

TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg

Minutes of meeting held on 20th June 2011

The meeting started with a presentation by Mrs Ceri Bevan, a local resident, regarding a proposal to form a Village Recreation Group. Mrs Bevan circulated a copy of a report and then spoke to it. Her proposal sought agreement from the Community Council to progress with gauging interest and potentially developing a village Recreation Group whose primary purpose would be to raise funds (predominantly through grant applications) for recreational facilities in Talybont-on-Usk. A copy of the paper is attached with these minutes. Mrs Bevan then took questions. She explained that the Group would be an informally constituted organisation and that its area of benefit would be the whole Community Council area. The Group would act as an 'umbrella' organisation principally to help fund improved recreation facilities. Members commended Mrs Bevan for her excellent proposal which was innovative and potentially exciting. Mrs Bevan concluded that she would now approach other community groups to gauge their interest.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Lawrence.

2. To receive any declarations of interest. The following declarations were given verbally and made in writing:- Cllr C Burdon. Personal. – Item 9d. Planning application at 6 Penpentre. Had assisted the applicant, Cllr E Morgan. Personal & prejudicial – Item 9c. Planning application at Pentwyn. Friend of applicant, Cllr S Osborne. Personal & prejudicial – Item 7b. Tennis courts. Member of Tennis club.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters arising not listed on the agenda. Canal 200th. No further news. Noted

5. Correspondence.

a. Mountain biking event on 1st, 2nd, 3rd July (The Black Mountain 3 Day). Members asked the Clerk to advise the organisers that use should be made of local services and to avoid blocking the road and footpaths. Agreed

b. Newsletter. Request from Talybont Energy for evaluation survey as condition of grant. The meeting agreed to conduct a survey among recipients of the newsletter, to be sent out with next edition, and offering a small £20 incentivisation prize. Clerk to liaise with Editor. Action: Clerk

6. National Park Authority Matters

a. To note new Footpath no 55 Order Noted

b. Talybont reservoir Local Nature Reserve. To receive feed-back on the site meeting, and to consider an application for grant assistance to Talybont Energy to establish a 'Friends of Talybont LNR' group. The Chairman and Cllr Jones reported back on the site meeting which had agreed that the entire water area plus some land at southern end would be designated a Local Nature Reserve. A letter applying for funding (details previously circulated for comment) to Talybont Energy to help establish a Friends of Talybont Local Nature Reserve was approved. Action: Clerk

c. Vacancies for Community Council representative on the Sustainable development Fund. It was agreed to propose Cllr Gray. Action: Clerk

7. Community Council assets including Playing Field

a. Play area inspection report. A copy of the report was given to Cllr Davies and recommendations would be made by Cllr Davies and the Clerk to the July meeting.

Action: Cllr Davies and Clerk

b. Tennis Courts. Refer to first item on minutes.

8. Highway Matters

a. Parking in Talybont village. To receive an update on grant application progress to appoint a project worker. The Clerk reported that the first grant application had been

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turned down but the letter had been forwarded to a sustainable transport group within Powys County Council for its consideration. Reply awaited.

9. Applications for Planning Consent

- a. 5 Y Scethrog, Scethrog. Proposed new garage. 11/06732/FUL. No objections
- b. Old Storehouse, Llanfrynach. Continued use as a bed & breakfast only on a reduced basis, new parking layout to front, rebuild of existing conservatory with disabled toilet. (last application withdrawn, this is a revised application) 11/06649/FUL. No objections
- c. Pentwyn, Llanfrynach, erection of new agricultural building. 11/06702/FUL. No objections.
- d. 6 Penpentre, Talybont. 11/06800/FUL. New workshop in place of garage. No objections.

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

- a. Buckland Hall project. Appeal against non-determination of various works to mansion house, spa, retreat etc. Cllr Gray outlined the basis of the appeal. It was agreed that the Community Council need not respond..
- b. Talybont Farm rally. To receive a reply from the Park Authority in relation to caravan rally held at the farm. The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Enforcement Manager of the Park Authority that the rally had been properly notified in accordance with the special arrangements for rallies in National Parks. Noted.
- c. Gilestone farm. Residual caravan site development on land adjacent to canal. Compliance with Enforcement notice. To receive a reply from the Park Authority. The Clerk reported that a reply was still awaited from the Park Authority.
- d. 'Advertisement' correspondence from Park Authority re interpretation board on the Brinore Tramroad. Members noted that although the letter made reference to an 'advertisement', the item was in fact an interpretation board which had been designed and installed as a joint project with the Park Authority and the Forestry Commission. It was of many such interpretation boards throughout the Park. It was agreed to leave the matter one in abeyance.

11. Finance.

- a. Current financial situation. £3527.12 Noted
- b. To consider and approve the external auditor annual return. Members were circulated copies of section 2, the annual governance statement. Each question was addressed and answered. It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Osborne that the statement be approved and signed by the Chairman. Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk then signed the return.
- c. To consider and confirm the management of risk for the Council, and internal control including financial control arrangements. The Clerk reported that the last risk assessment had been carried out in March 2010, and unfortunately one had not been carried out during the financial year. He circulated a check list of issues and members reviewed each one. Members noted in addition to other issues, that the insurance policy had been reviewed and that the annual play area inspection report by RoSPA was carefully considered every year. It was also noted that the Council did not handle cash and that an authorisation and signature system was in place for all payments. It was proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Davies that the systems of internal control and risk management were satisfactory. Agreed.
- d. To agree to start the new cheque signature authorisation procedure for the newer members. It was agreed to commence the bank authorisation procedure for Cllr Bugler and Cllr Darbyshire.

12. Date of next meeting. 25th July 2011