

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,
WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH**

PRESENT: Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Mayor (In the Chair),
Cllr Pip Turner (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Jones, Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Z Argent,
Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Reid

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Lilly, Cllr C Voyle

IN ATTENDANCE: Jacqueline Wilding) For presentation at
Helen Roome) beginning of the
Helen Roderick, BBNPA Strategy Dept) meeting
Colin Jones– re the PCC - Pre- application Consultation – Tregunter Farm,
Talgarth LD3 0RA but took no part in the discussion
Mrs Josephine Rumsey - Town Clerk

**19/125 PRESENTATION BY JACQUI WILDING, HELEN ROOM (FORMER MEMBERS
OF THE TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP (TDRG) – TOWN**

PLAN UPDATE – Cllr W Powell, Mayor, welcomed Jacqueline Wilding and Helen Roome, both former members of the TDRG, who gave a presentation and an update of the position to date of the Talgarth Town Plan including the survey results. He also welcomed Helen Roderick, BBNPA, who had assisted the TDRG group with the Town Plan.

It was noted that the survey results may be useful to other groups in the town.

A hard copy of the presentation was circulated to Town Councillors in advance of the meeting. Documentation and a memory stick relating to the work, to date, on the Talgarth Town Plan was handed to the Town Council in order to develop the Town Plan, to become future BBNPA Supplementary Planning Guidance .

Noted Helen Roderick BBNPA had offered to continue her assistance in the future.

19/126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

- Cllr W Powell declared an interest re Planning Application 19/17431/FUL - Lower Genfford Bach, Talgarth and left the room when this item was being discussed.
- Cllr Z Argent declared an interest and left the room when the Talgarth Information & Resource Centre issue was being discussed.

19/127 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12 June 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12 June 2019 be adopted and accepted as a true record.

19/128 PLANNING MATTERS –

- 1. BBNPA - Planning Application 19/17474/FUL** - Replacement windows, door and shop front to front elevation. Application of render with painted finish to cover existing stone to front elevation. Address: Manchester House High Street Talgarth LD3 0PD
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.
- 2. BBNPA – Planning Application 19/17412/FUL** - Proposal: “Conversion of unused Community Room to single two bedroom residential unit for Social Housing Rental” - Address: 22 Woodlands Avenue, Talgarth, LD3 0AU
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.
- 3. BBNPA – Planning Application 19/17489/FUL** - Proposal: “Single-storey extension to side” - Address: 4 Upper Hospital Villas , Hospital Road, Talgarth LD3 0DT
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

4. **BBNPA – Planning Application 19/17498/FUL-** Proposal: “Extension to East elevation in form of single story sun-room
Replacement and enlargement of existing single story lean to Utility Room on South elevation
Replacement and enlargement of existing front porch on North elevation
Erection of a single story timber frame workshop to East of dwelling.” Address: Pentwyn, Hospital Road, Talgarth Powys LD3 0EE
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.
5. **BBNPA – Planning Application 19/17522/FUL -** Proposal: “Development of a single storey side extension” - Address: 1 Beacons View, Trefecca, Brecon LD3 0PW
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.
6. **BBNPA Planning Application 19/17431/FUL Proposal:** “Application for a single storey extension connecting two converted barns” - Address: Lower Genfford Bach , Talgarth, LD3 0EG – Noted Cllr W Powell declared an interest and left the room when this Planning Application was discussed and agreed. Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, took the meeting when this item in Cllr W Powell’s absence.
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.
7. **BBNPA – Planning Application 19/17570/FUL -** Proposal: “Toilet, shower and changing room block for ladies, girls, mini and junior rugby to avoid the dangers of crossing and re-crossing the adjacent A479 and attendant roads to Clubhouse” - Address: Gwernyfed Rugby Football Club , Trefecca Road, Talgarth LD3 0PL
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.
8. **BBNPA - ENF/18/01961/MCUP3 - Land East Of Former A479 S of Talgarth –** Update received from BBNPA Enforcement, stating that having traced the owner and asked him to clear the land BBNPA was first advised in March that the situation arose following due to personal reasons but that he was due to clear the land. Having chased this up in May, he told BBNPA that he has now found a place to put the materials and is slowly moving it from the land in question.
BBNPA did not see much progress of this at the time of their last visit in mid-June, however wish to assure us that they will be keeping an eye on it, and should the matter not be resolved voluntarily it would be expedient to take formal enforcement action.
9. **PCC - Pre-application Consultation – Tregunter Farm, Talgarth LD3 0RA –**
RESOLVED: To discuss and make comment when full application is received for consultation.
10. **PCC – APPEAL LETTER - APP/T6850/A/19/3230169 - Appeal By: Mr & Mrs Price, Maesgwyn, Trefecca, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0PW -** Proposed Development: Change of use, extension and conversion of double garage to create a 2 storey annexe.
Noted response received from PCC Rhys Evans in answer to our query of planning authority, stating that they have been investigating the issue with regard to the location of the property and it has come to light that the property is located within the Brecon Beacons National Park. They are not yet sure of the implications of this at present and will let us know of the action they will be taking as soon as a decision has been made.

19/129 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

Welsh Government - Received Written Statement: Non-Domestic Rates Relief for Public Lavatories. Clerk reported that she had sought information with PCC Council Tax Department as our Public Conveniences are grouped with the main Town Hall as a Rateable Value and been advised by PCC to contact the DV to ask for the Public Conveniences to be taken out of the main Town Hall Rateable Value and we should not have to pay rates on them.

PCC – DEVELOPMENT OF FORMER OLD SURGERY, COTTAGE LANE, TALGARTH – Request received from PCC for the Town Council’s views on the name of the development, either Great House Close, Great House Place or Great House Way.

RESOLVED – To request ‘Great House Close’.

BBNPA - Preferred Strategy – Information received from the BBNPA meeting in relation to the Preferred Strategy and Candidate Site Register. Noted the following:

Site put forward by Town Council and failed the first stage:

- De-commissioned Talgarth CP School Site, Back Lane, Talgarth

Sites put forward by Town Council and going to the second stage are:

- De-commissioned PCC Highways Depot, Hay Road, Talgarth
- Talgarth CP School Sports Field, Woodlands Ave, Talgarth
- Victorian Primary School, Back Lane, Talgarth

BBNPA - Rights of Way in and Around Talgarth – Update received from the Talgarth WAW group, confirming that several members of Talgarth Walkers are Welcome have agreed to look at rights of way in and around Talgarth in relation to the deadline in 2026 when, if a path is not on the definitive map, the right of way could be lost. Response received from Eifion Jones, BBNPA, confirming that the 2026 deadline has not been enacted in Wales. Whilst the legislation is still on the statute book the Welsh Government has also confirmed that it wishes to repeal the legislation in Wales. Also that the Welsh Government has put in place a process to look at this (as well as a range of other proposals) with recommendations being made to the Minister by March 2021. It has already consulted on the proposals. Based on this, Eifion Jones said that he would say there is no need for the Walkers are Welcome group to look at routes that would be affected by the 2026 deadline. However, he said it would be useful to know how many unregistered routes do exist and where they are located. Mr Jones forwarded digital copies of the Definitive Map and a hard copy for the file.

BBNPA – Received the following:-

- Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way, Friday, 28th June, 2019, 10.00 am
- Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Friday, 28th June, 2019, 10.00 am
- Agenda for National Park Authority, Tuesday, 25th June, 2019, 10.00 am

PUBLIC SECTOR MAPPING AGREEMENT (PSMA) – PSMA News – June 2019.

VISION ICT - Summer Newsletter 2019 received and on circulation.

19/130 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Cllr W Powell forwarded a short update in advance of the meeting reporting the following:

- There has been relatively few formal meetings of PCC in the last few weeks, following the AGM and on Thurs 11th July will be the first meeting of Full Council and forwarded the link to the Agenda and supporting papers.
- At the recent AGM of the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel, Cllr Alun Lloyd Jones (Llanfarian, Ceredigion) was re-elected Chair with Prof Ian Roffe as his Vice Chair and Cllr W Powell had been elected Lead Member on police strategy to combat anti-social behaviour as well as being selected to attend a Conference on Policing and Mental Ill Health, where the Chief Constable Mark Collins, national lead on the topic, will be speaking.
- At the recent BBNPA AGM, Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe, (Hay on Wye) was elected Chair of the Authority.
- Colleagues will be aware that we are in a time of purdah because of the current Brecon and Radnorshire By Election and the Returning Officer has issued a comprehensive set of guidelines to all PCC staff regarding conduct during the live election period. In certain aspects, this may affect the normal regime of communications between officers and members, but it is recognised that the Council

and its employees cannot engage with issues that might be misconstrued as ‘party political and forwarded a copy of the email for the awareness of interested colleagues.

- In the meantime, as fellow School Governors know, both Ysgol y Mynydd Du and Gwernyfed High School, despite grappling with very tight budgets from PCC, are continuing to make waves. Just this week, Gwernyfed High School was placed third amongst all the state secondary schools in Wales and best in Powys in the Western Mail League Tables. This is a huge tribute to the staff and pupils of Gwernyfed – as well as being a tribute to our wider community campaign to secure the school’s future in 2015/16. Local pupils at GCSE, AS and A level – including our outgoing Youth Councillor, Amy Argent - will be receiving their public exam results next month and we wish them well. Local pupils have also participated in the Seren Summer School activities, for pupils of high ability, in one case going as far as the University of Yale – this kind of enrichment activity is consistent with a top performing school.
- Meanwhile, Governors at Ysgol y Mynydd Du have been doing their very best to support the school at a time of significant pressure. We had a joint training session recently at Hay School, organised at Gwernyfed Cluster level and our theme was Additional Learning Needs. We have also had a ‘Back to School’ monitoring day, to engage with pupils and their work, as well as assessing the wider learning environment. The school is also experiencing a degree of fluctuation in pupils on roll, with a large Year 6 leave at the same time as a relatively modest cohort entering at Reception. Clearly with funding based on pupil capitation, that has implications for the school’s financial and staff resources.
- The School hall provided an excellent venue for the Brecon and Radnorshire By Election Hustings last Monday, organised by Talgarth and District Regeneration Group. Over 150 people attended and all candidates had an opportunity to be heard and to make their pitch to the electorate. Thanks are due to Cllr Louise Elston-Reeves for overseeing the organisation and for setting the scene on the evening, to Ben Rawlence of Black Mountains College for chairing, Cllr Andrew Bufton for providing audio services, Cllr Richard Reid and David Allen for transporting extra chairs from the Town Hall and to Ms Toone for facilitating the booking. Special thanks also to everyone who contributed refreshments on the night, to Anna Weston and Alex Williams for their help organising and promoting the event and to Emily, Shannon and Tilly for serving refreshments and assisting with hospitality and the roving mic. In excess of £130 was raised for the focus charity at the event, the Drew Barker-Wright Charity.
- The past month has been a busy one in terms of casework, especially around highways, environmental services and housing issues – and in some cases, where appropriate, Town Council has been cc’d into email exchanges.

19/131 PCC ISSUES

Highway issues in Talgarth incl Concerns re the safety from the Gwernyfed Rugby Club, Talgarth to gain access to the rugby pitches on the opposite side of the road and Dangers – High Street, Talgarth - Response received from PCC Jo Lancey acknowledging the highway concerns reported by the Town Council and arranging a site visit.

RESOLVED: Awaiting a date for a meeting with PCC.

Damaged Bollards – Heol las lane – Update received from Jo Lancey PCC. Noted a further e-mail received from Ian Mills, stating that he has been instructed to inform us that PCC will not be replacing further stolen or damaged bollards on Heol las lane stating that they can no longer sustain these replacements, given the frequency of incidents occurring there.

RESOLVED: To request that the bollards be replaced as part of the original width restriction order and to discuss further at the site meeting with PCC Jo Lancey.

19/132 TALGARTH ISSUES –

MERCHANT NAVY DAY – 3rd Sept – Noted that Town Council will be mentioned in the Roll of Honour list of the Merchant Navy.

RESOLVED: For the new flag only to be erected on the Town Hall on 3 Sept.

HAY, BRECON & TALGARTH SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES (HBTS4R) -

Received Agenda for meeting on 19 June at Gwernyfed Rugby Club and noted Cllr W Powell had attended.

Cllr W Powell reported that two groups of refugees – from Swansea and Newport, were to meet in Talgarth on 13 July for football matches with the Talgarth Football Club, with support from both the HBTS4R and Talgarth and District Regeneration Groups (TDRG).

BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE PROPOSAL – Received for information, the Black Mountains Quarterly News update.

Noted their forthcoming events in the Town Hall, Talgarth

- 5 Rhythms DanceWorkshop – 11am – 1pm Sun 11 Aug.
- Public lecture on Climate Change 8pm – 9.30pm Tues 13 Aug.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – RESOLVED: Cllr A Bufton and Cllr R Reid reported they had met and put 3 proposals to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That a Public meeting would be required to agree the way forward.

GROW FOR TALGARTH – RESOLVED: To wish the group ‘Good Luck’ for the result of the ‘Wales in Bloom’ – to be announced on the 13 Sept.

POLICE & SPEEDWATCH SCHEME –

- **PCSO Talgarth** – Update received from PCSO Helen Scott to say she is leaving the Police Force on 12 July to commence her new job at the Powys Health Board, Bronllys Hospital.

Noted PCSOs Jason Hawkins and Emma Jackson will be covering Talgarth.

- **Speedwatch** – PCSO Helen Scott has updated the details from the latest speedwatch session and given us the instructions on how to input future speedwatch details onto the Go Safe site.

Noted that Cllr Richard Reid, Cllr Phil Lewis and Tony James undertook a Speedwatch Session on Tuesday 25 June and has reported back to the Town Council, concerns that the 20mph warning near Ysgol y Mynydd Duswitched off at 9 am, although the children were still arriving up to 9.15am when the classes commence. Also that the 20 mph warning at the Surgery side is obscured by the overgrown hedges that are also over the pavement.

Noted that Sam Toone, Headteacher, has since confirmed that PCC is aware of the trees obscuring the view and also that the school can only have the 20 sign on for a limited time so with breakfast club, it tends to be an on early.

RESOLVED: To write to WG - Ken Skates AM and Kirsty Williams AM, to seek any information or laws re the times allowed for the 20 mph to be lit up in action.

BOWLING CLUB - Noted the Bowls Club were experiencing problems with the toilets which had since been repaired by PCC.

Noted, despite chasing PCC, the Town Council is still awaiting the Transfer to the Town Council document for signing up.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS ETC –

- **TADSCA** - Received letter dated 9 July from TADSCA with 2 options on the way forward.

RESOLVED: Agreed, with one member Cllr M Dodds abstaining, for TADSCA to carry on in their capacity as Leaseholders for the King George V Playing fields/ Pavilion/Tennis Courts/Children’s Play area and to support any decision TADSCA decides to make, which is consistent with the terms and obligation of the lease.

- **King George V Play area/pavilion – Request to use facilities** – Request received by TADSCA from the Brecon Play Network to hold a play session on Tues 23rd July from 11am - 1pm at this location. Noted TADSCA responded agreeing to the use of these facilities - copying this booking to the Senior Football Club and Town Council.

- **PAT Testing** – Confirmation received re the conditions of our Zurich Insurance Policy stating that PAT of items in the Pavilion is a requirement - to be undertaken at regular intervals of between 12- 24months, in order that our insurance policy is valid. Noted that the PAT testing was last undertaken in Sept 2017, arranged by the Town Council and the cost recovered from the Senior Football Club.
RESOLVED: To inform the TADSCA/Talgarth Senior Football Club of this requirement.
- **King George V Pavilion, Talgarth - 5 year Fire Certificate** – Received confirmation from the Electrician, of the observations that require attention to enable a satisfactory 5-year Electrical report for the Pavilion – estimated cost is £225.
RESOLVED: To accept this estimated cost of approx. £225.
- **PAVO, TADSCA, Town Council reps meeting** – Awaiting a date for a further meeting, following 20 May meeting, to help take the organisations to the next stage of development and for all groups to know their legal obligations
- **BAR AREA** – It was reported that, despite permission had not been given at the June meeting, Senior Football Club had carried out works to the Bar area and removed the locked shutters. .

Old Post Office, Talgarth – Noted Julian Preece has copied the Town Council into correspondence with Virginia Brown re her concerns, confirming that PCC is making progress with the owner of the premises.

RESOLVED: To move Standing Orders 25 minutes to 9 25pm

19/133 TREFECCA ISSUES –

Speeding Traffic through Trefecca – Concerns of excessive speeding through Trefecca were received from local resident Helen Jones.

RESOLVED: To report to the Police and to ask if Trefecca has been assessed for our local Speedwatch Team to carry out sessions in this location.

19/134 GROUP UPDATES –

ONE VOICE WALES (OVW) –

- **OVWs’ Innovative Practice Conference - 10 July 2019 - Hafod a Hendre Royal Welsh Showground** – Noted no uptake from Town Councillors.
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor meeting - 7pm 19th July at Llanwrtyd Wells**
RESOLVED: Cllr A Lord and Cllr M Dodds to attend.
- **Town & Community Councils are Statutory Consultees on Planning Applications** – Update received from OVW stating that concerns had been expressed - comments by Powys County Council Officers that Community Councils are not statutory consultees on planning matters.
OVW forwarded documents from National Association of Local Councils (especially section 4 of LTN 59) which clearly states - Aug 2016 and copy of LTN 60 – July 2016 makes it clear that this is not the case. This was circulated to Town Councillors.

TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP (TDRG) –

- **Meeting 13 June** - Received minutes of the meeting held on 7pm 13 June.
- **Market Stalls** – Noted that some of the stalls were to be used in Felindre and there would be further consultation about their future use and storage.
- **Hustings at Ysgol y Mynydd du Mon 1 July 8pm** – Notice that the TDRG had arranged the Hustings re the forthcoming bi-election on 1 Aug.
- **Police Commissioner Bid for CCTV in Car Park** – It was reported that the bid for CCTV in the Car Park has been unsuccessful.

FESTIVAL GROUP – Cllr R Reid reported that this year’s Festival on Sat 24Aug only, was well in hand.

WALKERS ARE WELCOME GROUP– Received draft Minutes of 14 May meeting. Note the next meeting is Tues 30 July at 7.00pm at Talgarth Town Hall Committee Room.

TOURIST INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE (TIRC)–

- **Request receive for financial assistance** – Request received from Tim Davies, TIRC, towards costs of the downsizing of the premises. Details of financial position received.
RESOLVED: To donate £1000.
- **Application to Lottery Awards for All Grant** – Noted that the bid had been unsuccessful.

19/135 TOWN HALL & MARKET HALL

TOWN HALL –

- **Estimate for Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting remedial repairs** – Noted work had been completed and awaiting tender invoice from Skyrme Electrical.
- **Hire of Market Hall for Spinning** – Confirmation received of session times, commencing 9 Sept - 5pm - 8pm on Mondays and 5pm -7pm on Fridays with access to set up before-hand. Also when she is up and running, she will be looking to do 2 morning classes and possible a movement class in the upstairs.
Noted she also wishes to use the King George V playing field on a Wednesday evening twice a year – the next one being on 11Sept.
Noted Jo Lord needs the address for Talgarth Town Hall so she can register a license with Spinning(r) UK and Ireland to run official Spinning(r) classes, which is really important – she says it is just red tape but need it to register as soon as possible.

MARKET HALL – Noted Stuart Price, Electrician, will be completing his tender work soon.

19/136 ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD –

Inspection Meeting - Notes of the site meeting held at 6.30pm 3 July at St Gwendoline’s Churchyard, were circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: Notes of the site meeting agreed and attached to these minutes.

Howell Harris Memorial Tomb repair – Update 9 July received from Neil Poulton confirming that the works should have started on the tomb and he is waiting on approval of the top stone from the planners and a temporary slab will be put on top until the stone has been carved.

19/137 AMOUNTS RECEIVED –

Hall Hire – Bronllys Well Being Park	£40.00
Hall Hire – Country & Western Group – Hall hire 7/6 & 5/7 £40 + £5 Licence	£90.00
Hall Hire - Black Mountains Friends – 3/5, 7/6, 5/7	£18.00
Hall Hire – Sabrina 12/7	£33.00
Hall Hire – Table Tennis – 15/7, 22/7, 30/7, 5/8, 19/8	£25.00
Hall Hire – Burial Plot – AK	£140.00
Hall Hire – J Green 17/8	£50.00
Hall Hire – Gemma Zumba 19/8	£11.00
Hall Hire – Menter Powys	£40.00
Hall Hire – Claire Lovell	£42.00
Hall Hire – Black Mountains College Group	£66.00
Hall Hire – Wynona – Zumba	£154.00
Hall Hire – Maria – Aerobics	£77.00
Western Power – Wayleave Agreement Churchyard	£52.04
A V Griffiths & Son – Burial Ashes MS & GB – 2 x £80	£160.00
Josh Davies, Monumental Mason – Fee to erect stone – GP dec’d	£115.00
R W Evans & Son, Monumental Mason – Fee to erect stone – PJ dec’d	£115.00
PCC – One third precept	£18,000.00

19/138 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Rumsey, Clerk – July Salary £1,140.10, Less Tax £228.00 = £912.10,	
Tel Rent £18.32 Broadband/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Postages £5.70,	
Travel £2.25.	£ 997.37
Co-op Stores – Note Book £2, Coffee & Milk £5.70	£7.70
J Rumsey, Clerk – Aug Salary £1,140.10, Less Tax £228.00 = £912.10,	
Tel Rent £18.32 Broadband/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Postages £8.40,	
Travel £2.25.	£ 1,000.07
Card Factory - 2020 Diary	£0.99
V W Cleaning Services – June - Town Hall Cleaning £151.20. Gates £62.97	£214.17
V W Cleaning Services – July - Town Hall Cleaning £162.00. Gates £84.81	£246.81
V W Cleaning Services – Aug - Town Hall Cleaning £140.40. Gates £76.60	£217.00
Savers – Town Hall sundries - 6 x Washing up Liquid	£4.74
Talgarth Information & Resource Centre – Donation	£1,000.00
A G Evans – Tender Minor Works Town Hall	£190.00
Healthmatic – Public Conveniences – Cleaning 1/7–30/9 £1,687.50	
+ £337.50 VAT	£2,025.00
Smith of Derby – Annual Town Hall Clock Service - £216.00 + £43.20 VAT	£259.20
PAVO – Payroll fee- Apr – June	£30.00
Nisbets – Town Hall cleaning materials £30.64 + £6.10	£36.64
PCC – Town Hall – Eurobin hire – 1 /4 - 30/6	£140.40

19/139 FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Current Account £7,579.52
High Interest Account £55,122.82

19/140 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

6.00 pm Mon 19 Aug 2019 – To consider Planning Applications received
7:00 pm Wed 11 Sept 2019 – Monthly meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

NOTES OF THE SITE INSPECTION MEETING OF ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD HELD AT 6.30PM, WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019

PRESENT: Cllr W Powell (Mayor), Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr R Reid

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Lord, Cllr Z Argent, Cllr G Jones, Cllr J Lilly, Cllr Pip Turner, Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr C Voyle

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Josephine Rumsey, Town Clerk

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – The Minutes of the previously meeting held on 2 November 2017 were circulated for ease of reference.
2. **'FRIENDS OF ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD** – Clerk reported that the 'Friends' group members had both left – Cheryl Millington had left the group and Ms Rebecca Gould has moved from the area.
Agreed to ask 'Grow for Talgarth' if they would be interested in looking after the tidiness of the Churchyard, especially noting that Bruce Williams had previously expressed an interest with some good ideas for the future of the fallen yew tree..
3. **STONE WALLING AT ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD** – Cllr A Bufton reported that there does not appear to any immediate issues but it would be a good ideas, to generally keep an eye on the state of the walls.
4. **PROPOSED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PATHS & TREE PLANTING IN 'H' BLOCK - EXTENSION PART OF THE CHURCHYARD** - Cllr A Bufton reported that this is in hand.
5. **CHURCHYARD PLAN** - Cllr A Bufton reported that he is continually updating the Churchyard Plan and his aim is to achieve the plan in digital form. Cllr W Powell thanked Cllr Bufton for all his hard work on keeping this plan updated.
6. **LAND ON ROADSIDE OPPOSITE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, OUTSIDE CHURCHYARD WALL** – Clerk reported that the Land Registry has confirmed that this area of land is not registered and she has obtained an application form for registration purposes. Cllr A Bufton reported that he had a recollection that a shed belonging to the Church was once positioned on this land.
Agreed to register this piece of land in name of Town Council.
7. **H EALTH & SAFETY AUDIT OF MEMORIAL STONES, LAYING DOWN 'H & S' FAILED STONES, SOCKETING ETC IN CHURCHYARD INCLUDING 'CROSSES' AND 'BIGGER STONES' & ANNUAL MEASURING OF MEMORIAL STONE ANGLES** - Cllr A Bufton reported that we need to continue with regular visual checks and measuring of memorial stone angles. Noted that Memsafe had supplied a cost for the socketing of failed memorial stones, if we cannot identify family owners.
8. **SUN DIAL REPAIRS** – Clerk reported that Alan Lovell of the Talgarth Historical Society has not had any luck with grants funding, so far, but is still prepared to take on this project with the hope of seeking grant funding – noting that he has obtained an estimate from Tim Martin, for the materials of

approx. £500 and the project work would be undertaken by volunteer group as they did with the WWI plaque renovation.

Noted that a local resident has expressed an interest in contributing to the repair work of the sun dial.

9. **RUBBISH IN CHURCHYARD** – Cllr A Bufton reported that this is being kept to a minimum and would ensure, with the Contractor, that this continues.
10. **HOWELL HARRIS’ FATHER MEMORIAL STONE** – **Agreed** Clerk chase Niel Poulton, as to when this stone will be completely repaired and returned.
11. **SEATS IN CHURCHYARD** – **Agreed** to purchase some stain for Cllr R Reid to continue staining the seats in the Churchyard.
12. **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 10 JULY 2019 & FUTURE CHURCHYARD INSPECTION MEETING**
 - **Agreed** to report the above to the Town Council meeting on 10 July 2019
 - **Agreed** to arrange a future Site Inspection meeting when required.

The site meeting ended at 7.15pm.

