

## TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

### HENDERSON HALL, TALYCONT-ON USK

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Colin Parry – Chairman  
Cllr Geraint James – Vice Chairman  
Cllr John Jones  
Cllr Harry Chapman  
Cllr Chris Jones  
Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe – County Councillor

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Ellen Moorman

**In attendance:**

Clare Preece – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

MINUTE REF	MINUTES	ACTION
19062023/01	<b>1. Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Ellen Moorman	
19062023/02	<b>2. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business listed below:</b> Cllrs interests are published on the website. Following advice from One Voice Wales no Councillor was deemed to have any personal or pecuniary interest in the business to be transacted. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the process surrounding interests will be addressed at every meeting in case this changes.	
19062023/03	<b>3. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of precious meetings held:</b> The Minutes were <b>APPROVED</b> .	Clerk
19062023/04	<b>4. Public Forum:</b> (The meeting was suspended to permit the public forum – 10 minutes only and each participant limited to 2 minutes each): A member of the public read out a statement concerning the Gilestone farm development and how this will threaten the habitat of the endangered Lesser Horseshoe Bats. The area for development is known to contain 40 out of the 45 species of bats found in Europe. Whilst the plan was thought to have wonderful objectives ecologists believe the development at Gilestone to be inappropriate for this area.	

19062023/05	<p><b>5 To receive a brief verbal report from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe:</b> Cllr Ratcliffe introduced himself and gave Cllrs a brief overview of his career and experience to date. He will be standing in for County Councillor Anita Cartwright whilst she recuperates and hopes he can be of assistance. He offered his support and said he was available for Councillors to get in touch at anytime and will raise questions with Powys County Council on the Community Council's behalf if they wish. The 20mph speed limit which comes into force on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was discussed and it was <b>AGREED</b> a walkthrough of the village to access a possible plan to introduce more double yellow lines to tackle parking problems and speeding would be conducted at peak tourist season (July/August) and again in September. Councillors are to liaise with Gareth and agree a suitable date. Cllrs asked Gareth to send their best wishes to Cllr Anita Cartwright.</p>	GJ/EM
19062023/06	<p><b>6. Gilestone Farm:</b> The approved meeting notes from the meeting held with Gerwyn Evans from Welsh Government on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in the Angel Hotel in Abergavenny were read out by the Chairman (these notes are published on the Council website and Facebook page). Much debate was had surrounding the topic of the development. The Chairman envisages a survey which will engage the whole community to be drawn up by the formation of a working group. Currently, other than the Gilestone leaflet delivered to house holders from <a href="http://www.gilestonefarmproject.co.uk">www.gilestonefarmproject.co.uk</a> there is no other information on which to base a survey. It is hoped that some key details of the lease between Welsh Government and Gilestone will be provided to the Council. Enquiries will take place to build a picture of current operations at the farm and to determine what will be permitted without the need for planning permission and consultation. It was stressed how important it will be for the community to involve itself in any planning process from the outset and not to engage nearing the end of a consultation when all the major decisions will have been made. It was suggested that a "drop in" event could be staged in the Community to encourage engagement from a diverse demographic to form a wider view. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the "devil will be in the detail" and momentum will need to be maintained in the Community council's</p>	CP

	regular engagement with Gerwyn Evans so that the Community's views are not disregarded.																									
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	<p>All payments were <b>APPROVED.</b></p> <p><b>b) To consider the two quotes for the Rugby posts and sources of labour for installation:</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> that the second least expensive quote was more preferable and the Chair will speak to Glynn Thomas to find out the name of the supplier as this was omitted from the paperwork.</p> <p><b>c) To consider the grant application from the Tea and chat rota for £200.</b> The grant was <b>APPROVED.</b></p>	CP  CP/GJ/EM/Clerk																								

	<b>d) To note the bank balances:</b> Reserves: £8674.12 Current Account: £27,767.39	
19062023/08	<p><b>8. To consider matters arising from the previous meeting:</b></p> <p><b>i) An update on the logo contest:</b> This is no longer going ahead. A suggestion was made to use the current logo used elsewhere however copyright permission must be granted.</p> <p><b>ii) An update on the maintenance of the Henry Vaughan trail signs and poetry boards:</b> Cllr Chapman had carried out an inspection and suggested the Council would be looking at a cost around £450 for someone to carry out the work. The condition of the Orchard Trail is a cause for concern and it was suggested that this could be something the Woodland Group could take on.</p> <p><b>iii) An update on the defibrillator training:</b> Carry forward to July.</p> <p><b>iv) To note postponement of the meeting to discuss the Place Plan and reschedule during the evening:</b> The Clerk to liaise with Councillors for a suitable date.</p> <p><b>v) To receive an update on the new paving slabs for the entrance to the play equipment:</b> Quotes need the Chairman to obtain.</p> <p><b>vi) To receive a update on the insurance claim:</b> Follow up with Cllr Moorman for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>HC/CP/GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>CP</p> <p>EM</p>
19062023/09	<p><b>9. Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>i) To receive the banking correspondence and to note the request to remove Glyn Thomas and Craig Burdon from the banking mandate:</b> Clerk to action.</p> <p><b>ii) To note the request to Electoral services for an election to fill the three Councillor vacancies:</b> The election notice had been receive and the election will be called tomorrow (20<sup>th</sup> June 2023), all interested parties are to contact Electoral Services at Powys County Council.</p> <p><b>iii) Green Gen development – 17/5/2023</b></p> <p><b>iv) One Voice Wales – quarterly newsletter Ombudsman Wales 25/5/2023</b></p> <p><b>v) Climate Change bulletin 25/5/2023</b></p> <p><b>vi) Social Value Forum development fund 2/6/2023</b></p> <p><b>vii) Janet Richards – Freedom of Information Request 5/6/2023</b></p> <p><b>viii) One Voice Wales – 20mph zones – 6/6/2023</b></p> <p><b>ix) James Powell Welsh Audit 6/6/2023 – queries</b></p>	

	<p>x) <b>Craig Burdon – minutes and meetings queries – 6/6/2023</b> – It was <b>AGREED</b> to amend the April minutes for accuracy.</p> <p>xi) <b>Craig Burdon – email to Highways England – new bridge safety concerns.</b></p> <p>xii) <b>One Voice Wales – Additional paper for Brecon and Radnor Area Committee 14/6/2023</b></p> <p>xiii) <b>One Voice Wales – Meeting Community needs event 12<sup>th</sup> July – 8/6/2023</b></p> <p>xiv) <b>Tram Road/dog fouling and fly tipping complaint – 8/6/2023</b> – Cllr Gareth Radcliffe to chase complaint already made to Powys County Council.</p> <p>xv) <b>Register of Interests query – Mr W Hamill-Keyes 20/6/2023.</b></p>	
19062023/10	<b>10. To receive an update on the Bio-diversity plan:</b> To follow up at the next meeting – Cllr Moorman	EM
19062023/11	<b>11. To receive an update on the Henderson Hall Pump Track:</b> Clerk to circulate new drawings.	Clerk/EM
19062023/12	<b>12. To receive an update on drainage matters at Canol Pentre:</b> Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe to progress with Powys County Council.	GR
19062023/13	<b>13. To consider Canal matters:</b> The water temperature has risen and oxygen levels have decreased. Some dead fish have been seen floating on the surface.	
19062023/14	<b>14. To consider the Henderson Hall Public Toilets report:</b> The report was debated and concerns surrounding the health and safety and costs involved considered. The toilets are essential infrastructure to support tourism in the area and questions were asked surrounding funding and grants and whether the Community Council should have to finance the costs from its precept. The Chairman to take the matter forward and liaise with Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe and to consider the funding of the toilets from the hire of the field.	CP/GR
19062023/15	<b>15. To consider the Health and Safety playground inspection rota:</b> The Clerk to circulate the rota to Councillors who will divide the inspection up between themselves.	Clerk
19062023/16	<b>16. To consider matters relating to Highways and Rural Roads:</b> Cllrs can contact Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe with any issues going forward.	
1906202/17	<b>17. To consider matters relating to planning:</b> the date for comments had passed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the power be delegated to the Clerk to comment on planning applications on the council's behalf between meetings after consulting with them via a group	Clerk/CP

	discussion using email. The Clerk to ask Cllr Ratcliffe for a copy of the pro forma used by Hay Town Council. The Chairman is to write to the Chief Executive of the National Parks Planning Committee to request that planning applications in respect of Gilestone Farm are put before a planning committee in place of a planning officer as advised by Cllr Ratcliffe.	
19062023/18	<b>18. To consider the Complaints/Vexatious Complaints policies and amendments to standing orders:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to adopt and upload the new policies to the website for immediate implementation. The Model Local Resolution policy was <b>APPROVED</b> for inclusion in the Standing orders.	Clerk
19062023/19	<b>19. Date of next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 17.45pm</b>	
19062023/20	<b>20. Meeting closes</b> and Councillors <b>RESOLVED</b> to enter into a confidential session – members of the public were asked to vacate the hall.	
	Meeting closed at 22.10pm	