

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,
WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr G Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: **Mr Vincent Stephens, President, Gwernyfed Rugby Football Club** – For first item

Josephine Rumsey - Town Clerk

19/108 PUBLIC SPEAKING SLOT – As provided for in its Standing Orders, the Town Council has a Public Speaking time of 10 minutes allowing a member of the public to speak on any item on the Agenda for a maximum of 2 minutes – to be arranged prior to the meeting.

Noted Vincent Stephens had applied for a 2 minute Public Speaking slot.

Cllr W Powell, Mayor, welcomed Mr Stephens to the meeting.

Concern expressed by Vin Stephens, President of the Gwernyfed Rugby Club, at the safety of the players crossing the busy road outside the club to gain access to the rugby pitches the other side and would like to see something positive occur with regard to road safety measures before the start of the training season in August and before any accidents happen in the vicinity.

This matter was further discussed under PCC Highway issues later in the meeting.

19/109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr W Powell declared an interest re Planning Application 19/17431/FUL Proposal: “Application for a single storey extension connecting two converted barns”- Address: Lower Genfford Bach, Talgarth and left the room when this item was being discussed.

19/110 MINUTES: The minutes of the AGM and Full Town Council meeting held on 15 May 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the AGM and Full Town Council Meeting held on 15 May 2019 be adopted and accepted as a true record.

19/111 PLANNING MATTERS –

(a) BBNPA Planning Application 19/17431/FUL Proposal: “Application for a single storey extension connecting two converted barns”- Address: Lower Genfford Bach, Talgarth, LD3 0EG - Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, chaired the meeting for this item

RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

(b) PCC Pre-application Consultation – Tregunter Farm, Talgarth LD3 0RA –

Documentation on circulation for decision at 10 July meeting. Noted comments by mid-July.

(c) BBNPA - First Stage of Candidate Sites Process - Noted that the Preferred Strategy and Candidate Site Registers will now go to the BBNPA Planning Authority on the 25 June for approval to be released for consultation, and subject to this, they will both be released for consultation on the 4 July 2019.

BBNPA – APPROVAL FOR DEVELOPMENT -

(a) BBNPA 18/16905/LBC - Address: College Farm, Trefecca, Powys LD3 0PW

19/112 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

POWYS WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT – TALGARTH TOWN WALK FILM -

Received invitation from Jasper Warry, Director and Producer, for any interested Town Councillors, to take part in the walk and a short film, on 19 June, about the Talgarth War Memorial Walk.

RESOLVED: That Cllr M Dodds, Cllr L Elston-Reeves attend from the Town Council. Noted Cllr C Voyle would be attending on behalf of the Talgarth Town Senior Football Club.

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 check position of Planning Application and to discuss at 10 July meeting.

PAVO AWARDS EVENT FOR VOLUNTEERS – 6 JUNE

- **Talgarth Luncheon Club** - Noted that the Talgarth Luncheon Club had reached the finals, and although they had not won in their category, they had been presented with a certificate.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of congratulations to the Luncheon Club.

- **South Powys Veterans** - Cllr W Powell reported that the South Powys Veterans had won the Award in their category and commented that they have benefited from considerable support from the former Bronllys Wellbeing Park Project Officer

WOODLAND TRUST – TREE IN AREA – TO CHAMPION – Information received from the Woodland Trust who has organized a Wales ‘Tree of the Year’ competition with £1,000 tree care grant for the winning tree. Nominations are open until noon on 19 July.

RESOLVED: To nominate the ‘Whipping Tree’ at Llanelieu again, as last time.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE D DAY LANDINGS, 6 JUNE 2019 – Noted a commemorative wreath from the British Legion in Brecon, at a cost of £20, had been obtained, at the initiative of a young member of the Talgarth/Hay Army Cadets, Tilly, daughter of Cllr L Elston-Reeves.

Tilly placed the wreath on the Talgarth War Memorial on 6 June. The Mayor and Town Councillors, at short notice, were invited to be present. Cllr W Powell, Mayor, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr C Voyle, Cllr G Jones and the Town Clerk attended to support Tilly’s initiative. Noted this was not an event organized by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council donate £20 to pay for the wreath.

EMBASSY OF NEPAL, LONDON – WELCOME RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF VISITING, RIGHT HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF NEPAL

MR K P SHARMA OLI – Invitations received to this event by the Mayor and Town Clerk but, unfortunately, neither were able to attend.

TALGARTH MALE VOICE CHOIR - 50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT – 7.30PM 21 JUNE AT ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCH – Invitation received for the Mayor and Town Councillors to attend.

RESOLVED: Cllr W Powell, Mayor reported that he would be attending.

VISION ICT – PROTOCOLS ON THE DEATHS OF SENIOR ROYALS - Information received.

RESOLVED: To accept Vision ICT ‘s support in carrying out the changes to the “Home page” of our website, in order be able to make the changes immediately when required. Noted the charge for this service would be a nominal £35 + VAT per change.

CITIZENS ADVICE – ENERGY ADVICE SERVICE - Information received regarding their service, which can help reduce energy costs, improve efficiency, source trust funds and deal with debts.

NOTES OF TRI TOWN MEETING 9 MAY 2019 – Received from Tim Davies, PAVO, notes and feedback from the group sessions.

19/113 TOWN COUNCIL – ZURICH INSURANCE - Renewal of our Zurich Insurance Policy 1 June 2019 – 31 May 2020 – Total £3,171.08 received – breakdown as follows:-
Town Council - Town Hall etc £2,281.22 + Premium tax £311.12 – £2,592.34.
King George V Pavilion building only - £516.73 + Premium Tax £62.01 – £578.74
RESOLVED: To pay Zurich renewal sum of £3,171.08 and reclaim amount for the Pavilion.

19/114 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Cllr W Powell forwarded the following report

- Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel Annual Report 2018/19

19/115 PCC ISSUES

CONCERNS REGARDING THE SAFETY FROM THE GWERNYFED RUGBY CLUB, TALGARTH, TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE RUGBY PITCHES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD - Following Mr Vin Stephens attendance earlier in the meeting, and his e-mail of 30 May, expressing his concerns regarding this matter, discussion took place and agreed to request a site meeting with PCC.

Noted Mr Stephens has already expressed his concern, by telephone, direct to PCC.

HIGH STREET, TALGARTH – Concerns were again received regarding the dangerous state of High Street, Talgarth with traffic continually mounting pavements in order to pass each other etc, and even worse on PCC refuse collection days with the bins out on the pavements.

RESOLVED: To request a site meeting with Ms Joanne Lancey as soon as possible.

BENCH AND SEATING - TOP BOWLING GREEN LANE - Received concerns from Chris Phillips, resident, of the danger of the rotting bench and seating area in this location.

RESOLVED: To forward concerns to PCC Boughrood depot for attention due to safety.

19/116 TALGARTH ISSUES –

HAY, BRECON & TALGARTH ANCTURY FOR REFUGEES - Received Agenda for meeting n 20 May. Noted this meeting was non quorate, which did go ahead to discuss matters, but obviously could not make any decisions. Next meeting on 19 June.

Cllr W Powell, Mayor, 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.

BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE PROPOSAL – Noted the group is holding quarterly public meetings in Talgarth, about their progress and ways to get involved.

Noted that the next meeting is due to be held 8pm Sat 22 June in the Town Hall.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – RESOLVED: Cllr A Bufton and Cllr R Reid put together a draft plan together for a future meeting.

GROW FOR TALGARTH – Received draft minutes of the meeting 14 May and agenda for 11 June meeting 7pm in the Wye and Usk Offices.

Noted the judging date for ‘Wales in Bloom’ is to take place on Fri 12 July at 11am.

Some concern expressed regarding the unsightly weed-killer used by PCC on verges etc around the town where all the flowers are planted up for the ‘Wales in Bloom’ competition.

RESOLVED: To express concern to Nigel Brinn PCC and seek information on their weed killer practices.

TALGARTH SPEEDWATCH SCHEME – Noted that some further sessions to take place shortly, again, outside both the Car Park and Ysgol y Mynydd Du with Cllr R Reid, Cllr P Lewis and Tony James.

BOWLING CLUB - Received Agenda for Bowling Club meeting 7pm Tues 4 June and noted that PCC is arranging repair of the irrigation system.

Noted that the Town Council is still awaiting the updated Transfer Document from PCC before the Bowling Club can be handed over to them.

RESOLVED: To move Standing Orders 15 minutes to 9 15pm.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS ETC –

Pavilion - Water Leak – Received Zurich Insurance Claim of £10,679.57 amount which was the full amount claimed less £250 excess and £30 charge to repair initial reason for the leak.

Estimate for Fire Alarm remedial repairs in the Pavilion – Received estimate on 21 May, in sum of £207.00 + £41.40 VAT for these remedial works from Skyrme Electrical.

RESOLVED: To accept estimate and get the work done as soon as possible.

CCTV – Noted this equipment to be discussed at a future meeting.

PAVO, TADSCA, Town Council reps meeting at Pavilion 20 May – Received from TADSCA/PAVO, a proposal on the way forwarded and a plan of the proposed areas to be leased to help take the organisations to the next stage of development and for all groups to know their legal obligations .Noted this had been sent to the Town Council, Senior and Junior Football Clubs, for comments.

BAR AREA – Cllr C Voyle, Chair of the Senior Football Club asked about the Club undertaking some cosmetic work on the bar itself.

RESOLVED: To discuss further when TADSCA/PAVO, Senior and Junior Football Clubs' comments, on the way forward have been agreed and Cllr Bufton asked Cllr Voyle to submit a rough sketch of their proposals with respect to the bar area.

PAT testing in the King George V Pavilion – Received from Mark Pugh of the Senior Football Club, a list of items for PAT testing – approx. 24 items. Noted Skyrme Electrical Ltd had previously agreed to test at the same £2.30 + VAT Tender sum as for the Town Hall.

19/117 HEALTH ISSUES-

Bronllys Well Being Park meetings – Received a copy of the BWBP Board Meeting Agenda to be held on Mon 17 June at 5pm in the Concert Hall, Bronllys Hospital, followed by the Public meeting at 7pm.

RESOLVED: Cllr M Dodds, Town Council representative will attend the Public meeting. Noted Cllr W Powell will be unable to attend and sending apologies.

19/118 GROUP UPDATES –

ONE VOICE WALES (OVW) –

OVW - Module 9 - Code of Conduct training at the Strand Hall, Strand Street, Builth Wells on Tues 4 June 2019 from 6.30 - 9.00pm – Received invoice from Builth Town Council, attended by Cllr L Elston-Reeves & Cllr C Voyle- £35 each – Total £70.

RESOLVED: This invoice for £70 be paid to Builth Town Council.

Model Informal Resolution Protocol – Noted we adopted this document on 12 Dec 2018. Noted OVW, in conjunction with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, are now conducting a survey to better understand about the level of the adoption and use of the protocol by member councils. Completed survey returned on behalf of the Town Council.

FESTIVAL GROUP – Cllr R Reid reported that this year's Festival will be held on Sat 24 Aug only. Clerk reported that the application for a temp road closure for has been approved.

TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP (TDRG) – Noted next meeting to be held at 7pm 13 June.

Dyfed-Powys Policy and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund 2019-2020 - Noted the TDRG bid was not successful.

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)– **TIRC meetings** – Request received from Tim Davies, TIRC, for use of the Town Hall Committee Room for their monthly meetings, due to the down-sizing of the TIRC.

RESOLVED: In order to assist the TIRC members during their transition period, to offer the Committee Room, free of charge for their monthly meetings up until the end of this year.

YOUTH MEMBER – Clerk reported that Amy Argent, Youth Member, had informed her, that, due to other commitments, she will not be renewing her contract.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of thanks and appreciation for her contribution to the Town Council as a Youth Member over the last 18 months and to wish her well in her future life.

19/119 TOWN HALL & MARKET HALL

TOWN HALL –

Estimate for Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting remedial repairs – Received estimate on 21 May, in sum of £358.00 + £71.00 VAT for remedial works from Skyrme Electrical.

RESOLVED: To accept estimate and get the work done as soon as possible.

PAVO Training Roadshow 2019 – Received a PAVO poster regarding their Training Roadshow – two day sessions in the Town Hall, Talgarth on 4th and 18th Dec 2019.

RESOLVED: To charge hall hire at current charges.

Request for Town Hall Hire for Spinning Bikes - Jo Lord supplied a proposal for the hiring of the Market Hall for Spinning Classes, commencing in Sept 2019 on a Mon 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and a Fri 5pm and 6pm. She is looking to increase the number of classes with 2 morning classes and possibly another evening by the end of the year. She will store approx. 12 bikes in the Market Hall.

RESOLVED: To agree to the proposal for Spinning Sessions in the Market Hall, Talgarth, but to state there may be some special / regular events which do take place in the main Town Hall (and due to sound from her sessions), she will be given sufficient notice of these events so the spinning cannot take place, and we will discuss any other daytime bookings when she has more details. Also that the cost of hiring the Market Hall and storage of the bikes would be £10 per hour – ie £20 per 2 hr session.

Painting Exterior Wall in front of toilets a – a request had been received from the Grow for Talgarth group to ask if it would be feasible to colour the exterior of the main Town Hall wall on the left hand side of the emergency exit door.

Noted Cllr Bufton is seeking further advice on the way forward now that a trellis has been placed in front of the wall.

PIANO – Clerk reported that the piano again needed tuning and asked permission for this to be undertaken in time for the Talgarth Community Choir Concert on 13 July. It was noted that the Community Choir had offered to pay for the tuning cost of £55.

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed to the piano being tuned at 10am 8 July.

MARKET HALL – Noted still awaiting fitting by S Price, Electrician, of the emergency light, in this location, which had previously been agreed.

19/120 ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD –

Talgarth Town Council complaint about The Woodland Davies Partnership – Response received from the Ombudsman’s office stating that the Case Officer is of the opinion that our complaint does fall outside of their jurisdiction, to investigate, as a Town Council is classed as a public body.

RESOLVED: To respond as per the draft letter circulated at the meeting.

Agreed to copy response to The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Cox, QC MP, Attorney General, for comment.

St Gwendoline’s Churchyard, Inspection meeting -

RESOLVED: To hold a site meeting 6.30pm 3 July at St Gwendoline’s Churchyard, followed by a meeting in the Town Hall if required.

19/121 AMOUNTS RECEIVED –

Hall Hire – TIRC – AGM 3/5	£5.00
Hall Hire – Child’s Party 5/5/19 SM	£22.00
Hall Hire – Child’s Party 5/5/19 SHM	£22.00
Hall Hire – Perthyn 13/6	£36.00
Hall Hire – Powys Dance	£88.00
Hall Hire – PCC Election 23/5	£250.00
Hall Hire – Dementia Group 12/6	£12.00
Josh Davies, Monumental Mason – Fee to erect stone – GP dec’d	£115.00
R W Evans & Son, Monumental Mason – Fee to erect stone – EGL dec’d	£115.00

19/122 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Rumsey, Clerk – June Salary £1,140.10, Less Tax £228.00 = £912.10,	
Tel Rent £18.32 Broadband/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Postages £8.30,	
Photocopying £2.30, Travel £2.25.	£ 999.97
V W Cleaning Services – April - Town Hall Cleaning £135.00. Gates £84.83	£219.83
PCC Road Closure fee – Black Mountains Festival 24 Aug.	£340.00
British Legion – Poppy Appeal – 75 th Anniversary Wreath ‘D’	£20.00
Builth Town Council – Fee for Code of Conduct Training - £35 x 2	£70.00
HMRC – Apr – June – Income Tax & NI	£859.11
Border Office Supplies – Town Hall Toilet Rolls £16.99 + £.40 VAT	£20.39
Alun Walters – Town Hall Boilers – New Thermostat	£95.00
A G Evans – Town Hall – Fit new arm to Gent’s toilet	£64.99
A G Evans – Town Hall – Tender for minor works	£190.00

19/123 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:	Current Account	£8,078.99
	High Interest Account	£42,108.29

19/124 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

6.30pm St Gwendoline’s Churchyard Inspection meeting
7:00 pm Wed 10 July 2019

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: