

TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg
Minutes of meeting held on 16th May 2011

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Community Cllrs A Gray, E Morgan and D Lawrence.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** . Cllr Osborne declared an interest relating to item 8a. Tennis courts as she was a Tennis club and committee member.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting**. These were approved and signed by Chairman
4. **Matters arising that are not already included on agenda** – Secondary School Review – Cllr Darbyshire asked for a copy. Action: Clerk
5. **Correspondence** – Ordnance Survey mapping for the public sector. The Clerk reported that he had signed the Community Council for this service which was provided at no cost to the Council. Noted
6. **National Park Authority Matters**
 - a. Talybont reservoir. Local Nature Reserve status progress . Cllr Jones updated members. It was agreed to seek a site meeting when the importance of designating all the water area could be made. Action: Clerk
7. **Talybont Farm caravan site** – caravan 'rally' on 30th April-1st May 2011. Cllr Davies reported that a member of the public had raised a concern about a large gathering of caravans over the weekend of 30th April to 1st May. The Clerk said that he would write to the National Park Authority who should have been consulted about all proposed caravan rallies in the Park. Action: Clerk
8. **Community Council assets including Playing Field**
 - a. Tennis Courts. The Clerk reported on correspondence from a resident. The situation was discussed and in conclusion it was agreed that Cllrs G Davies and C Burdon would attend the AGM of the Tennis club on 18th May to identify a way forward. Action: Cllrs G Davies and the Chair.
9. **Highway Matters**
 - a. To receive report on meeting to discuss parking options in Talybont village. Cllr Bugler, Cllr Davies and the Clerk reported on a meeting also attended by Tourism officers and a Planning officer from the Park Authority and a representative of the Hall committee. The meeting had identified the need to obtain objective evidence and research options and this could be delivered by contracting a suitably qualified person, paying for the work through grant aid. It was agreed to pursue a grant application and the Clerk was instructed to submit an expression of interest to the Powys CC Sustainable Tourism officer. Action: Clerk
10. **Potential graduate support**. This was left in abeyance.
11. **Canal 200th Anniversary Events**. Cllr Jones updated members on progress. Llanfrynach Community Council had decided to join the event. A floating exhibition was a possibility. A part-time coordinator will be appointed by the Park Authority who now seemed to be the principal leader. Noted

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12. **Updated website.** The clerk informed members that www.talybont.info had been completely revised and updated, and now carried a full colour version of the community newsletter in addition to minutes, and quick links to planning websites. Noted.
13. **Applications for Planning Consent**
- a. Gilestone farm. Application to retain shower block for use as an agricultural building and associated road and hard standing. 11/06582/FUL. There were no objections.
14. **Results from National Park of applications for Planning Consent and other matters.**
- a. Progress report on query to Park Authority on status of caravan site infrastructure at site 2 (adjacent to canal), Gilestone farm. The Clerk said he still awaited a full response from the Park Authority who had written to the land owner about the continued unauthorised development. The Clerk also reported that he had forwarded correspondence to Cllrs G Davies and S Osborne from a resident of Gilestone cottages expressing concern about the unauthorised development and the need for the Community Council to oppose any caravan or visitor use of the private track adjacent to the cottages. The concerns were noted and would be followed up should the current situation change at this site.
 - b. Progress report on car park enforcement opposite Old Storehouse. Members referred to a letter of response from the CEO of the Park Authority. Members commented that the letter had avoided certain issues and delays, but they welcomed progress on enforcement, albeit many years late. It was agreed after discussion to respond to the CEO. Action: Clerk
15. **Finance.**
- a. Budget. 2011/2012. The Clerk circulated a draft budget, based upon previous years' expenditure patterns. The budget was agreed.
 - b. Annual insurance renewal. The proposed policy was made available for members to read before the meeting. Members were reminded that in order to attract favourable terms, the Council had entered into a 3 year agreement with the Insurers. Renewal was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Bugler. Agreed
 - c. Annual audit. The Clerk reported progress on the audit and asked members to note that this Council has been randomly selected by the External Auditors for a higher level audit of its 2010/11 accounts. The internal audit had been recently completed. Noted
 - d. Accounts software problems: to consider updating present accounts software with new version at £65 plus VAT. This was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Bugler. Agreed.
 - e. Payment of invoices for newsletter. Editing, £100 plus VAT, printing £110.00 Proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Osborne. Agreed.
16. **Date of next meeting.** 20th June at 7.15pm Noted.

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