**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 17th January 2022**

**The meeting was held at Henderson Hall and via Zoom commencing at 7.15pm**

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
|  | Prior to the meeting the Chair welcomed Alistair Mackown to the meeting to talk about Gigabit Broadband. Alistair explained that projects were ongoing in neighbouring Community Councils to install superfast broadband using a voucher scheme entirely funded by the UK and Welsh Governments. All questions were answered with a decision to be made further on in the agenda. The Chair thanked Alistair for his comprehensive explanation . |  |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. C Burdon( Chair), R Jones ( Vice-Chair),  G Thomas, D Newberry, J Short, S Baldwin, F Morris G James and C Parry.  Also, in attendance County Councillor L.Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  None |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 15th November 2021 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**   1. The Bucket Swing has been repaired and will be installed by Cllrs. James and Short. 2. The Resident Only Parking Sign had been attached to a lamp post in Canol Pentre. 3. Linda Windham asked for permission to plant wildflowers around Talybont bus shelter. Having contacted Powys CC, the Canal & River Trust and Land Registry ,the Community Council failed to establish ownership of the land. It was therefore agreed to give permission to plant wildflowers. Clerk to inform Linda Windham. 4. The people counter had been located and is now in the care of the Chair. 5. Chair attended a meeting with the MP and the Landlord of the White Hart to discuss outstanding issues concerning the River Trust. Awaiting an update from Fay Jones MP, the Landlord will follow this up. 6. Cllr Parry has sourced new signage, which was a recommendation from Wicksteed Inspection Report, to be collected and erected. 7. The old climbing frame will be dismantled and disposed of by Cllr Short. 8. Clerk reported that an electrician from the Streetlighting Department would be out to repair the lights not working at the junction at Station Road on the 20th January 2022 | Cllrs. James/Short        Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**  Royal Platinum Jubilee.  It was agreed to consult with the Henderson Hall Committee to look at a way forward. Clerk to arrange a joint meeting and invite Ceri Bevan and other interested parties. Agenda for discussion at the February meeting.  Correspondence from Sandra Briskham concerning fallen trees on Station Road.  Following a discussion, it was agreed to contact the landowner, Simon Harpur, and Powys CC to establish if the trees had been inspected and are in a safe condition. | Clerk  Clerk |
| **6**  7. | **Gigabit Broadband**  Following the presentation on the scheme for gigabit Broadband at the beginning of the meeting it was agreed to support the initiative.  Alastair to be asked if he could right an article for Talybont Matters and also design a leaflet for distribution to the community.  It was agreed to also use Social media to advertise the scheme.  **National Parks Authority Matters**  With reference to the Certificate of Lawfulness granted the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, the Clerk reported that she had sought advice from an independent planning advisor who specialised in planning disputes of this nature.The advice was to complete a Statutory Declaration stating that the conditions for granting the Certificate of Lawfulness we untrue and that the land was never used as stated. The declaration then has to be witnessed by a solicitor. The Statutory Declaration would need to be accompanied by the Plan of the area. Three other declaration from residents would be helpful.  Cllr Thomas confirmed he had three residents happy to complete the Statutory Declaration.  Clerk to forward the link to the Chair and Cllr Thomas .  The clerk had informed the Nation Parks that dependent on advice received it would pursue a Statutory Declaration.  Councillors agreed to pursue the Statutory Declaration.  It was also agreed to write to the MS and MP to ask for a meeting to discuss this issue.  The Clerk will respond to the BBNP stating that the Community Council will be submitting statutory declarations. | Cllrs Morris and Jones to post on social media.  Clerk to contact Alastair      Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Flooding Incident December 2020.  Lisa Hicks, the loss adjusters for the River Trust, had emailed to ask who had replaced the broken trash grid, following the flood. Clerk responded with Powys County Council Highways Department. Awaiting a response.  This issue had been in progress for over a year. Talybont Community Council have followed due diligence with its own insurers, Powys County Council and the River Trust. Contact AM and MP for a meeting to discuss this issue along with the National Parks Certificate of Lawfulness issue | Clerk |
| 9 | **Highway Matters**  Mobile Speed Units  Both units received and are stored in Henderson Hall. Clerk has placed a purchase order with Lyn Parry for the units to be installed. No reply received, Cllr Fitzpatrick to follow up.  Road Resurfacing at Scethrog  Cllr Newberry reported that due to a number of potholes he requested the road be resurfaced and is awaiting a response from Highways Department. Cllr Fitzpatrick to follow up. | Cllr Fitzpatrick  Cllr Fitzpatrick |
| **10** | **County Councillors Report**  Cllr Fitzpatrick has raised issues with the River Trust concerning the back wall at the Star. Despite the very good settlement from The Welsh Government, Powys County Council are proposing a Council Tax increase of 3.9%.Over the past three years there has been a 300% increase in the cost of Children’s Services. |  |
| **11** | **Applicatins for Planning Consent**  No applications received. |  |
| **12**  13 | **Brecon Hunt**  Cllr Parry had received several complaints from residents of Aber concerning the drag hunt which had caused mayhem throughout the village with traffic, parking, dogs, horses, and quad bikes.  Following debate, it was agreed that Cllr Parry would contact the Field Owner which the hunt had used as a base.  **Community Council Assets**   1. Play equipment – All Councillors and the Caretaker have carried out their inspections and forwarded their reports. Trim Trail in poor condition and to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting 2. Flood Lighting at the MUGA- Cllr Thomas reported the application for funding was successful. Many thanks to Ceri Bevan and Clare Wright for working on the application. Clerk to place order for floodlights. | Cllr Parry      Clerk |
| **14** | **Finance**  **a.** Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting.    **b.** Precept Setting  Cllr Thomas took the meeting through the 2022/23 budget, line by line. It was agreed to include £500 for election costs bearing in mind election costs had been budgeted in previous years and held in reserves, however, should it not be required, the following years Precept would be reduced by that sum. It was also agreed to increase ground maintenance by £1600 to £3400 to cover flood damage at the MUGA. A sum of £500 for Councillor expenses was also included, with a further £240 for increases in expenditure. The budget was unanimously agreed with a Precept of £17140. Clerk to forward the Precept request to Powys County Council before the deadline of 31st January 2022  **c**. Invoices and payments for approval  TWM – Mobile Speed Units-£5791.64  SLCC - Clerk Training - £72  Sign Brackets- resident parking-£11.70  Signs & Labels - £77.30  All payments were approved.  **d.** Clerks Salary  The Committee discussed the Clerks salary in the absence of the Clerk  It was agreed to progress the salary to pay point 7 on the salary scale. |  |
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**Date of next meeting 21st February 7.15pm Hybrid meeting at Henderson Hall**