**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**Draft minutes for meeting held on 21st September 2022**

**at Henderson Hall and via Zoom**

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
|  | Prior to the meeting a minute silence was observed for the death of the HRH Queen Elizabeth 11 |  |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllr. S Baldwin ( Chair), C Burdon , R. Jones, E.Moorman, F. Morris, J Short ,G Thomas and G. James.  Also, in attendance Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllr C. Parry and County Councillor A. Cartwright |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr F Morris Item 6 , request for a sabbatical & Item 12 Gilestone Farm along with any matters arising referring to Gilestone Farm. |  |
| **3** | **Approve minutes of the 18th July 2022**  The minutes of the 18th July 2022 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising from 18th July 2022**  The Laptop had been purchased, software installed, Cllr Moorman on hand for advice.  Cllr Moorman reported the Community Council Facebook Page is ready to launch and asked if Councillors were happy for this to take place, all agreed.  Clerk to agenda demonstration of the revamped website for October meeting. | Cllr. Moorman  Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**  Richard Abrams has informed the Community Council he has a replacement as editor for Talybont Matters, David MacDonald, and askes the Community Council to endorse his recommendation. The Community Council were more than happy to endorse David MacDonald as the new editor. Clerk to inform Richard Abrams..  False Acacia in Henderson Hall Grounds- Bev Lewis.It was reported a False Acacia tree (*Robina pseudoacacia*) was growing in the Henderson Hall grounds down the bottom just past the outside exercise bike. Councillors agreed to cut down the tree.  A letter was sent to Brian Hanwell of NRW concerning the lack of hedge cutting and tree maintenance on the Brynore Tramroad, the response was “We have to prioritise this work, where the need is greatest. As far as the tramroad is concerned, our duty is to meet our statutory obligations, as defined by Powys County Council: As the tramroad is passable by members of the public on foot, cycle and horseback, we have not planned to carry out any flailing along the section adjoining the tenant farmer’s land this year but will keep this under review.”  Clerk to contact NRW to challenge this decision. | Clerk  Councillors  Clerk |
| **6** | **Request for a sabbatical from Cllr Fiona Morris**  Cllr Morris set out her reasons for the request and left the room. Following a discussion, it was agreed to support the request for up to six months.  Cllr Morris returned to the room and thanked Councillors for their support. |  |
| **7** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  It was reported the meeting with National Parks, MS’s, County Councillor and the Community Council on the 28th July 2022 was very successful.  The CEO, Catherine Mealing Jones has agreed a single point of contact for the Community Council , and an update concerning the investigation into the Certificate of Lawfulness granted to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre as soon as it is available. The CEO also agreed to future meetings with the Community Council.  The single point of contact has been identified as Sara Morgan.  An update from Sheila O’Brien on the Outdoor Pursuits Centre confirmed BBNP are awaiting the outcome of the investigation and also that a caravan site license had been granted by PCC to Karl Speed the owner of the Outdoor Pursuits Centre on the 27th April 2022, a copy of the licenses has been forwarded to the Community Council. Clerk to contact Sue Jones, senior licensing officer, to request a meeting to discuss the terms of the license. | Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  Following a further request to the CEO for an update from the loss adjusters insurance claim, no response has been received, however dates have been forwarded for the 6-monthly meeting. It was agreed the meeting will take place on the 10th October 2022. An agenda to be agreed to cover all outstanding issues.  Paul Kelly has informed the Community Council that the planned reline of the canal has been postponed by 12 months. Forwad copy of correspondence to all Councillors. Cllr Burdon asked that PCC Services are informed as it may have an impact on residents.  It was reported that the dog bin situated on the canal was broken, had not been emptied and was overflowing. To be reported to Collette Evans of Powys County Council, along with the photo taken by Cllr Burdon. Also to request a dog bin at the reservoir. | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| **9** | **Highway Matters**  Mobile Speed Units  Following a risk assessment, Cllrs Short, Thomas and Burdon to erect the Mobile Speed Units.  Request for double yellow lines on Station Road at the junction of Maesmawr Lane. Clerk to contact Jo Lancy for a site meeting to discuss | Cllrs Short, Thomas and Burdon    Clerk |
| **10** | **Gilestone Farm**-  Cllr F Morris left the room.  Update to 3rd letter to Welsh Government which included a request for a timeline and assurances the Orchard Walk would remain a Community Council asset.  An acknowledgement has been received to the letter. Still awaiting response.  Cllr Morris returned to the meeting. |  |
| **11** | **County Councillor Report**  Councillor Cartwright was not present to present her report. |  |
| **12** | **Applicatins for Planning Consent**  No applications received |  |
| **13** | **Henderson Hall Representative**.  Cllr Jones reported she had resigned from the Committee. It was agreed to defer to the October Meeting to discuss a representative or alternatively regular joint meetings. |  |
| **14** | **Removal of Recycling Facilities**  The Community Council had been informed due to financial constraints all public recycling facilities will be removed. Following a discussion, it was agreed to write to the Leader of the PCC and the Cabinet Member responsible for recycling facilities, to reconsider its position. | Cllr Cartwright  Clerk |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. **Play equipment** –Councillors and the Caretaker have carried out their scheduled inspections and forwarded their reports. 2. **Tennis Courts -** The Quote from Folly has been accepted. Cllr Thomas to organise. 3. **Playing Field Fence.-** Alan Taylor to commence renewing the fence around 13th October 2022. 4. **Jubilee Bench-** It was reported that the Jubilee Bench had been sited in the village in-front of the bungalows at Canol Pentre. | Cllr Thomas |
| **16** | **Finance**  **a.** Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting  **b.** Invoices and Payments for Approval  R.Abrams- Talybont Matters- £25.  Bobbins- Talybont Matters - £151.25  SBW Ground Maintenance- Grass Cutting - £180.00  PCC – Instalation of Ground Sockets- £3450.26  Pavo- Payroll Services-£35  K. Bender – Postage £6.85 & Refreshments £5.83  JL Stephens – Playing Field Storage Unit- £208.80  All invoices were approved for payment.  c. Audit Update.  It was reported the Community Council had been selected by the Wales Audit Team for a full audit, Clerk to forward supplementary documentation. | Clerk |
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**Date of next Ordinary Meeting 17th October 2022**

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