

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,
WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH**

PRESENT: Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Mayor (In the Chair),
Cllr Z Argent, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr TMcClatchey, Cllr R Reid,
Cllr C Voyle

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr S Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jed Needs, The Green Valleys
Mrs Josephine Rumsey - Town Clerk

20/39 VISIT BY JED NEEDS OF THE GREEN VALLEYS –

Cllr W Powell, Mayor, welcomed Jed Needs, to the meeting. Jed gave an update on a recent site visit he had attended at the Talgarth Old Victorian School and that the aim of the visit was to make an initial assessment on the current condition of the building - a former Youth and Community Centre, and its suitability for refurbishment for a new role within the community. Noted Jed will keep us informed of progress.

20/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Declarations of interest were received from:
Cllr A Lord in respect of Agenda item 3 - Planning Applications 19/17972/FUL & 19/17973/LBC
- Proposal: Coach House, Trefecca.
Cllr C Voyle in respect of Agenda item 6 TADSCA/Talgarth Senior Football Club.

20/41 BBNPA – PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

1. **BBNPA -** Reconsultation further to amended plans in respect of Listed Building Consent - Planning Application 19/17973/LBC - Proposal: Coach House, Trefecca
2. **BBNPA -** Reconsultation further to amended plans in respect of the Full Planning Application - Planning Application 19/17972/FUL - Proposal: Coach House, Trefecca.

RESOLVED: To support the Re-consultation Planning Applications, and to include the point discussed and accepted, at the Site meeting on 28 Feb, by Geraint Jones of Asbri Planning Ltd, ie the barrier fence at the rear of the property be continued to the rear gate of No 1 The Terrace, Trefecca. Noted Cllr A Lord declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision.

BBNPA – PLANNING APPLICATION – WITHDRAWN

Planning Application 19/18146/FUL Proposal: “Proposed garage extension, first floor extension and removal of chimney” - Address: Maescoch, Tredustan, Brecon LD3 0PN

BBNPA – PLANNING APPLICATION – APPROVED

Planning Application 19/17865/FUL - FUL - Proposal: “To demolish the existing adjacent structure and to replace with a new "home-work" studio” – Castell Dinas, Talgarth, LD3 0EN.

BBNPA – PLANNING APPLICATION - NOT APPROVED –

Planning Application 19/18120/FUL - “Construction of a detached garage at 2 Bron Y Garth” (Full Application) at 2 Bron Y Garth, Cottage Lane, Talgarth, LD3 0AE

BBNPA – APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PERMISSION

Planning Application 19/18099/FUL - Proposal: Remodelling of existing single storey to rear of property to replace with two storey extension and single storey extension/ lean to. Relocation of back bedroom window to side of house (same as number 27 and 26) – Address: 28 Westfields, Talgarth, LD3 0HG.

BBNPA - Local places for Nature KWP package – Noted Clerk had forwarded this information to: ‘Grow for Talgarth’, ‘On the Verge’, Environment group and Ysgol y Mynydd du.

Noted Martin Draper confirmed that the ‘On the Verge’ had taken up the offer and he also circulated a list of the group’s achievements to date and their future plans.

BBNPA Local Access Forum – Meeting 2pm 20 Feb at BBNPA HQ Brecon.

BBNPA Local Development Plan (LDP) (Adopted December 2013) - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – Noted the BBNPA has produced the following draft supplementary planning guidance note to aid implementation of the adopted Local Development Plan:-

- Brecon Town Plan: Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance

Noted this document is available for public consultation for 8 weeks - 27 Feb - 23 Apr.

20/42 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 12 February, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12 February, be adopted and accepted as a true record with a couple of small typos.

20/43 MATTERS ARISING FROM 12 FEBRUARY 2020 MINUTES –

LEASE – TOWNHALL ONTO THE MILL YARD – Noted payment made to Bruce Williams - £1 Peppercorn Rent - The Mill Lease 1/4/20 – 31/3/21.

20/44 TALGARTH ISSUES –

VE 75th Anniversary – 8 May

- **Bench for Talgarth** – It had previously been suggested we consider purchasing a commemorative Bench for Talgarth to mark this event.

RESOLVED: To purchase the WW2 bench from David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd at a cost of £896, Engraving £25, Bolt down kit £9.50 & delivery cost £125.00 + 20% VAT.

- **Temporary Road Closure celebrations** – Noted PCC had approved the road closure from 12 noon – 8pm on 8 May.

Brecon – Hay Greenway - Received Minutes of the 19 Feb meeting which included the newly appointed officers. Noted next meeting planned for 8pm 9 Apr.

Talgarth & District Regeneration Group – Received Minutes of 11 Feb meeting.

Noted a meeting of the group had taken place the previous evening, 10 Mar.

The Mill –

- **Emergency Gate Lock** – Noted that Cllr R Reid had fitted a replacement lock in this location, due to the Mill reporting that the original lock had been broken.
- **Toilet facilities** - Awaiting a date, as agreed at our 12 Feb meeting, for a meeting with the Mill reps and Cllr W Powell, Mayor, Cllr A Bufton and Cllr R Reid of the Town Council, to discuss any possible toilet arrangements, for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

Community Youth Representations – Noted Notices to be displayed, inviting interested youths to join the Town Council, with a closing date of 30 Mar.

Ashburnham House – 10 year Anniversary – 12 noon- 2pm Wed 4 March – Noted that Cllr W Powell, Mayor, Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr G Jones and Cllr T McClatchey had attended.

RESOLVED: To forward a letter of thanks to Jane Harris, Shaw Healthcare, for their great achievement to date and for arranging such a well-attended event. Noted that it was quite clear from the event, that the tenants were extremely happy and the staff fully committed.

Police & Speedwatch Scheme – Noted Clerk had received 4 completed Speedwatch application forms from local residents, to train up for the local Speedwatch team.

Also received the signed permission form from the owner of Trefecca Farm, for Speedwatch sessions to take place on these premises.

RESOLVED: To forward documentation to PCSO Emma Jackson.

Old Post Office – Update received from Richard Hayman, confirming that CADW had completed their assessment of the building, currently consulting on its possible listing and will confirm when they have made a final decision. It was noted that the building now has interim listed protection and details of this are available online.

Request received 11 Mar from Virginia Brown, local resident, seeking the Town Council to follow up on the request to PCC regarding progress on the flats in this location.

RESOLVED: To chase PCC for a response to our letter 28 Oct.

Grow for Talgarth – Received copy of their new information leaflet which explains their role and what they have achieved to date.

Noted Grow for Talgarth have a forthcoming fund raising event ‘Gardeners Question Time’ on Fri 13 Mar 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

King George V Playing Fields, Pavilion etc –

Talgarth Town Football Club – Noted that there is still one invoice reimbursement due to the Town Council - Invoice £619.08 – ‘Faulty emergency lights replaced 2019’, paid by the Town Council to Skyrme Electrical.

RESOLVED: That this sum be reimbursed at a time when convenient to the Football Club.

Cllr C Voyle reported that the Football Club had recently received a larger than normal electricity bill. Noted this needs further clarification.

Children’s Play area – Noted Steve Butcher confirmed that PCC had, in the past, used the company, DCM to repair this playground surfaces- <https://dcmsurfaces.com/meet-the-team/>

TADSCA meeting 25 Feb – Noted meeting had been postponed and awaiting a revised date.

Talgarth Bowling Club Transfer – PCC to Town Council – Received Transfer document and relevant paperwork from PCC for signing up by Cllr W Powell, Mayor and Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council. Noted that the Town Council will then own the Bowling Club on the terms of the 2000 Lease from PCC to the Bowling Club + the new Deed of Variation to the 2000 Lease, which includes that the Bowling Club is financially responsible for all costs relating to the Bowling Club. Noted the PCC Lease to the Bowling Club ends in April 2021 and from this date, the Town Council will be required to put in place a new Lease from the Town Council to the Bowling Club.

Noted that the Town Council can now claim the £10,000 grant, payable to the Town Council.

Noted the Bowling Club had provided our Solicitor, at his request, with copies of their current Insurance Policies for the Bowling Club – due for renewal in Apr 2020, and he had confirmed that the content was adequate, at the time.

Noted the Clerk had received estimates of out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Town Council in regard to the legal work by Williams, Beales & Co, Hay-on-Wye, in respect of the Transfer of the Bowling Club, from PCC to the Town Council, cost approx £150 + VAT.

Also costs of approx £750 + VAT will be charged for the Lease from the Town Council to the Bowling Club in April 2021.

RESOLVED: Cllr W Powell, Mayor and Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, sign up the Transfer document and forward to PCC together with a claim for the £10,000 grant and, when paid from PCC, that the Town Council, retains £1,000 to cover the Town Council costs as above and forward the balance of £9,000 to the Bowling Club.

Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees – Received Minutes of the 19 Feb received.

20/45 TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL REVISED COMPLAINTS POLICY FOR ADOPTION –

Draft document previously circulated. Noted advice was received from OVW that, in order to clarify the procedure of the Complaints Policy, to add:

‘that if the Town Council does not succeed in resolving a complaint, the complainant may complain to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales’.

RESOLVED: To adopt the draft Complaints Policy, which will supersede any earlier versions.

20/46 PCC & TRUNK ROAD ISSUES – Noted some highway issues, caused by the recent flooding, had been reported and dealt with by PCC, in the following locations –

- Damage to highway at Penbont Road and Trewalkin Road
- Mud on the A4078 near the former PCC Highways yard
- Flooding through Woodlands Avenue from fields above.

Highway concerns – Mr J Williams requested clarification of the Complaints Procedure.

RESOLVED: To refer Mr J Williams to the Complaints Policy adopted this evening, which includes the advice received on 3 Mar from OVW, as above.

Bollards – Heol las lane – Noted that a site visit was held on 28 Feb, following the site visit re the Coach House in Trefecca, that same day.

20/47 GROUP UPDATES –

OVW Brecon & Radnor Area Committee meeting - 7pm Fri 21 Feb at the Market Hall, Erwood. Noted no-one was able to attend but the 'Presentation on Grant Funding' received at the meeting, has been forwarded and circulated to Town Councillors. Next meeting – 7pm 18 May Tal y Bont on Usk

Festival Group – Noted the next meeting will be held 7pm Mon 16 Mar at the Town Hall.

Talgarth & District Regeneration Group (TDRG) –

- Received minutes of the 11 Feb meeting and agenda for meeting which was held on 10 Mar in the Town Hall.
- **PAVO – Comic Relief Grant re Talgarth Library – Project Coordinator vacancy** – Cllr W Powell, Mayor, reported that the notice for the Project Coordinator vacancy - 10 hours a week post is currently being advertised with a closing date 31 Mar 2020.

Ysgol y Mynydd Du –

- **Estyn Inspection** – Cllr M Dodds reported that the Inspection had taken place but the full report would not be available until end of April. He felt that the Inspection had gone fairly well and that Tara Morgan, Acting Head, had coped very well.
- **Donation of Football equipment** - Clerk reported that the Football equipment had been received from Sports Direct – Total cost £144.93 and donated to the school.

Walkers are Welcome Group – Noted the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm 24 Mar at the Town Hall. Received for information WAW CIC Members Newsletter March 2020.

Cllr Dodds reported that WAW, Grow for Talgarth, Ysgol y Mynydd du, Talgarth Football Club and the Bowls Club had all expressed an interest in being involved with the National Litter Pick 23 – 29 Mar but it appeared that no-one was co-ordinating this litter pick.

Cllr Andy Lord volunteered, on behalf of the Town Council, to co-ordinate this National Litter Pick and agreed to contact these organisations + 'On the Verge' and the Rugby Club.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council purchases some litter pick equipment and black bags.

Tourist Information & Resource Centre (TIRC) – Noted a meeting of the TIRC had been held on 6 Mar in the Town Hall.

20/48 POWYS HEALTH BOARD & BRONLLYS WELL BEING PARK –

Powys Health Board - 'Meeting the Challenges in Podiatry Services in Powys' – Information received and on circulation

Bronllys Well Being Park –

- **Public meeting** – 7pm 27 Apr in the Concert Hall, Bronllys
- **Housing Key Workers Survey** – Noted that the Survey had been received.

20/49 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – 2018 – 2019 – Clerk had circulated a report in advance of the meeting. Noted that £40 had already been donated, from the precepted amount of £250 for 2019/2020.

RESOLVED: To donate £50 to the following organisations -

- Brecon Advice Centre
- St David's Hospice,
- Hay & District Dial a Ride
- Wales Air Ambulance

It was noted that approx. £2,909.00 in 2019/2020 has been donated to groups in free hall hire and that some local hirers contribute a nominal sum of £5 towards energy costs for meetings etc.

RESOLVED: That the revised Town Hall Hiring Agreement be finalised and forwarded to all regular hall hirers for signing up, as soon as possible.

Also for the Town Hall sub group to look into future Hall hire fees and to ensure that all hirers pay for at least a nominal fee towards energy costs etc.

20/50 TOWN HALL –

Works in Town Hall – RESOLVED: To pay invoice of Alan Evans, Builder –

- **Public Conveniences** – Repair leak in gents toilets & supply /fit stop tap £198.20
- **Town Hall - Committee Room** – Repair taps £35 & Replace slates on roof – £89.60.

Heating and hot water system upgrade – Confirmation received from OVW that it would be in order for the Town Council to purchase the items needed to upgrade the system.

RESOLVED: To purchase 2 boilers, tank etc from Farr & Harris, Plumber Supplies, for this upgrade work to be fitted by Alan Walters Gas Engineer, as per his tender, soon as possible.

Vermin – Noted some traces of vermin had been identified in the loft space and that Wyn Price, Rodent Operative, had been called in to address the problem and is monitoring the situation.

Town Hall – Stage Curtains Infrastructure & Stage Curtains – RESOLVED: For a working group, to pursue this matter and report back to the main meeting.

Noted a further Grant Application form has been received, in order to apply for up to £10,000 to complete the project which can include other items, such as hall decoration.

20/51 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR –

Coronavirus COVID-19

- Noted the Town Council had been copied into correspondence from Mike Bowers, local resident, to Cllr W Powell, Mayor, regarding the coronavirus outbreak and asking about the possibilities and the practicalities, of self-isolation arrangements in Talgarth.

RESOLVED: To seek the advice of PCC and the Powys Local Health Board, on how to proceed in these circumstances.

- **Pizzoferrato our Twin Town - RESOLVED** to forward a letter from Talgarth Town Council and their friends in Talgarth, to our twin town Mayor, Palmerino Fagnillio and the people of Pizzoferrato, with our thoughts and wishing them to be safe and well during this difficult period with the Coronavirus pandemic

RESOLVED: To move Standing Orders to 9.30pm

20/52 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

- **Annual Report - February 2020**
- **Draft Supplementary Report –the principles relating to the reimbursement of costs of care** – note any comments by 9 Apr.

Police & Crime Commissioner Elections – 7 May 2020 – Noted the Election for this area, is booked to be held in the Town Hall, Talgarth.

Policing in a rural area Conference 6 Mar at Carmarthen - Invitation received from Dafydd Llywelyn to the Conference - Noted Cllr W Powell had attended.

Town and Community Council Engagement Meeting – 11 Mar – Note Clerk sent apologies as the meeting was the same evening as our Town Council, but they will forward the minutes.

Future Generations Report 2020 Feedback Conferences – To be held on 18 Mar at Swansea and 31 Mar at Llandudno

‘Register your defibrillator on The Circuit’ – information received.

OVW – Larger Council’s Committee – Received Minutes of the meeting 5 Feb in Builth Wells

OVW/SLCC Joint event – 20 May at Village Hotel, St Davids Park, Ewloe

OVW- Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony - 26 Mar – Builth Wells

Consultation Events Beyond Recycling – To be held on 5 Mar at Narberth and 9 Mar at Chepstow

Bronllys Action Group programme 2020 – List of forthcoming events

PAVO – March E-bulletin

Fields in Trust - Guide for community campaigners in Wales

Vision ICT - Spring 2020 Newsletter

20/53 ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD –

Churchyard Maintenance Contract – 2nd Year – 1/4/2020 – 31/3/2021 -

RESOLVED: Martin Leighton Garden Services had performed satisfactorily during the 1st year Contract and had signed up the Contract for the 2nd year's work.

Site Inspection Meeting – Noted a Site Inspection has been arranged for 5pm 1 Apr.

Howell Harris tomb – Noted that the tomb has been completed and the new slab is in the process of being re-carved. Noted that the original slab will then to be relocated to Coleg Trefeca where it will be displayed.

Repair of Sun Dial at St Gwendoline's Churchyard – Noted that Alan Lovell, on behalf of the Talgarth Historic Society, had confirmed that funding for the repair of the sun dial has been secured - £250 from the Oakdale Trust, £200 from the Monmouthshire Building Society and £150 from Talgarth & District Historical Society.

Noted Tim Martin, will supervise the restoration work, with the help of volunteers.

20/54 AMOUNTS RECEIVED –

Hall Hire- Child's Birthday Parties- NM- 1/3, KE – 14/3	£44.00
Hall Hire – Table tennis – 2/3	£5.00
Hall Hire - Black Mountains Friends Group – 6/3	£6.00
Hall Hire – Country & Western Club 7/2 & 6/3 £40 x 2 + £5 x 2 Licence fee	£90.00
Hall Hire – Maria Step Aerobics – 14/1 – 31/3	£110.00
Hall Hire – Talgarth Community Choir 9/1 – 12/3	£30.00
Hall Hire – Talgarth Festival Group – 1 /4 - 31/3	£50.00
Hall Hire – Perthyn 6/3	£18.00
Hall Hire – J Lord Spinning – Dec £200, Jan £300, Feb 225, Mar £150	£875.00
R W Evans & Son – 2 nd inscription DM dec'd	£35.00
A V Griffiths & Son, Funeral Director – Burial Ashes RMP dec'd	£80.00

20/55 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Rumsey, Clerk – Increase Mar Salary £1,162.20, Less Tax £232.40 = £929.80,	
Tel Rent £19.99, B'band/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Travel £2.25	£1,011.04
V W Cleaning Services – Feb - Town Hall Cleaning £135.00, Gates £53.36	£188.36
Cllr R Reid – Payment of Town Councillor Allowance 2019/2020	
£150 – Less Tax £30.00	£120.00
Cllr L Elston-Reeves – Payment of Town Councillor Allowance 2019/2020	
£150 – Less Tax £30.00	£120.00
Cllr C Voyle – Payment of Town Councillor Allowance 2019/2020	
£150 – Less Tax £30.00	£120.00
Cllr S Thomas – Pro rata payment of Town Councillor Allowance 2019/2020	
One quarter of £150 - £37.50 Less £7.40 tax	£30.10
Bruce Williams – The Mill Lease – Peppercorn rent – 1 year	£1.00
M S Packaging – Litterpick equipment £25.86 + VAT £5.16	£31.02
Ideal 365 Ltd – Black bags £12.42 + VAT2.48	£14.90
PAVO – Payroll fee – Town Clerk – Jan – Mar 2020	£30.00
Sports Direct – Football equipment for Ysgol y Mynydd du	£144.93
Donations – S137 - £50 to Brecon Advice Centre, £50 to St David's Hospice,	
£50 to Hay & District Dial a Ride, £50 to Wales Air Ambulance	£200.00
A G Evans, Builder – Work - Public Conveniences £198.20, Town Hall £124.60	£322.80
Gentworks – Public Conveniences – Urinal part £104 + Del 10 + VAT £22.80	£136.80

20/56 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Current Account - £1,207.04 High Interest Account - £56,190.39

20/57 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 7:00pm Wed 8 April 2020 – Monthly meeting

SIGNED:

DATE:
