**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 20th July 2020**

**The meeting was held as a ZOOM Meeting commencing at 7.15 pm**

Captain Peris Morgan of the Royal Navy addressed the meeting at 7pm

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| **ITEM NO** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **Address by Captain Peris Morgan** | The chair welcomed Captain Morgan and invited him to address the meeting. Captain Morgan reported he would be in post for two years and was eager to work with and for the community over the coming years and is keen to be involved with the Community Council and local community groups. He has left an open letter of introduction at the village stores and also on community noticeboards. The chair thanked him for speaking with the Community Council and wished him well. |  |
| **1** | **In Attendance**  Cllrs. G James (Chair), C Burdon, D Newberry,  F Morris, C Parry, G Thomas, S Baldwin and R Jones  Also, in attendance Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllr J Short  County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick unable to log into Zoom |  |
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| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 15th June 2020 were accepted as a true record. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising**   1. The list of Landowners where events take place on their lands that impact on the village had been received from Mr Richard Tyler of National Parks office. Along with the list of event organisers, the clerk will contact all parties to set up a meeting when it is practicable to do so. In the short term the clerk will contact event organisers for prior notice of events taking place.   The Keep Wales application for the wildlife gardens Initiative that Cllr Morris was leading on had been unsuccessful because the panel had to give priority to applications located in areas of high deprivation with limited access to nature. The Chair thanked Cllr Morris for preparing the application.   1. Awaiting a response from Lyn Parry of Highways department concerning a Cross Oaks resident request for signs to identify the Hamlet of Cross Oaks. It has been established that Cross Oaks is shown on the ordinance survey maps. 2. Book Cases for the bus shelter had been donated and erected by Fiona Godsell and her family. The Chair and Councillors said it was a vast improvement and to forward their thanks. 3. No Further correspondence had been received from the National Parks in reference to the Community Councils request to call in planning application 19/17936 FUL. Clerk to contact National Parks Planning Department for an update. 4. Henderson Hall Chair has welcomed a request for an annual meeting which will be arranged as soon as possible. | Clerk |
| **5** | **Correspondence**   1. Letter from resident concerning speeding traffic through village. Cllr Baldwin also reported a serious incident at Pencelli concerning a speeding vehicle. After an in-depth discussion it was agreed to invite Jo Lancey of Powys County Council Highways Department along with Cllr Fitzpatrick to a site meeting to look into traffic calming measures. 2. Request to use the playing field for a wedding booking 22/5/21. Agreed. Clerk to inform and request a refundable deposit. 3. Letter from Captain Peris Roberts Royal Marines. Noted 4. Request for an article in Talybont Matters. Article to cover continued support due to Coronavirus, reopening of tennis court and reopening of the play area. Agreed. | Clerk      Clerk  Clerk |
| **6** | **One Voice Wales**  No Reports. |  |
| **7** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  a. The Enforcement complaint 20/20145/ODP3 registered with Brecon Beacons National Parks is still under investigation, awaiting official report.  b. Clerk to follow up with Ann Weedy of Natural Resources Wales the issue of rubbish and plastics in the Coity Bach Brook resulting in blocked culverts . | Clerk |
| **8** | **Canal Matters**  The Chair, Cllr Burdon and the Clerk had met with Hanna Booth, Manager of the Canal and River Trust for a walkabout to discuss the upkeep of the area around the aqueduct and other pressing issues.  Cllr Burdon reported debris on the canal bank - this has since been addressed. The state of bridge 143 and associated repaired needed - awaiting a response. The bank from the canal towards the Shop was overgrown- this has since been addressed. Ash Dieback on the canal banks will be looked into. The tree opposite the shop which youths were swinging from, Hanna Booth has asked that this is monitored before a decision is taken.  A second meeting with Hanna Booth and Alex Hampton along with Landlord of the White Hart, Councillor Fitzpatrick and Community Councillors had taken place to discuss the storm waters which came from the railway line and across the access track. The concerns were around flooding to the White Hart cellar and Powells Terrace. The outcome was that Cllr Fitzpatrick to escalate to the Regional Director of the Canal and River Trust to work in collaboration with Historic Railways to find a solution. Lyn Parry of the Powys CC Highways Department to also be informed. | Cllr Fitzpatrick |
| **9** | **Invasive Non-Native Species**  Correspondence had been received from Beverley Lewis of the National Parks explaining that she was the invasive non-native species co-ordinator and tasked to tackle this growing problem. After much discussions it was agreed to invite her to a future meeting. | Clerk |
| **10** | **Coronavirus Community Support Update**  The Clerk reported calls for support continued to fall, with most residents venturing out where they were able. Support is still available for those who require it. |  |
| **11** | **County Councillors Report**  As Councillor Fitzpatrick was not able to join the meeting an email requesting an update on actions will be forwarded to him. | Clerk |
| **12** | **Highway Matters**  Awaiting a response from Highways Department concerning Ash Dieback in trees on Station Road. Cllr. Thomas further reported that a large branch had fallen onto the road narrowly missing a cyclist. Clerk to inform Highways Department. Cllr Thomas to be included in further correspondence. | Clerk |
| **13** | **Consideration to hold an August Meeting.**  It was agreed to hold a meeting on the 17th August, in Henderson Hall observing social distancing guidelines. | Clerk |
| **14** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Application 20/18596/FUL- Cui Lodge and Application 20/18700/FUL- Nantgarw , were both discussed with no objections raised. |  |
| **15** | **Community Council Assets**   1. Play Equipment- 1. Reopening the play area. Following Welsh Governments announcement that play areas could be reopened from the 20th July, it was agreed to carry out a risk assessment and inspection of the play equipment, Councillors to meet at the play area on Wednesday the 22nd to decide on actions to be taken. 2. The Caretaker had carried out an inspection which included the MUGA and reported the basketball nets on the hoops were damaged. Situation to be monitored. 3. Table Courts Update. The tennis courts have been reopened with notices displaying guidelines to be followed along with the risk assessment attached to the MUGA fence. 4. Ground Maintenance – Following a concern raised by a local resident around the use of weed killer, advice received from Powys County Council confirmed that weed killer had not been banned by the County Council. | Cllrs to meet at play area 22/7/20 |
| **16** | **Finance**  a.  **V**AT update- Latest claim for a VAT refund has been made with no claims outstanding.  b. Audit Update-  The completed audit has been forwarded to the External Auditor, with the audit notice inviting the public to inspect the Community Council accounts posted, however the External Auditors has advised that due to Coronavirus there will be a delay in the report and the audit notice will have to be re-posted when the time is right. Awaiting further guidance.  c. Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting.  d. Invoices and payments for approval – J Hughes Internal Auditor, Henderson Hall 2019 Grant,. Clerks expenses for postage. All approved. |  |

Date of next meeting 17th August 2020 in Henderson Hall