**Has previously TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 21st February 2022**

**at Henderson Hall and via Zoom commencing at 7.15pm**

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. C Burdon( Chair), G Thomas, D Newberry, J Short, S Baldwin, F Morris and G James.  Also, in attendance County Councillor L.Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllrs C. Parry and R. Jones |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 17th January 2022 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**   1. The Bucket Swing has been installed by Cllrs. James. 2. No action from the MP concerning matters discussed by the Landlord of the Whitehart. 3. The old climbing frame has been dismantled and disposed of by JL Stephens. 4. Response from the field owners where the Brecon Hunt had taken place, which led to complaints, stated they had no knowledge of the Hunt and would not have provided consent. |  |
| **5** | **Correspondence**  Llangattock Community Council had received an All Wales Play Opportunities Grant to purchase an outdoor table tennis table, unfortunately that grant scheme is now closed, however there should be another round for applications in the next financial year. Clerk to monitor. | Clerk |
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| **6** | **Gigabit Broadband**  Alastair designed a leaflet for distribution to the community, along with frequently asked questions. It was agreed that before any further action is taken concerning the initiative the Clerk would ascertain if the scheme would be extended beyond 31st March 2022. Clerk to contact the Welsh Government concerning the scheme, and Powys County Council to establish if they have replaced their digital inclusion officer. | Clerk |
| **7.** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  Freedom of information request of the 20th December has not been acceptable answered in the opinion of the Community Council, Chair will draft a letter to Catherine Mealing- Jones, CEO of BBNP.  With reference to the Certificate of Lawfulness granted to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, 3 Statutory Declarations have been lodged with and acknowledged by the National Parks. This issue to be pursued with Members of the Senedd, James Evans and Jane Dodds at a meeting in Henderson Hall on the 11th March 2022. It was also agreed to invite the Chair of National Parks Board, Cllr. Ratcliffe to the 11th March meeting. A list of agreed questions to be drawn up to ensure all issues will be addressed.  It was reported by Cllr. Thomas that a number of railway sleepers and tracks had been delivered to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre. | Chair  Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Flooding Incident December 2020.  Despite chasing up Lisa Hicks, the loss adjusters for the River Trust for an update on two occasions in both January and February 2022, no response has been received.  This will be brought up at the March meeting with Members of the Senedd.  Star Wall and Erosion from the River.  Cllr. Short reported that there is potential for an erosion of the Star Wall as the river is undermining the aqua duct, also ownership of the wall needs to be established. Cllr. Short to speak with the owner of the Star to check his deeds to establish if the wall on his property. | Cllr Short |
| 9 | **Highway Matters**  Mobile Speed Units  Both speed units have been purchased 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 has previously followed this up with Highways Department and will follow up again.  Unstable Trees on Station Road  A letter has been sent to the landowner expressing concern that further trees have fallen at Station Road and asking again for reassurances that trees on his land running along Station Road at Talybont-on-Usk are inspected and if he could confirm the trees are in a safe condition. A copy of this letter has also been lodged with the Highways Department. | Cllr Fitzpatrick |
| **10** | **County Councillors Report**  Despite the very good settlement from The Welsh Government, Powys County Council are proposing a Council Tax increase of 3.9%. |  |
| **11** | **Applicatins for Planning Consent**  22/20714/DISCON-Llanddetty Hall Farm- Noted  22/20715/DISCON-Llanddetty Hall Farm - Noted |  |
| 12 | **Jubilee Wood**  Cllr. Baldwin and Mike Wright had been approached by Andrew and Sue Large with a proposal to establish a Jubilee Wood on their land as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy. Cllr. Baldwin explained the proposal which was discussed by the meeting, and it was unanimously agreed to support the project. Clerk to inform Andrew Large of the Community Councils support and also copy in the Jubilee Work Group. | Clerk |
| 13 | **Jubilee Bench**  A Platinum Jubilee Bench to be ordered on behalf of the Jubilee Work Group. An application for funding has been made to the All Wales Awards Grant to cover the costs. Should the application be unsuccessful it was agreed the Community Council would fund the bench. It is anticipated the bench would be sited on the canal tow path between Talybont and Pencelli Villages. |  |
| 14 | **Election Process**  Community Council elections will take place on the 5th May, the Clerk explained she would be attending a meeting with Powys on the 22nd February and would inform Councillors when further information is available. | Clerk |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play equipment –Councillors and the Caretaker have carried out their scheduled inspections and forwarded their reports. A further schedule to be distributed. 2. Flood Lighting at the MUGA- JL Stephens to install posts to hold the Floodlights. 3. Tennis Courts- Moss and Repair – JL Stephens to supply quote for repairs, this work will not compromise the work required following the flood. 4. Fence around the Childs Playground –   A report was received stating a child had slipped and cut his leg on barbed wire at the bottom of the playground. Fortunately, he had not been seriously injured. The following morning the barbed wire had been boxed in by JL Stephens to remove immediate risk. It was agreed to get quotes to replace and extend the picket fence around the boundaries of the playground, as the picket fence was also in need of repair. Chair to liaise with Clerk over list of contractors to approach for quotes. | Clerk      Chair/Clerk |
| **16** | **Finance**  **a.** Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting  **b.** Invoices and payments for approval  Pavo-Payroll Services £35,  K.Bender- Website Subscription £57.02,  Bobbins- Printing Talybont Matters £137.50, R.Abraham- Talybont Matters £25,  JL Stephens – Play Area Fence £293.13 and  Removal of Basketball Frame- £331.52  All payments were approved.  The clerk was asked to contact Richard Abraham to thank him for his continued support.  **c.** Clerks Salary  The Chair to circulate a proposal with reference to the Clerks salary | Clerk  Chair |
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**Date of next meeting 21st March 2022 at 7.15pm Hybrid meeting at Henderson Hall**