**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 21st November 2022**

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

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllr. S Baldwin ( Chair), C Burdon , R. Jones, E.Moorman, , J Short ,G Thomas, C Parry and G. James.  Also, in attendance Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Councillor G. James and County Councillor A. Cartwright |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | **Approve minutes of the 17th October 2022**  The minutes of the 17th October 2022 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**  There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda |  |
| **4.1** | **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November as a true record**  With the inclusion of the Cwningar limited Company, along with the inclusion of up to 3 gatherings of between 1-3 thousand attendees per year, tree planting and White Labeling, the minutes of the 17th November 2022 were accepted as a true record. Minutes to be amended and forwarded to attendees of the meeting of the 17th November and also posted on the website and the Community Councils Facebook page. | Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**  No Correspondence received. |  |
| **6** | **Gilestone Farm, Report from meeting 17/11/22 with Welsh Government Officials**  Councillors discussed the next steps from the meeting of the 17th November 2022  Following questions from the public the Chair clarified that it was the Community Councils understanding that the Welsh Government would make a decision by Christmas to determine whether it would continue to move ahead with Green Man. Should this be the case the Welsh Government will then investigate all issues attached to the business plan. The Chair also confirmed that Charles Weston, the current tenant, holds the commercial lease until October 2023.    It was agreed to contact the Welsh Government to set a date for its next meeting.  The Community Council has written to the Minister of Economy concerning its plans for the Orchard Walk following the purchase of Gilestone Farm. Response below:-  I can confirm there are no plans under discussion to rescind this informal use of the area. The use of the Orchard Walk was agreed via an informal permission with the previous owner and has been agreed to continue under the Welsh Government ownership of the site. | Clerk |
| **7** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  Certificate of Lawfulness- 20/18986/CPE, . Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Station Road.  BBNP have finally responded stating that having assessed the information received from third parties the Local Planning Authority has concluded on the basis of evidence received ,there are no grounds to revoke the Certificate of Lawfulness.  When asked for its appeal process the Community Council were informed there is no right of appeal against the decision.  The Clerk will lodge a complaint though BBNP Complaints Process and also write to the Welsh Governments Minister of Climate Change. The BBNP has Three Welsh Government appointed members on its Board, and receives two thirds of its funding from the Welsh Government. It is the Community Councils view that BBNP should be answerable in some way to the Welsh Government.  A response has been received to the Community Councils  request to be involved with the development of its place planning policy. It states BBNP would be happy to arrange an initial session to look at place planning. Clerk to follow up.  Following the meeting with the Community Council, BBNP and Welsh Government the Clerk to arrange a follow-up meeting with BBNP for February 2023. | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**    The Canal and River Trust have not responded to the Community Councils repeated requests for the decision from its Loss Adjusters concerning the Flooding of the Tennis Courts in December 2020. Clerk to contact Hannah Booth and Mark Evans to pursue as a matter of urgency.  Tow Path Safety at Ashford Tunnel, no action as yet.  Clerk to send original report to Jane Dodds to inform her of the actions that have not been dealt with.  Correspondence from Cassie Ward of the C&RT asking if the Community Council wanted to continue with its adoption of the Canal, the clerk has responded that it does, further information to be forwarded from the C&RT.  The next meeting with the C&RT will be scheduled for the end of March 2023. . | Clerk    Clerk |
| **9** | **Highway Matters**  Councillors discussed a community plan for double yellow lines and traffic management measures throughout the area. The initial thoughts for double yellow lines, were one Station Road at the junction at Maesmawr Close and close to the junction towards the village, also at the entrance to Penpentre. Plan to be further developed at the January Meeting.  Councillors stated the Mobile Speed Units had been successful and agreed to move the one sited at the entrance of the village to Station Road. | Cllr Short and Burdon |
| **10** | **County Councillor Report**  County Councillor was unable to attend the meeting.  Cllr Cartwright has forwarded Cllrs Radcliffs details should the Community Council need assistance on any issues involving Powys County Council. |  |
| **11** | **Applicatins for Planning Consent**  Applications 22/21440/FUL plus 22/21441/LCB Buckland Hall – restoration of Coach House, Stables and Smoke House along with the creation of an indoor/outdoor swimming pool. There were no objections/ observations.  Application 2/21216/FUL – Installation of 30M tower at Taft Fechan Forest. Clerk to seek assurance from BBNP that there will be no adverse visual impact as this is an area of high tourism. | Clerk |
| **12** | **Community Council Training Plans**  It was agreed to defer to the January meeting. |  |
| **13** | **Appointment of Vice-Chair**  The Chair will not be available for the January Meeting and it was agreed to appoint a Vice-Chair. Cllr Burdon was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair until Cllr Fiona Morris return from her sabbatical. |  |
| **14** | **Update on Website and Facebook Page - Cllr Moorman**  All technical information has been updated on the website .  The facebook page has gone live with a privacy policy in place. |  |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. **Play equipment** –Councillors and the Caretaker have carried out their scheduled inspections and forwarded their reports. Councillors to reposition the slabs to the new entrance. Plastic covers to be attached to the screws on the Bucket Seat. 2. **Tennis Courts –** Folly Contractors have not carried out the repairs, Clerk to Contact Folly for an explanation. 3. **Playing Field Fence.-** Alan Taylor has completed the renewal of the fence and all commentated on the excellent quality of the work. 4. Flood lighting , it was reported the lights were on constantly. It was also reported that a group of young people could not use the courts because the lights could not be turned on. Cllrs Thomas and Short to deal with this issue. | Cllrs Baldwin & Short  Cllr Short    Cllrs Thomas & Short |
| **16** | **Finance**  **a.** Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting  **b.** Invoices and Payments for Approval  Bobbins- Printing Talybont Matters- £151.25  R Abram – Talybont Matters - £25  Pavo – Payroll Services -£35  Taylor Fencing – Payground Fence - £6200  All invoices were approved for payment. |  |

**Date of next Ordinary Meeting 16th January 2022**

**At Henderson Hall commencing at 7.15pm as a hybrid meeting**