**TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Talybont ar Wysg**

**MEETING HELD ON 16th November 2020**

**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 and G James.  Also, in attendance County Cllr. L Fitzpatrick and Mrs. K Bender (Clerk) |  |
| **1a** | **Apologies for absence**  Cllr. D Newberry |  |
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| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr. C Burdon Item 6 Notice Board |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the 19 October 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. Mr. Lyn Parry of the Highways Department is investigating with the land registry the identity of the land owner to enable a notice to be served concerning Ash Dieback in trees on Station Road. 3. Chair to write to the Minister of Rural Affairs expressing the Comminity Councils disappointment with their original response regarding the complaint made against the Canal and River Trust. 4. It was agreed to write to the complaints department of Natural Resources Wales regarding the lack of correspondence and engagement from Ann Weedy concerning the issue of rubbish and plastics in the Coity Bach Brook resulting in blocked culverts. 5. Peter Seaman has set up the Community Zoom Account, which is already being utalised by other community groups. 6. The police survey which was completed at the previous meeting had been forwarded. 7. The Playground Rota dates needs updating, Cllr Parry to update and circulate. 8. Permission form to use the playing fields to be forwarded to the Clerk 9. The Chair reported the Remembrance Sunday Service had taken place and that it was very respectful | Chair/Clerk  Chair |
| **5** | **Correspondence**   1. Henderson Hall Funding Request 2020/21. Formal request from Henderson Hall treasurer requesting payment of the annual grant of £1200, request agreed. 2. Ellen Wood – Limitless Trails 2021 Event Dates. Clerk had received the dates for future events from the event organizer. 3. Amanda Page – Community Orchard Request.   A request was received from the Black Mountains College to allow students from its horticulture course to visit the Community Orchard to practice their pruning skills. Following a discussion, it was agreed to decline the offer as The Orchard is a community project and maintained by a community group. Clerk to respond.   1. Lucy Hurn – Upkeep of family burial plot Llandetti Church. The clerk received correspondence from a family member asking for the minutes of the September meeting where this issue had been discussed. Clerk forwarded the minutes and received an apology from Mrs Hurn stating she had missed the minutes posted on the Community Councils website. | Noted  Clerk |
| **6** | **Safety Issue- Positioning of Henderson Hall Notice Board**  Concerns had been raised on grounds of road safety, regarding the positioning of the notice board when negotiating the junction at Penpentre as the Notice Board partially obscures the junction. Clerk to write to the Henderson Hall Committee Chair and also to highlight the Orchard sign has not been put back after it had been removed . | Clerk |
| **7** | **Henderson Hall Storyboard Project Christmas Event**  The Community Council received an invitation to attend the Christmas Event. The event is to celebrate the unveiling of the storyboard also to gain feedback on the project as part of the funding application process. Places are limited as a result of Covid restrictions, the Clerk to book 8 places for Saturday 12th December. | Clerk |
| **8** | **National Parks Authority Matters**  No matters reported. |  |
| **9** | **Canal Matters**  Complaints received of the dog poo bin at Bridge 143, which had not been emptied and was overflowing. Hanna Booth has contacted the White Hart to inquire the position . The Bin has since been empties. Clerk to request an update from Hanna Booth. | Clerk |
| **10** | **Road Drain outside White Hart Inn**  Cllr Fitzpatrick asked for the support of the Community Council to write to Lyn Parry of the Highways department requesting the drains be priorities the replacement of the drain. | Clerk |
| **11** | **County Councillors Report**  Go slow for all services within the authority along with outside agencies  Cllr Fitzpatrick congratulated Cllr Jones for the way Talybont Stores have looked after the community’s needs, also PCSO Billy Dunne for his help and assistance during these challenging times. |  |
| **12** | **Highway Matters**  Improved Signage for Youth Hostel  Cllr Parry has received a number of complaints from residents who are wary of people looking for the youth hostel during the hours of darkness.  The Hostel has to apply to the Welsh Government to erect further Brown signs.  Cllr Parry to write a letter to be sent to the Hostel advising them of the process to follow.  The marking of the bus stop on the tarmacadam surface has deteriorated rapidly since changes for improved disabled access were made at the end of last financial year.  This has previously been raised with Jo Lancey by Councillors at a village walk-about meeting.  Clerk to follow up with Jo Lancey. | Cllr Parry /Clerk  Clerk |
| **13** | **Mobile Speed Units**  Costings received from Jo Lancey of £2500 and £3000 for the purchase of a flashing mobile speed monitoring. It was agreed to purchase one unit. Clerk to write to Jo Lancey. | Clerk |
| **14** | **Hereford and Ludlow College – visiting the Village**  Canoeists on the river during England’s lockdown, Cllr Thomas asked that should this be repeated the College to be contacted.  Inform CPSO Billy Dunne that there was also a group from Bristol University. | Cllr Jones to contact PCSO Billy Dunne |
| **15** | **Applications for Planning Consent**  Decisions Notice 20/18844/FUL, Troed-y-Bryn Pencelli- Noted  Planning Application 20/19174/FUL, Malt House Talybont-on-Usk- Clerk to recirculate for comments | Clerk |
| **16** | **Community Christmas Competition**  Cllr James proposed a competition that the Community can get involved with, judged by Councillors and prizes awarded. Agreed .  Tourism Group intends to hold a Christmas draw for residents of the Community Council. They have asked permission from the Community Council to help identify winners. It was agreed the Clerk would inform the Tourism Group of the number of households in the Community and identify the properties of the winning numbers. | Cllr. James  Cllr. Jones  Clerk |
| **17** | **Covid and Community Business**  It was agreed to compile a list of local businesses to make the Community aware of the types of businesses they could access locally, with a flyer to be produced in the new year. Cllr James to speak with local businesses. | Cllr James |
| **18** | **Community Council Assets**  Play equipment – Reports All reports were completed and up to date. - revised list complied by Cllr Parry. Clerk to circulate to Councillors for them to populate the list  Caretaker to be contacted to ask if he would be prepared to attend a strimming course.  Bucket Swing rubber bumper in need of repair – check if it is covered under insurance. | Clerk    Clerk  Clerk |
| **19** | **Community Council Grant Proposal**  The Chair proposed a grant of £100 each to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the six Burial Grounds and Church Yards in the Community. Clerk to look into the legality of such a grant. | Clerk |
| **20** | **Finance**  a.Current Financial Position  Financial position was reported to the meeting.  b. Invoices and payments for approval –  Peter Seaman- Community Zoom Meetings  R Abrahms – Talybont Matters  Bobbins- Talybont Matters Printing  Steve Morris – Grass Cutting  Henderson Hall 2020/21 Grant  All were agreed.  c. Communications received from Powys County Council concerning the Precept Setting Process. A meeting of the Finance Committee will need to be arranged for January before the next meeting.  d. Talybont Matters hard copies ran out quickly from Talybont Stores. Clerk instructed to ask Richard Abrahms for a further print run. | Clerk  Clerk |

**Date of next meeting 18th January 2021**

**Venue to be agreed**