

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,  
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 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 G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Reid, Cllr C Voyle, Ms Amy Argent – Youth Member

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr J Lilly

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Josephine Rumsey - Town Clerk

**19/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no Declarations of Interest.

**19/66 PLANNING ISSUES –**

**BBNPA meeting 1pm 9<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Received Agenda - Item 8 – Mid-Wales Hospital Development Brief – attended by Cllr W Powell and Cllr M Dodds, on behalf of the Council. Cllr M Dodds gave a brief outline of the meeting. Noted Cllr W Powell reported that he was one of eleven public speakers at the meeting and based his remarks closely on the areas agreed on page 6 of the Town Council’s previous submission dated 12 Oct 2018.

Cllr Powell reported that after an extensive debate, the BBNPA Members resolved, by a substantial majority, to adopt the Brief as Supplementary Planning Guidance for the former Mid Wales Hospital site.

Cllr W Powell thanked Cllr M Dodds for attending the meeting.

**BBNPA APPROVALS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION -**

- **BBNPA – 18/16755/FUL** – Removal of 1950s extension and replacement with office study and sunroom together with new openings formed within existing structure – Glandwr, Talgarth LD3 OER
- **BBNPA - 18/16756/FUL** – Replacement of 1950s outbuilding with new traditional timber styled barn to form annexed living accommodation – Glandwr, Talgarth LD3 OER

**19/67 MINUTES:** Minutes of the 13 Mar 2019 - Previously circulated, Cllr W Powell, Mayor, sought adoption. Proposed by Cllr M Dodds and seconded by Cllr G Jones, all in favour, that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 Mar 2019 be signed as a correct record.

**19/68 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 13 MAR 2019:** There were no matters arising which were not on the Agenda.

**19/69 TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL AGM – Agreed** to hold the AGM at 7pm Wed 15 May.

**19/70 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –**

**The Lime Tree, Bronllys Road** – Received for information, copy correspondence from Mrs E Starling to the BBNPA and County Councillor W Powell, with concerns re the severe pruning to the Lime Tree on Bronllys Road adjacent to Aberenig House.

**Public Works Loan Board** – Notification received of balance outstanding as at 31 March 2019 - £38,489.44.

**Talgarth & District Energy Cooperative** – Update received from Jed Needs, confirming that a meeting had been held at Talgarth Library on 1 Apr, to form the Co-op – attended by Cllr W Powell and Cllr Pip Turner.

**Boundary Commission for Wales – Final Recommendations Report – Mar 2019 –** Received the Report and noted there are no changes for Talgarth.

**‘Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day’ 3 Sept 2019** – Clerk to obtain cost of flags.  
**Audit 2018-2019** - Annual Return received – to be returned by 30 Jun 2019.

**Welsh Government – ‘Your council's contribution to Understanding Welsh Places’**  
– Information on circulation

**PCC - Planning Aid Wales Event** - Llandrindod Wells 21st March, 18:30 - 9pm - Planning policy & Place Plan training for communities

**PAVO - PCC Budget - members' briefing paper** – Received a briefing paper following the recent approval of PCC's budget for 2019-2020.

**Request for Financial Assistance** - Request received from Cancer Research Wales.

**Agreed** to consider the application at end of financial year, together with all other requests.

**19/71 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- **One Voice Wales’ response to Review of Town & Community Councils** – Cllr W Powell spoke about this Review and the way forward.
- **Talgarth Town Council Annual Report** – Cllr W Powell reported that he intends to produce his annual report for the AGM and for it to be put on the website.

**19/72 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR** - Cllr W Powell reported his monthly update:

- There had been relatively few main meetings of Powys County Council in recent weeks, following the intense activity leading up to the budget setting and confirmation of Council Tax levels for 2019/20. Unsurprisingly, residents had expressed to him their frustration at the extent of the Council Tax increase – a view he shared, which had led him to opposing its imposition.
- In the meantime, as fellow School Governors knew, both Ysgol y Mynydd Du and Gwernyfed High School were grappling with very tight budgets from PCC, which had resourcing implications for the coming academic year.
- Local residents were also disappointed at the imminent withdrawal of the Green Waste containers from Talgarth Car Park and other similar locations throughout Powys.
- However, on a more positive note, there was relief at the lifting of the threat from Talgarth Branch Library for the coming year, and footfall at the library had shown a significant increase of late.
- The past month had been a busy one in terms of casework, especially around highways and housing issues.

**19/73 PCC HIGHWAYS – A479 Tretower Drainage Repair and Upgrade Notice of Works** – Noted works commencing from 8 Apr for approx. 15 weeks.

**PCC FORMER HIGHWAY YARD FENCE** – Cllr Z Argent reported the dangerous state of the fence adjacent the footpath at The Pikes.

**Agreed** to urgently report to PCC Highways for remedial action.

**PCC Street Cleaning** – Response received from Cllr Phyl Davies asking for clarification re street cleaning in Talgarth.

**Agreed** to ask the frequency of the mechanical street cleaner in Talgarth.

**PCC High Schools** – Cllr A Lord suggested that we need to be vigilant regarding the future of Gwernyfed High School.

**19/74 TALGARTH ISSUES –**

**BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE PROPOSAL** – As previously agreed, to forward the Town Council’s broad support, in principle, for the proposed Black Mountains College proposal. Noted the group is seeking support for its inclusion in the Powys/Ceredigion bid for Mid Wales Growth Deal. Noted the Black Mountains College group’s next meeting in the Town Hall on 13 Apr 10am.

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** - Noted Malcolm Holt, Business Development Manager, Healthmatic is enquiring about the quotation they had supplied, on reducing the area of the Public Conveniences. **Agreed** Cllr R Reid and Cllr A Bufton put together a draft plan to discuss at a future meeting and to take into consideration, suggested ideas by Amy Argent, Youth Member.

**Faulty Lights – Agreed** to ask Skyrme Electrical to check out and repair the faulty lights.

**‘GROW FOR TALGARTH’** – Received draft minutes of the meeting 11Mar and Agenda for meeting 9 Apr at the Wye and Usk Foundation offices.

Cllr M Dodds gave a brief update, noting that the ‘Grow for Talgarth’ group of volunteers is entering Talgarth in the Wales in Bloom campaign this year. The campaign is all about communities enhancing and improving their environment. They will be judged at the beginning of July against a set of criteria which now extends far beyond just having displays of flowers, although that is still very much part of the competition.

They will have to plan a route for the judges and this year their likely route will be:

- Along the High Street from the car park
- The river bank by the Wye and Usk building to the bridge
- The Town Square
- The Mill gardens

As well as designing flower boxes and beds and planting seeds etc they have also begun cleaning up the kerbs along the streets, have had a litter pick and re- stained two benches along the river bank as the criteria states ‘all areas are cleaned to an excellent standard. Street furniture including litter bins and seating is in excellent condition.’

Noted that Cllr R Reid had agreed to stain up the seats around the town.

Noted Josephine, Town Clerk, has obtained some tins of green paint from PCC, for painting up the railings around the town.

**Agreed** to forward a letter of thanks, gratitude and support of the Town Council for this project and offer the Town Hall/Market Hall to the group should it be of use to them for the project. Also to refer the group to Ian Harris PCC re the recycling issue.

**NEWSPAPERS STREWN ON THE A479 ROAD SIDE UP PAST THE RUGBY CLUB**

– Reports of this incident received. **Agreed** to report to PCC Highways.

**TALGARTH SPEEDWATCH SCHEME –**

- **Data Analysis on road by Ysgol y Mynydd du** – Received update from Jo Lancey PCC, results on the survey re the road by Ysgol y Mynydd du, Talgarth, as follows:-  
The 85%ile during morning 20mph is 29.3mph  
The 85%ile during afternoon 20mph is 28.4mph  
The 85%il during all other times is 31.1mph
- **Speedwatch** – Update received from PCSO Helen Scott confirming that once the 3 trained volunteers above have completed 3 sessions with her, they are free to go out as often as they like, as long as there are a minimum of three. PCSO Helen Scott will submit information to Go safe for the first few sessions but then the lead volunteer, agreed to be Cllr R Reid, can take over and the scheme will be run so it can fit in with our volunteer availability. Noted a session was held today with Cllr R Reid, Cllr P Lewis and Tony James, this being the 3<sup>rd</sup> session for these 3 volunteers.

**BOWLING CLUB** - Update received from PCC confirming that the original request for a Community Asset Transfer has been granted, as the preferred option, to enable completion of the transfer of the Bowling Green and Pavilion from PCC to the Town Council.

Noted Clerk has forwarded an agreement letter to claim the £10,000 from PCC and for the Town Council to sign and complete the transfer document, when it is legally amended to indicate that the Bowling Club agree to pay all financial commitments with no burden to the Town Council. Steve Butcher confirmed that when the Revised Transfer Agreement is received from PCC Legal Department and has been signed by the Town Council, the associated Grant for £10,000 will be paid to Talgarth Town Council and to be used by the Town Council in order to maintain and secure the bowling green facility, for the beneficial use of people of Talgarth and surrounding area.

Received from PCC a new 5 year electrical certificate for the Bowls Club pavilion.

### **KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS ETC –**

**Pavilion - Water Leak** – Cllr R Reid reported that the repair work is progressing and has asked Smith Builders to liaise with Skyrme Electrical, direct, so as to hasten the completion of the work. It is hoped that the Pavilion will be usable for the last football cup match of the season on 20 Apr.

**TADSCA** – Received from Peter Weavers, the draft TADSCA minutes of 5 Mar meeting, to check for accuracy, attended by reps of TADSCA/Town Council/Senior & Junior Football Club, Cricket Club, had been received. Awaiting a date for a meeting with PAVO representation, to help take the organisation to the next stage of its development and for all groups to know their legal obligations.

### **TALGARTH LIBRARY -**

Received update letter from Cllr Rachel Powell confirming that, at the PCC Budget meeting, it was agreed that Talgarth Library is to remain open for a further 12 months.

**POTENTIAL NEPALESE TWINNING INITIATIVE** – Cllr M Dodds reported that he has discussed with Major Gurung about the scope for developing a youth link to this end and the matter is in hand.

**HAY, BRECON & TALGARTH SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES** – Cllr W Powell reported that reps of the group had attended the Senedd the previous week, where their efforts had been celebrated. It had also presented an opportunity to meet new refugees, based in both Swansea and Newport. He also 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 Group and Talgarth and District Regeneration Group.

### **19/75 HEALTH ISSUES-**

**Bronllys Well Being Park CLT** – Received notification of the Bronllys Well Being Group's AGM at 7pm 15Apr in the Concert Hall, Bronllys. Noted Cllr M Dodds, our health representative is unable to attend due to a prior commitment but Cllr P Lewis is planning to attend if possible.

### **19/76 GROUP UPDATES –**

**ONE VOICE WALES ( OVW) – One Voice Wales Brecon/Radnor area committee meeting** – Noted next meeting - 7pm 26th Apr, at The Strand Hall, Builth Wells,

**FESTIVAL GROUP** – Cllr R Reid reported that a fund raising event was being held on Easter Saturday 20 Apr – a Duck Race. Next meeting 7pm 15 Apr in Town Hall.

**TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP** – Noted the TDRG AGM was held on 2 Apr in the Town Hall, attended by Cllr W Powell, Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr Pip Turner and Cllr C Voyle. Noted Officers appointed –

Chair - Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Deputy Chair – Cllr W Powell, Secretary – Anna Weston and Gilly Glastonbury has agreed to stay on as Treasurer, in the interim.

Noted a presentation by Ben Rawlence, Black Mountains College followed the AGM and that the Black Mountains College's next meeting was to take place at 10am on 13 Apr in Town Hall.

Noted Valmai Davies, Secretary, had left the group but has offered to continue maintaining the War Graves. **Agreed** to forward a letter of grateful appreciation to Valmai for continuing to maintain the War Graves.

**WALKERS ARE WELCOME GROUP**– Received draft minutes of the WAW meeting 5 Mar and noted that the next meeting will be held at 7pm 23 Apr in the Town Hall.

Noted that the WAW opening evening Fri 4 May will be held at Ysgol y Mynydd Du and the remainder of the weekend in the Town Hall ie the WAW hub and a film on Sat 5 May.

**TOURIST INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE** – Noted the AGM is to be held at 7pm Fri 3 May in the Town Hall Committee Room.

**19/77 TOWN HALL & MARKET HALL**

**Town Hall – PCC Annual Premises Licence Fee – Agreed** to pay £70 fee. Noted we charge £5 to hirers using alcohol licence and in 2017/2018 we recovered the £70 fee.

**PCC Council Tax** – Noted cost for 2019/2020 is £1,144.05.

**European Parliamentary Election 23 May-** PCC has booked the Town Hall - £250 fee.

**Boilers – Time Clock** – Noted Alun Walters Engineer had to be called in urgently to replace the Time Clock in this location. Awaiting invoice.

**Agreed** to look for a suitable company to draw up a new boiler system for the whole of the Town Hall, to include Market Hall with some radiators/heating, etc so as to go out to tender as soon as possible.

**Market Hall – Shelving** – Cllr R Reid reported that the shelving had now been erected in the Market Hall, so as to house the Xmas lights.

**19/78 AMOUNTS RECEIVED**

Hall Hire – Black Mountains Friends Group – 5/4/19	£6.00
Hall Hire – Table Tennis - 1/4/19& 8/4/19	£10.00
Hall Hire – Child’s Party 5/5/19 PS	£22.00
Hall Hire - Zumba – Jem Lewis 14/5/19	£16.50
Hall Hire – Faith in Talgarth – PJ – 17/4/19	£33.00
Hall Hire - TIRC AGM 5/4/19	£5.00
Hall Hire – Talgarth Transport 11/5/19	£50.00
Hall Hire – Black Mountains College 13/4/19	£22.00
Hall Hire – The Mill 1/5/19	£44.00
C C James – Burial of Ashes PEJ dec’d	£80.00
PCC Precept – 30/4/19 – One third Precept	£18,000.00

**19/79 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

J Rumsey, Clerk – Apr Salary £1,140.10, Less Tax £228.00 = £912.10,	
Tel Rent £18.32 Broadband/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Postages £1.50,	
Travel £2.25.	£ 993.17
A G Evans – Public Conveniences – Refitting arm to syphon in system	£45.00
One Voice Wales – Annual Subscription – 1/4/19 – 31/3/20	£249.00
Healthmatic Ltd – Public Conveniences – Cleaning ¼ - 30/6/19	
£1,687.50 + £337.50 VAT	£2,025.00
Powys County Council – Town Hall Premises Annual Alcohol Licence	£70.00

**19/80 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Current Account £1,306.61  
High Interest Account £63,091.49

**19/81 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING** 7:00 pm Wed 15 May 2019

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....