**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 15th February 2021**

**The meeting was held as a Zoom Meeting commencing at 7.15pm**

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| **ITEM NO** | | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **1** | | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. C Burdon( Chair), R Jones ( Vice-Chair).  F Morris, C Parry, S Baldwin, J Short, G Thomas, D Newberry and G James.  Also, in attendance County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | | **Apologies for absence**  None |  |
| **2** | | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | | Minutes of the 18th January 2021 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | | **Matters Arising**  1. Mole Hills on the playing field continues to be an issue. Cllr Burdon to visit the site and determine next steps.   1. Trees issues at Station Road to remain on agenda under Highways Matters. 2. Henderson Hall Notice Board has been relocated. 3. Bus Shelter/Woodland Group   Clerk has sent an email to the Woodland Group to ask if they would be interested in maintaining the area around the bus shelter. Email to be resent to Cllr Fitzpatrick. | Clerk |
| **5** | | **Correspondence**   1. Email received from Sandra Briskham concerning the extraordinary litter picking efforts of a resident. Community Council to send a letter of thanks. 2. Email from Sandra Briskham requesting Permission for Scouts to access Henry Vaughn Gardens to set up cameras for a project to capture wildlife. Permission Granted. 3. Flooding at White Hart from Owen Cartwright. A number of partners have been involved with the issue. A meeting of professional partners needs to be reconvened to find a solution. Chair and Cllr Fitzpatrick to also be in attendance. Letter to be drafted to invite the CEOs of the professional partners. 4. Invitation to attend OVW area committee meeting. The Delegates, Cllrs Burdon and James to attend a virtual Star Leaf meeting on the 23rd February 2021. 5. Ellen Wood of Limitless Trails forwarded an update on 2021 dates. Noted. 6. Correspondence from the Welsh Ambulance Service, inviting the Community Council to register its 3 defibrillators where they will monitor the equipment and replace free of charge batteries and paddles when required. All defibrillators have now been registered. 7. NRW - Tree felling license. Prior notice received with reference to the felling of 3 oak trees between Talybont Village and Crossoaks. | Clerk    Clerk  Chair/Clerk |
| **6** | | **National Parks Authority Matters**  Enforcement case ENF/20/02145/ODP2- Update on Station Road Outdoor Pursuit Centre.  Correspondence received informing the Community Council that National Parks are awaiting a response from NRW who are assessing the impact on the works carried out through a consultation and would update us further when it was received. Councillors raised concerns on the reference in the planning application to a previously granted Certificate of Lawfulness pertaining to camping at the site. It was agreed to request a copy of this document. | Clerk |
| **7** | | **Canal Matters**  Hanna Booth has indicated the removal of the poo bin close to the White Hart was justified as there are other poo bins in close proximity, however if a volunteer could be found to empty the poo bin it could be reinstated. Clerk to contact Jo Lancey to establish the procedure for disposing of full bins.  Welsh Government has responded concerning C&RT, the response was helpful however it appears that the C&RT are waiting on the Highways Departments to contact them to progress the situation. A resolution as yet to be found therefore a further site meeting with professional partners and Community Councilors to be arranged. See agenda item 5 under correspondence. | Clerk |
| **8** | | **Wild Flowers**  Cllr Baldwin reported that a resident had approached him to discuss the possibility of planting wildflowers on areas surrounding the playing field and the Orchard Trail, which would be dependent on securing funding. Councillors were in principle, fully supportive of the idea. Cllr Baldwin to progress the scheme with Brecknock Wildlife Trust. | Cllr Baldwin |
| **9** | | **Scethrog Issues**  Cllr Newberry highlighted a number of problems with uneven road surfaces ,poor drainage and broken pipes. Cllr Fitzgerald to contact Lyn Parry to arrange a site visit with himself and Cllr Newberry. | Cllr Fitzpatrick |
| **10** | | **Highway Matters**  **Mobile Speed Units**  A policy paper around Community Owned Signs had been received from Jo Lancey. Following an in-depth discussion, it was felt the policy did not answer the questions originally raised concerning the sighting of Mobile Speed Units. Clerk to contact Highways to arrange a site meeting to resolve outstanding issues.  **Road Drain outside White Hart**  Lyn Parry of the Highways Department organised the work needed on the road drain however it was not clear if root cutting had taken place. Cllr Fitzpatrick to raise with Lyn Parry. | Clerk  Cllr Fitzpatrick |
| **11** | | **County Councillors Report**  Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that following opposition led by himself and supported by others Powys County Council has revised its proposal of a tax increase to a lower rate of 1.9%, which is still being debated.  On the Covid front, Cllr Fitzpatrick has put forward PCSO Billy Dunne for a commendation to the Police and Crime Commissioner for his exceptional work within the Community. |  |
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| **12** | | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Application 20/19417/FUL ,- Talybont Outdoor Pursuits Centre. This being a Re-Consultation, observations and objections had previously been lodged with National Parks Planning Department, however it was agreed to re-iterate our concerns of the claims of an original campsite on the land and to clarify what was meant by a certificate of lawfulness. | Clerk |
| **13** | | **Community Council Assets**  **a**. Play equipment – All reports were completed and up to date. -  It was also agreed to purchase a strimmer for the caretakers use. Cllr Short to forward quotes to Cllr Thomas.  **b.**Bucket Swing rubber bumper in need of repair. Playdale has provided four quotes ranging from repair to new equipment. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr James would investigate if a repair could be carried out and monitor the situation going forward.  **c.** Flooding Issues- Cllr Thomas has arranged quotes from the contractors concerned. Cllrs Thomas and Short to meet with Foley Contractors at 10.30am Wednesday 17th February to determine the necessary repair works to the MUGA. When the quotes are received the clerk will pursue an insurance claim.  **d.** Grass Cutting Contract.  Four Companies were approached to tender for the contract. One quotation was received from Steve Morris. After discussion it was agreed to award the contract to Steve Morris. Clerk to send letter of appointment. | Cllr. Short  Cllr. Thomas  Cllr. James    Cllr. Thomas  Cllr Short  Clerk |
| **14** | **Church Yards Grant Proposal**  Discussions around the legality of funding a grant for the upkeep of Church Yards took place . The Community Council recorded it was mindful of the content of a paper on Law and Religion UK and would not proceed with the proposal at this time. | |  |
| **13** | **Finance**  a. Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting.  b. Budget Update  no update to report  c. Invoices and payments for approval –  Pavo – Quarter 3 payroll services  Bobbins- Printing Talybont Matters  R Abrams- Editing Talybont Matters  All were approved. | |  |

**Date of next meeting 15th March 2021**

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