

## TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Canal 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2012. At the start of the meeting, there was a discussion with Alison Crawshaw recently appointed co-ordinator of the Anniversary celebrations. A number of ideas were suggested.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Osborne
- 2) Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) To approve the minutes of the last meeting. These were agreed, and were signed by the Chairman
- 4) Matters arising
  - a. Talybont sustainable tourism project. The Clerk described the project to members and circulated invitations to a special consultation meeting on Wednesday 12 October, 10.00am-12.30pm at the Henderson Hall. The Chairman encouraged as many members as possible to attend.  
Action: Members.
  - b. Play area maintenance. Cllr Davies reported that he would purchase paint to treat woodwork. The Clerk reported that he had still to deal with other issues.  
Action: Cllr Davies & Clerk
  - c. Bus service. Members discussed further the express bus service between Abergavenny and Brecon. Suggestions were made about ways to improve the service to Talybont village. County Cllr Fitzpatrick agreed to raise the suggestions with Mr Forsey of Powys County Council.
- 5) Correspondence including:-
  - a. Powys CC. Chairman of the Council invitation for 2 Community Councillors to a reception on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Noted
  - b. One Voice Wales, training events for Community Councils Noted
  - c. Powys CC. One Powys consultation. Cllr Darbyshire agreed to read the document
- 6) Reader evaluation survey, Talybont Matters newsletter. The Clerk spoke to the analysis circulated with the agenda and reported that he was due to meet the Editor on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Members commented that the overall response showed a good level of satisfaction but more work was needed to stimulate business interest.  
Action: Clerk
- 7) Talybont village tourism transport management plan. To note that a grant of £3750 has been received from Glasu, £1000 from the Park Authority Collabor8 fund, and that the Community Council will contribute £250, total £5000 and the procedure for the appointment of a consultant. Cllr Bugler and the Clerk outlined progress on the project. Members were reminded that this was a very important opportunity for the village which was unlikely to be repeated. The Chairman urged all Talybont village Councillors to be pro-active in promoting and supporting the project. It was noted that interviews for a consultant were taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> September, after which a letter for all village residents would be copied to village Councillors for circulation. Agreed.  
Action: All
- 8) H.M. the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>/Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The Clerk spoke to a paper he had prepared for the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed that there should be a meeting with all local community and church/chapel groups and the local Inns to determine interest, and explore ideas for events. No decision was made with reference to the use of Community Council funds. The Clerk was asked to send out invitations to the meeting but after that, actions would be the

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- responsibility of a group set up as a result of the meeting. (NB. Meeting to take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Henderson Hall).
- 9) National Park Authority Matters . There were no matters to discuss.
  - 10) Talybont Reservoir Local Nature Reserve. To note offer of grant of £750 from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Conservation & Community Fund, to set up a 'Friends of the Reserve' group. The Clerk updated members. Cllr Jones and the Clerk reported that a number of people had expressed interest in joining a friends group.
  - 11) Community Council assets including Playing Field. The Chairman reported that he had removed the sick trees. There then followed a discussion about replacements. It was agreed that Cllr Davies may purchase 4 sweet chestnut trees. The Chairman agreed to make enquiries about a possible supplier. Action: Chairman and Cllr Davies.
  - 12) Highway Matters.
    - a. Mountain biking events. Members discussed the impact of recent events. It was agreed that there had been no impact that warranted any further action.
    - b. Trees at A40 junction. Cllr Davies reported his concerns about the trees and their management at this junction. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Powys Highways about the issue. Action: Clerk
    - c. Salt bins locations/road salting. The Clerk collated various suggestions from members for forwarding to Powys CC Highways. Action: Clerk
  - 13) Applications for Planning Consent. To note that 3 planning applications of minor consequence were received during the August 'break' and with the agreement of the Chairman, no responses were made. These were: extension of time limit at Penybont, Pencelli, shed for wood pellet store at Aberclydach house, flood prevention works at Ponsticill reservoir. Noted
  - 14)
    - a. Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters. New agricultural building at Pentwyn (11/06702/FUL) granted, workshop at 6 Penpentre (11/06800/FUL) granted, various applications at the temporary film set at Trefil quarry – withdrawn, enforcement notice for dwelling use of a caravan at The Boathouse – appeal to Inspector, Noted.
    - b. Gilestone Farm, area 2. Unauthorised caravan site infrastructure. The clerk outlined the history of correspondence between the Community Council and the Park Authority. Members said it was appalling that the Park Authority had failed to provide a clear answer to the letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011, despite reminders. The Clerk read out a letter from a concerned resident regarding the failure by the Park Authority to resolve the matter. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should submit a formal complaint to Mr Cook, CEO of the Park Authority and press for answers to the Community Council letters of 19<sup>th</sup> April and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011. It was also agreed that the complaint should be copied to Cllr Fitzpatrick, to the Chairs of the Planning committee and Audit committees of the Park Authority and to Kirsty Williams AM. Action: Clerk
  - 15) Finance.
    - a. Current financial situation. £6124. Noted
    - b. To confirm new cheque signatories. Members confirmed Cllr Bugler and Cllr Darbyshire as signatories. Clerk to submit relevant form to bank Action: Clerk
    - c. To approve payment of £295.00 for annual web hosting and domain name. [www.visitourbeacons.com](http://www.visitourbeacons.com), and £142.22 clerical expenses for period since April 2011. Proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Davies. Agreed. Action: Clerk
    - d. To note any progress of the annual external audit. The Clerk update members. Noted
    - e. To receive a brief report on the payroll system and PAYE arrangements. The Clerk and Cllr Bugler updated members. Noted
  - 16) Date of next meeting. 7.15pm 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Noted

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