**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 18th January 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 16th November 2020 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | | **Matters Arising**     1. Following reports of further mole hills Clerk has contacted M&K Mole Patrol, who has reported a further 2 moles have been caught. 2. The Chair reported that Mr. Lyn Parry of the Highways Department had confirmed he has contacted the land owner and that Ash Dieback is now a County Council priority and will be moving the work through at pace. 3. Playground Rota to be circulate to Councillors. 4. Notice Board Henderson Hall, Cllr Fitzpatrick stated that PCC would move the Board and pay for it. 5. River trust has removed the poo bin near the White Hart, the Chair will write to Hannah Booth to ask the poo bin is reinstated 6. Community Christmas Competition, Cllr James gave a report stating there were 16 entries, which were judged by himself and Cllr Jones. All entries received a prize. All entries were posted on facebook on the Talybont Community Page and an article placed in Talybont Matters. 7. Community Council Grant Proposal referencing grants for church yards upkeep. Paper to be circulated and put on the February agenda. | Clerk  Chair    Clerk |
| **5** | | **Correspondence**   1. Kevin Hollins request for permission to hold a dog show at the Talybont Show. Permission granted. 2. Tree felling license response from NRW. It was felt that NRW were not clear of the area concerned. Cllr Thomas to pass on the grid reference to the Clerk who will contact NRW with the grid reference for the area concerned. 3. Response from NRW reference rubbish and waste entering Coity Bach stream. Response from Paul Dan and Ann Weedy stating they are going to monitor the situation. | Clerk  Cllr Thomas  Clerk |
| **6** | | **National Parks Authority Matters**  No matters reported. |  |
| **7** | | **Canal Matters**  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. Clerk to ask Lyn Parry for a progress report. | Clerk |
| **8** | | **Improved Signage for Youth Hostel**  Response from Danial Roberts of The Youth Hostel Association who has confirmed brown directional signage will be erected as soon as it is possible to do so. |  |
| **9** | | **County Councillors Report**  Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that Powys County Council had proposed an increase in council tax of 4.7%. Cllr Newberry was congratulated on his appointment to Crickhowel High School Governing Body, he will be a voice for local children. On the Covid front PCSO is continuing to provide a tremendous service. |  |
| **10** | | **Highway Matters**  **Mobile Speed Units**  The response from Jo Lancey was unclear Clerk to contact Highways Department for clarification and copy in Cllr Fitzpatrick.  **Road Drain outside White Hart**  A site meeting had taken place with all partners, Councillors and Lyn Parry of the Highways Department. Awaiting a written report from Lyn Parry, Clerk to contact Lyn Parry for an update. | Cllr Fitzpatrick Clerk  Clerk |
| **11** | | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Application 20/19302/LCB – The Tower Scethrog, repairs to roof and chimney. There were no observations or objections.  Application 20/19417/FUL ,- Talybont Outdoor Pursuits Centre. This application was discussed with Councillors expressing their concerns and objections to the application. Clerk to lodge objections and observations with National Parks Planning Department. | Clerk |
| **12** | | **Community Council Assets**  **a**. Play equipment – Reports All reports were completed and up to date. -  Caretaker has agreed to attend a strimming course, awaiting dates for March. It was also agreed to purchase a strimmer for the caretakers use. Cllr Short to investigate purchase of strimmer.  **b.**Bucket Swing rubber bumper in need of repair, Clerk has contacted PlayDale, awaiting response.  **c.** Flooding Issues- Councillor and Caretaker site meeting. Site meeting held to discuss actions following flooding of the paths and tennis courts. Cllr Thomas has arranged quotes from the contractors concerned. It has been established that if Powys County Council is not responsible then the Community Council insurers have stated a claim can be made through insurance. Cllr Morris to forward photos to Clerk that were taken of the flood damage. Awaiting response from PCC. Caretaker to close the tennis court affected and check storage container.  **d.** 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. Awaiting a response**.**  **e.** Caretaker has reported he has scrapped moss from the bus shelter roof. | Cllr Short      Cllr Thomas  Cllr Morris |
| **13** | **Finance**  a. Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting.  b. Audit Report  The Auditor for Wales has issued a qualified audit report. This means that it is not a clean report. The Clerk took the Councillors through the report line by line. An in-depth discussion followed. There were no financial issued raised, however there were two items of process that the Community Council will address. It was also agreed to contact the external Auditor expressing the Community Councils disappointment that a qualified report was issued on the process that had no effect on the financial management and viability of the Community Councils business.  c.Budget  The budget was presented to the Community Council and following a discussion on each item in the budget the Community Council unanimously accepted the proposed budget for year 2021/2022  d. Precept  Following the acceptance of the budget it was agreed by all to set the Precept at the same value as the previous year, that being £15,320.Precept form to be forwarded to Powys County Council.  e.Invoices and payments for approval –  Wales Audit Office  M&K Mole Patrol  All were approved. | | Clerk    Clerk |

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

**Venue to be agreed**