

TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

Minutes of meeting held on 25th July

The meeting started with a discussion about crime incidents in the Community Council area. Inspector Thomas and PCSO Hope were present. Members asked questions about recent crimes in the area including the theft of £20,000 worth of mountain bikes and a potentially violent incident involving the attempted theft of a quad bike from a local farmer. Members asked the Police to provide more visible and covert patrols in the area. However the officers responded that it would be subject to availability of their 'limited resources' and based upon their 'intelligence led approach'. Cllr Osborne highlighted the concern and anxiety of being a potential victim and reported on a recent incident at her farm. Crime prevention advice as also offered. It was agreed that Insp Thomas would provide information to the clerk about police patrols in the area.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr A Gray who was in Europe on business.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest.** There were no declarations given.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting.** These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising** . Talybont reservoir Local Nature Reserve. The Clerk reported that the grant application to Talybont Energy, in order to support a 'Friends of Talybont reservoir LNR' had been unsuccessful. He had now submitted a new application to the Park Authority Sustainable Communities Fund.
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. Ombudsman. Annual report. Noted
 - b. Powys Rural Development Plan 2007-2013. including details of grant funding. Noted
 - c. Newport Outdoor Group (YHA). Talybont Trial on 8th October. Noted.
 - d. Brecon Beacons Beast Mountain Bike Event 11th September. Noted.
6. **National Park Authority Matters** . Local Development Plan. To note letter from Park Authority inviting comments on submission made by objectors/supporters on proposed development sites, including Maesmawr Field. Noted
7. **Talybont-on-Usk Sustainable Tourism Project.** Cllr Bugler and Clerk updated members on this local tourism operator led project. Alison Caffyn tourism consultant funded by the Collabor8 project was working with local tourism providers to develop a sustainable action plan for the area. A series of workshops will be held in the Henderson Hall with the first one on Wednesday 12th October 2011 from 10am – 1pm. Noted
8. **Community Council assets including Playing Field**
 - a. To consider recommendations in the Play area inspection report. Cllr Davies summarised the findings of the report and proposed action to address the following:- entrapment risk at gates, replace 2 swing seats on the cradle swings, re-paint the agility bars, remove timber pit edging around scramble net, check and change links on cross chains, make the top of the balance beams non-slip, and re-paint (Cllr Davies offered to paint these), once again check the games wall for movement, and repair the plywood walls to the skateboard ramp. These were discussed and it was agreed to action all of the above. Action: Cllr Davies and clerk
 - b. Cllr Davies reported 2 dying trees on edge of playing field. The chairman offered to arrange their removal. Noted
9. **Highway Matters.**
 - a. Talybont village tourism transport management plan. The consultant's brief was agreed. The Clerk updated members on the application. Cllr Bugler was appointed the Community Councillor representative on the Steering Group.

Minor highway matters – report to Local Environment Area South Central
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b. Bus services. County Cllr Fitzpatrick discussed local bus services and the new express service along the A40 and it was agreed that he would ask a 'stop' be provided at or near the A40/Talybont junction.

10. **Talybont Matters newsletter.** Members noted the survey which was a requirement of this year's grant funding from Talybont Energy.

11. Applications for Planning Consent

a. Garage to annexe. 4 Station Road. 11/06872/FUL. No objections

b. Trefil quarry. Extension of temporary use to 21st August 2011.

11/06828/CON. To note 'no objection' response. Noted

b. Trefil quarry. Additional temporary structures for filming.

11/06887/FUL. To note 'no objection' response Noted

12. Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters.

a. Enforcement

1. Gilestone farm. Caravan site infrastructure on area . Response from the Park Authority. Members discussed the letter from the solicitor to the Authority and noted that it failed to reference the original letter from the Community Council, had not taken account of a course of action suggested by the senior solicitor and described a course of action which was a surprise to members. Members noted that residents of Gilestone cottages in particular were concerned about the continued unauthorised development of hook-ups and lighting on area 2. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again to the Park Authority drawing these issues to their attention and requesting various explanations for the new course of action. Members generally expressed dismay at the continued mishandling of this planning enforcement issue by the Authority. Action: Clerk

2. Car park opposite The Boat House. There was nothing further to report.

3. The Garage. Members noted a letter from the Park Authority which informed the Council that the planning enforcement matter had been taken over by the Head of Strategy and Heritage. It was noted that wrecked cars had been moved into the compound within the last 2 weeks. Noted.

b. Planning decisions. 5 y Scethrog, new garage. 11/06732?FUL. Granted

13. Finance and staffing.

a. Current financial situation. £3527.12 Noted

b. External audit. The Clerk updated members on progress which this year involved a deeper external audit. Noted

c. Payroll and PAYE. Cllr Bugler and the Clerk spoke to a paper. It was proposed by Cllr Bugler that Douglas Tonks be appointed to provide a payroll service for 3 years. This was seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed. Action: Clerk

d. The Clerk, Terms & Conditions, moving to employment status. Members referred to a draft terms and conditions. It was agreed that the clerk commenced 'employment' on 1st April 2011 and that condition 10.2.1 should be amended. The Council will not provide a separate phone line. Telephone call costs will be reimbursed. The Chairman agreed to meet with the Clerk and invite him to countersign the terms and conditions.

Action: Chairman

e. Cheque signatories. Cllr Bugler and Cllr Darbyshire were dealing with the matter.

f. To approve payment of £20.00 to winner of survey lucky draw and payments for editing and printing of newsletter. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Osborne.

14. **Date of next meeting.** Monday 12th September at 7.15pm, unless a matter of urgency arises. Cllr Lawrence asked that the Queens Jubilee 2012 be discussed at the September meeting. Agreed.