

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

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd January 2012

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Davies.
- 2) Declarations of interest. There were no interests declared.
- 3) Appointment of new Clerk. The Chairman reported on the interview held recently to appoint a new clerk. The Panel was unanimous in its view that Mrs Katy Tutt should be offered the post. Mrs Tutt has accepted and contracts have been signed. Mrs Tutt will start working with the present Clerk from 1st February and take over the role on 1st April. Mrs Tutt who was present, was congratulated on her appointment. The Clerk reported that payroll arrangements had been made.
- 4) Talybont village traffic and parking study. In attendance were Richard Tyler of the Park Authority and Cliff Webb of Glasu, together with traffic consultant Steve Essex who then presented a draft of his report. There was considerable discussion and some suggestions made. Overall, members welcomed the draft recommendations and looked forward to driving them forward once the final report was published. It was agreed that once this was done, a joint meeting of representatives of the Community Council, and officers from the Park Authority and Powys County Council Traffic Management would be a useful starting point.
- 5) Talybont Sustainable Tourism project. Cllr Bugler briefed members on the final report of the project. Its recommendations had been warmly welcomed by tourism operators in the area. It had been agreed that the Community Council's Visit Our Beacons website will lapse once a replacement being implemented by the Tourism Group was up and running. Cllr Bugler commented upon the leadership and enterprise shown by Anna Bell of the Star Inn and Clare Wright of School House. Members expressed their appreciation for their work. The Clerk asked members to approve ownership and maintenance of a new information board to replace the old and now tired one in the village. The Tourism Group had received grant assistance to design and install a replacement. There were no additional costs to the Council beyond the existing way-leave payment of £5 pa and any maintenance. This was agreed by the Council. Action: Clerk
- 6) To approve the minutes of the last meeting. These were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.
- 7) Matters arising
 - a. Local Development Plan. Public Inquiry. The Clerk reported that the process leading to an Inquiry had started. He had received a contact email from the Government appointed officer who will be assisting the Inspector. Noted
 - b. Litter bin by the play area. It was noted that Cllr Davies has advised that Powys CC has decided that only pay-for bags can be used at about £52 for 26 bags. It was proposed by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr Darbyshire that bags be purchased and to ensure they were managed so that each bag lasted as long as possible. 8 in favour with 1 abstention. Therefore agreed. Action Clerk
- 8) Correspondence. There was no other correspondence not reported elsewhere in these minutes.
- 9) National Park Authority Matters. Letter received inviting the Community Council to send 2 representatives to a liaison meeting on Saturday 24th March. Noted
- 10) Community Council assets including Playing Field.

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- a. To approve purchase of replacement flag and lanyard.. It was proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Gray that a Wales (Traditional) Printed flag 137x69cm at a cost of £29.25 and a lanyard be purchased. Agreed. Action: Clerk
- b. Damage to hedge and playing field surface. The Chairman circulated photographs of damage and mess left by contractors to Welsh Water following repairs to the water main in the hedge between the playing field and the road. It was agreed to write to Welsh Water seeking remedial work. Action: Clerk
- 11) Highway Matters. There were no highway matters to discuss.
- 12) Applications for Planning Consent. There were no planning application to consider.
- 13) Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters.
- a. Ponsticill station. Extension to engine shed. 11/07295/FUL. Granted
- b. PV Panels at Hen Beudy and Cui Park 11/07285/FUL. Granted
- c. Biomass boiler store at Aberclydach House 11/07083/FUL. Granted
- 14) Finance.
- a. The Clerk circulated Income and expenditure report with anticipated position at 31st March. The accounts were noted.
- b. To agree the precept for 2012/13. It was proposed by Cllr Bugler that the precept be increased by £250. This was seconded by Cllr Gray. There was a counter-proposal by Cllr Osborne that there be no increase. This was seconded by Cllr Lawrence. 6 members voted in favour of the increase and 2 members voted against. The precept was therefore set at £8750.00. Action: Clerk
- c. To agree in principle the size of the grant to be made to the Henderson Hall Charitable Trust. Members agreed that subject to the financial situation at the time, the Community Council will make a grant of £1200 to the Henderson Hall Trust later this year. Clerk to reply to Powys CC. Action: Clerk
- d.. To agree payment of ground maintenance annual invoice. (Invoice awaited, but expected to be about £1345 ex VAT). Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Darbyshire. Agreed. Action: Clerk
- 15) Date of next meeting. 20th February 2012.