minor highway matters – report to Local Environment Area South Central
Phone 01874 620500 or email scle.area@powys.gov.uk

- 6) Position of Clerk. The following process was agreed for the appointment of a new clerk. (the present clerk has given notice of his intention to retire from 1st April 2012). It was agreed that a new clerk should start from 1st February 2012 to allow a 2 month training period along side the existing clerk. The Clerk will confirm a person specification and job description. It was agreed to offer a starting salary of between £2000 and £2500 depending on experience, that the post be advertised in Talybont Matters and the Brecon & Radnor Express, that the Chairman with Cllr Darbyshire, Cllr Bugler and Cllr Davies form an interview panel. Time line: late October – advertise vacancy with deadline of 25th November. All members to shortlist after formal meeting on 28th November. Interviews Monday 12th December December from 6pm. New clerk to start on 1st February with a 6 month probation period.
- 7) Talybont Tourism Traffic study. Members noted the presentation and discussion at the start of the meeting.
- 8) National Park Authority Matters. There were no items to discuss.
- 9) Visit Our Beacons website. To approve annual renewals of subscriptions at £12.00 per business. Proposed by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr Jones. Agreed.
Action: Clerk
- 10) Community Council assets including Playing Field. Members noted that the hedges had been done and expressed their thanks to the contractor.
- 11) Highway Matters. There were no further items to discuss.
- 12) Applications for Planning Consent
 - a. Extension/alterations at Brynoyre, Talybont-on-Usk. 11/07244/FUL. No objection.
 - b. Amended application to allow for bats at old shower block to agricultural building, Gilestone farm. 11/06582/FUL. No objection.
 - c. PV panels at Cui Parc. 11/07285/FUL. Supported
- 13) Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters. There was nothing further to report.
- 14) Finance.
 - a. Current financial situation. £4367.85. Noted
 - b. Annual audit. Cllr Bugler and the Clerk reported. It was noted that BDO the external auditor would issue a qualified approval as the internal auditor had omitted to tick 1 box out of 12, and because no risk assessment had been carried out during the exact financial year, although ones had been done in the month prior and the month following. Members commented that the auditor's report was nit-picking. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Jones.
Agreed.
- 15) Date of next meeting. 28th November. An officer of Powys CC will be in attendance to discuss local bus services. Noted