

## Talybont Community Forum 14/11/24

Transport group report.

The first topic discussed was bus services. All agreed that bus usage should be encouraged for local people and tourists alike. The group included several people who were regular bus users and all agreed that the service offered was suboptimal although in fairness a couple of people felt there had been some improvement.

The present service was not sufficiently reliable, all felt that smaller more frequent minibuses (rather than big single deckers ) would be more suited to our lanes. The connectivity of the service was poor and live updated information was not always available although the recent app worked as long as you have it on your smart phone. A bicycle carrying bus used to be available in the summer, all felt this should be available.

One local person with a disability felt more could be done in terms of support in this area. The issue of information came across most strongly, it was felt good live information on a bus shelter screen would improve usage.

The discussion moved to cars which seems to be most used mode of transport both by tourists and local people. The basic feelings were that in the summer there were too many of them and they go too fast. There was support to continue the existing 20 mph speed limit.

A good discussion around speed and the need for some physical measures to limit speed. It is understood that speed bumps are not popular with Powys Council but many local villages do have them, another alternative being measures to bring the road down to one lane, again these are present in other local villages. There was a strong feeling that some such measures were needed on Station road and possibly on the back roads coming into the village. It was mentioned that large peletons of bicycles can also speed through the village at considerable speed.

Parking was identified as a problem in the summer months in this group and by the tourism group. It has been discussed year on year as it gets worse. Some solution either by using the cattle market and/or increasing the parking capacity in the village hall is needed, possibly combined with increased ( and policed ) parking restrictions. There was a considerable interest in trying to reinvent the local cars previously purchased with money provided by Talybont Energy. It was felt that such transport might help people get to hospital or other appointments. This also featured in the health discussion. It was generally thought that a group might be convened to look at different models for such a transport system with a view to trying to obtain a grant. Such a system could be carbon friendly and might be more flexible than the current services.

### Action points

Both car parking and speed restricting measures were seen as important issues that really have not seen much progress in recent years. This needs addressing by Community Council in conjunction with Powys Highways .

Consider a working group to look again at possible models of community car usage.