

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,  
WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH**

**PRESENT:** Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Mayor (In the Chair),  
Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Z Argent, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr G Jones, Cllr L Elston-Reeves,  
Cllr A Lord, Cllr T McClatchey, Cllr R Reid, Cllr S Thomas, Cllr C Voyle

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Dodds

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

**20/01 WELCOME** – Cllr W Powell, Mayor, welcomed Cllr S Thomas to his first meeting of Talgarth Town Council and fellow Town Councillors introduced themselves.  
Cllr S Thomas gave an account of himself stating that he had been in teaching for some 30 years. Noted Cllr S Thomas had signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' form on 24 Dec 2019, in the presence of Josephine Rumsey, Proper Officer.  
Noted we are now up to our full 12 members of Talgarth Town Council.

**20/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr A Lord declared an interest in agenda item 3 Planning Applications 19/17972/FUL & 19/17973/LBC although no discussion took place.  
Cllr W Powell declared an interest in Planning Application 19/18070/LBC and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

**20/03 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 4 December 2019 main meeting and confidential meeting, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on 4 December 2019 be adopted and accepted as true records.

**20/04 BBNPA –**

- 1. Planning Application Planning Application 19/17972/FUL** - Proposal: "Full planning application for the conversion of coach house to holiday let use" – Address: Coach House, Trefecca, Brecon. Noted Ian Davies, adjacent neighbour had forwarded a copy of his objections/observations letter to BBNPA, to the Town Council for information.  
**RESOLVED:** To request a site visit with the Agent to clarify some issues.
- 2. Planning Application 19/17973/LBC** – Conversion of coach house to holiday let use – Address: Coach House, Trefecca, Brecon.  
**RESOLVED:** To request a site visit with the Agent to clarify some issues.
- 3. Planning Application 19/18070/LBC** – Retrospective amendments to LBC 14/11613/LBC regarding front windows, door and guttering" – Address: Pentwyn, Talgarth LD3 0EH.  
**RESOLVED:** To support this planning application.
- 4. Planning Application 19/18099/FUL** – Remodelling of existing single storey to rear of property to replace with two storey extension with balcony and attached 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  
**RESOLVED:** To support this planning application.
- 5. Planning Application 19/18081/FUL** - "The demolition and replacement of Ancillary domestic structures with a new kitchen extension."  
Address: Berth Fedw Farm, Talgarth, LD3 0ED  
**RESOLVED:** To support this planning application.

6. **Planning Application 19/18099** - Proposal: Proposal: "Construction of a detached garage at 2 Bron Y Garth"- Address: 2 Bron Y Garth, Cottage Lane, Talgarth LD3 0AE  
**RESOLVED:** To support this planning application.
7. **Planning Application 19/18146/FUL** - Proposal: "Proposed garage extension and first floor extension." - Address: Maescoch , Tredustan, Brecon LD3 0PN  
**RESOLVED:** To support this planning application with the proviso that the new windows on the front of the property are of the same shape and type as existing and that the cladding is removed and the wall rendered to match the existing front of the property.

**BBNPA - Planning, Access and Rights of Way, Tuesday, 10 Dec** – Draft minutes received.

**BBNPA - Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) - Consultation on Local Development Plan** – Noted that the BBNPA is preparing a replacement LDP, and produced the - Additional Candidate Site Registers for the public consultation period of 8 weeks - 18 Dec 2019 - 12 Feb 2020.

**PCC - Planning Application 19/0845/FUL Proposed sand and gravel extraction near Tregunter farm** – Letter of concern received from Duncan Hawley, resident of Llanfilo re this planning application.

**RESOLVED:** To respond by suggesting Mr Hawley contacts his own Llanfilo Community Council and Powys County Council Planning Department for any further information.

**PCC - Adopted Powys LDP 2011- 2026:** Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation - Noted that the Council has started preparing a further set of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance as outlined in Appendix 2 of the adopted Powys LDP and now giving the Town Council advance notice that PCC will be holding a six week public consultation on this set in the week commencing 20 Jan 2020.

## 20/05 TALGARTH ISSUES –

**Request for Plaque in memory of Grandfather John Kift on Seat on Hay Road Cycle Path – Request received** – Request received from Dominic Pugh, for Plaque in memory of his Grandfather John Kift on a Seat on the Hay Road Cycle Path, a location where he regular walked over the many years. **RESOLVED:** To agree to this request.

**The Mill Run in aid of the Drew Barker Charity – 31 Dec 2019** – Appreciation was received from Sarah Andrews, The Mill, to the Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for keeping the Public Conveniences open until 9pm that evening, for the Mill Run which attracted 98 runners this year, compared with 60 last year.

**'On the Verge'** - Note next meeting 6.30pm 14 Jan in Committee Room, Town Hall.

**Old Post Office, Talgarth** – E-mail received from Richard Hayman, who has been contracted by Cadw, to look at outstanding spot-listing requests, and met on site with Cllr Powell, Peter Laugharne, Tony James and Mrs Virginia Brown on 19 Dec and awaiting outcome.

**RESOLVED:** To thank Richard Hayman for attending and await the outcome.

**Black Mountains College Group - Christmas get together at their new BMC offices at Great House Barns** – Invitation received to event at 5pm 18 Dec. Noted Cllr W Powell attended and Cllr S Thomas, attended on behalf of Grow for Talgarth.

**Grow for Talgarth** – Noted reps of the Town Council, Cllr W Powell, Mayor, Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, Cllr R Reid & Cllr T McClatchey had met with Rosie Williams and Gaynor Weavers, on 6 Jan at 1pm re suggestions for rain water harvesting etc. Noted Cllr A Bufton had forwarded some written suggestions which were used for the discussion. The group to come back with some costings before our Precept meeting on 13 Jan.

**Police & Speedwatch Scheme** – Awaiting a site meeting at Trefecca with the Police and members of the local Speedwatch team to try and identify a suitable site in this location.

**Brecon to Hay Cycle Path Group – Big Lottery application** – E-mail received from Freya Morgan, requesting support of the Town Council, re: her communication with Mark Stafford-Tolley, who is applying for a Big Lottery grant for the area for Rights of Way, and is involving Town & Community Councils, in the hope of creating a localised plan for the application,

suggesting the proposed cycle path could be added into the plan for the application for this fund and for each of the councils involved.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council supports this proposal, and to inform other local groups, in the hope of encouraging them to support this project.

**King George V Playing Fields, Pavilion etc** - Invoice for £30.00 + £6 VAT – Total £36 received from Skyrme Electrical.

**RESOLVED:** This invoice be paid which will be recoverable from the Football Club.

**Talgarth Senior Football Club** – Noted the Treasurer, Talgarth Senior Football Club had today notified the Clerk that the Club would be paying a cheque for £710.40, on account, from the £1,329.48 owing for upkeep work at the Pavilion as per their current lease, leaving a balance of £619.08 which was the invoice for the replacement of faulty emergency lights replaced 2019.

**TADSCA AGM - 6.30pm Tues 26 Nov at The Pavilion** – Noted Minutes of AGM, received and officers appointed - Chairman - Chris Voyle, (current Chair of the Talgarth Town Senior Football Club), Secretary - Peter Weavers (current TADSCA Secretary) and Treasurer - Craig Powell, (current Treasurer of the Talgarth Junior Football Club).

Noted a suggestion had been made at the AGM by Chris Voyle, Chairman, and this motion carried, for a representative from the Town Council to be ‘co-opted’ to the TADSCA Committee, who would provide a ready liaison between TADSCA and the Talgarth Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr A Lord to be the Town Council Liaison representative, for co-option to TADSCA, who will attend the next TADSCA meeting at 6.30pm on 14 Jan at the Pavilion.

**Pavilion - Annual Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Test** – Noted that the test took place on 5 Dec by Blackwood Fire Ltd and the Senior Football Club were invoiced direct and copy of the test report received for the Town Council file.

**Bowling Club** – Noted next meeting 7pm 14 Jan at the Bowling Club.

**Public Conveniences** – Noted that Healthmatic Cleaners have reported that the handle in the ladies toilet has broken off.

**RESOLVED:** That an order be forwarded to A G Evans Builder to replace the broken handle.

## 20/06 TREFECCA ISSUES

**Concern re Open Culvert - running through the garden of Trefecca Farm adjacent the lane off Trefecca Road leading to the old Railway Crossing is flooding and washing away the road surface** – Cllr A Lord reported that he and the property owner would attend to this work.

**Big Lottery Funding- Proposed Footpath from Trefecca to Talgarth-** No new update.

**Speeding through Trefecca** – Noted Cllr Andy Lord had forwarded a letter from Mike Marcheselli, resident Trefecca, concerning this issue and also expressing an interest in joining the local Speedwatch team and the Clerk had given him the relevant application forms.

## 20/07 GROUP UPDATES –

**Festival Group** – Next meeting – 7pm Mon 20 Jan at the Town Hall.

**Xmas Lights Group – AGM 6 Jan** - Cllr R Reid reported that the Xmas Lights AGM was held on 6 Jan and officers appointed - Martin Draper, Chairman, Gethin Evans – Vice-Chairman and Secretary, Doris James, Treasurer.

**RESOLVED:** To thank the Xmas Lights Group for such an excellent event again this year.

**Talgarth & District Regeneration Group (TDRG) –**

**PAVO – Comic Relief bid re Talgarth Library** – Cllr Z Argent, Chairman TIRC, reported that it had been announced today that this bid for £9,500, submitted by the TIRC, in conjunction with the TDRG and the newly formed Talgarth Library Friends group, had been successful.

Noted that the Town Council will include the contribution of £1,000 in 2020/21 financial year, as a demonstration of our commitment to the project and as match funding towards the delivery of its objectives.

**Walkers are Welcome Group** – Received Agenda and draft minutes of the 19th November meeting. Noted next meetings to be held at 7pm 17 Dec and 22 Jan in the Committee Room, Town Hall.

**Tourist Information & Resource Centre (TIRC)** – Cllr Z Argent reported that the TIRC decoration has been completed and that the next meeting will be held at 7pm 17 Jan in the Committee Room, Town Hall.

**20/08 TOWN HALL –**

**Town Hall Kitchen – Faulty isolator on Water heater** – Noted this work has been completed and invoice for £34 + £6.80 VAT – Total £40.80 received from Skyrme Electrical.

**Committee Room – 1x Emergency Light out of order** - Noted this work has been undertaken and invoice for £45 + £9 VAT – Total £54 received from Skyrme Electrical

**Town Hall – Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Quarterly test July 2019** - Invoice for £30.00 + £6 VAT – Total £36 received from Skyrme Electrical

**Public Conveniences – Faulty light** - Noted this work has been undertaken and invoice for £70 + £14 VAT – Total £84 received from Skyrme Electrical

**RESOLVED:** The above invoices be paid to Skyrme Electrical.

**Main light in Town Hall** – Awaiting suitable replacement costs from Skyrme Electrical.

**Tender for the Town Hall heating and hot water system to be upgraded -**

**RESOLVED:** As more work is required to go out for re-tender.

**Hall hire – RESOLVED:** To allow a local lad to hire the hall for his music practice as agreed.

**Town Hall - Proposed Soundproofing** – In order to obtain a figure for proposed soundproofing in the Town Hall, some ideas were received from a company.

**RESOLVED:** To include £25,000 in the precept figures 2020/2021 and to pay invoice of the company for attendance at the site meeting and production of costs - £50 + £10 VAT.

**20/09 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR** - Cllr W Powell forwarded an update for the meeting, wishing a Happy New Year to the Town Clerk, and all Town Councillors  
Cllr Powell reported:

- There had been a very limited number of formal business meetings in the immediate run up to and aftermath of Christmas. However, as colleagues would appreciate, key workers in Highways, Social Care and other services had worked throughout and deserved both appreciation and thanks.
- A busy programme of activities was now already underway – and just that morning, a PCC Senior Management Planning meeting in Llandrindod and a Brexit External Affairs Working Group had taken place in Antur Gwy in Builth Wells. A Full Council meeting was due to take place on 23 Jan, and its agenda would be published the following week.
- That morning, it had been announced that PCC was inviting applications for road closures for street parties to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May and is waiving the cost of applications - VE day celebrations were happening between 8-10 May 2020 with the first May Bank Holiday moving from the Monday to the Friday to mark the event. Local people were also being invited to run their own street parties and reignite a strong, inclusive community spirit to mark the anniversary. In the context of Talgarth, this would also be woven into the theme of the Walkers are Welcome Festival, for which preparations were already advanced. Note applications for road closures were due by 28 Feb.
- Much of the other work of PCC, the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel and the Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority, currently revolved around the budget/precept setting for 2020/2021. The Welsh Government's Local Government settlement to PCC was considerably more generous this year, reflecting a mid-table position, across the 22 Local Authorities.
- Cllr Powell had had a fairly busy period of case work referrals and seasonal visits, including to Bronllys Hospital on Christmas Eve, when it was wonderful to witness the homely atmosphere created by the Powys LHB nursing team and support staff. The

Powys Highways teams had had a challenging time, especially pre-Christmas, with the level of rainfall and drainage problems.

- On 4 Jan, Cllr Powell attended the Powys launch of the Knife Angel statue in Newtown, made possible by Dyfed Powys Police, the Police Commissioner's Office and Newtown Town Council, all facilitated by County Cllr Joy Jones. It was a moving tribute to the movement against knife crime and all forms of violence and it was to remain in Newtown until the end of Jan.

## **20/10 PCC & TRUNK ROAD ISSUES**

**Hospital Road, Talgarth** – Noted that Cllr L Elston-Reeves had reported on 23 Dec, to the Clerk the dangerous state of Hospital Road, due to a mud and debris state and the Clerk had reported the matter to Daniel Relf, PCC Highways for attention. Response received that due to so many similar incidents, PCC was unable to address this issue prior to Christmas.

**Street Lights TG254, TG255 & TG256 out of order** – Noted that Jamie Morris PCC has raised tickets to get TG254 & 255 repaired towards the end of the week and to note that TG256 is one of the original lights that was switched off in 2009.

**Highway Issues** – Received e-mail 3 Jan from John Williams, resident High Street, regarding highway concerns, and a further e-mail dated 7 Jan – both correspondence acknowledged and received at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council will discuss further and respond as soon as possible.

**Bollards – Heol las lane – RESOLVED:** To undertake a site visit to look at the current position.

## **20/11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –**

**Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – RESOLVED:** To pay invoice for Annual Renewal – Due 1st Feb – £161.00.

**OVW - Robert Penn letter 22 Nov re Public meeting on 11 Dec** – Re Plant a million trees in a day in the Brecon Beacons.

**PCC - The Brecknock and Radnor Sports Partnership (BRSP)** – Received a letter from Matt James, Chairman of the BRSP, regarding the Sports Partnership, which is an organisation that was set up over twenty years ago to promote and develop sporting opportunities in the area. They are now seeking a financial contribution from Town/Community Councils.

**RESOLVED:** To consider with other applications received in 2019/2020 at the 11 Mar meeting.

**PCC Bus Infrastructure Improvements** – E-mail received from Rosie Stephens, PCC, informing us that, PCC had been successful in recent years bidding to Welsh Government for transport grant funding to improve our bus infrastructure. To date, they had installed approximately 50 electronic Real Time Information (RTI) display screens at bus stops and reported the benefits.

This year PCC had been awarded additional funding, and wish to improve bus infrastructure along T4/T14 bus routes in Boughrood, Erwood, Felinfach, Talgarth, Three Cocks and Bronllys. Talgarth has been identified as a key location and PCC was seeking local views on installing electronic displays and the aim was to complete works by the end of the financial year.

Noted that Cllr W Powell, Mayor, responded on 4 Dec, stating that he strongly supported the installation of RTI display systems – and that this would be welcomed in Talgarth .

**Planning Aid Wales event** – Noted 23 Jan 2020 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.

**Map for Talgarth Town Council area** – Received from PCC an A4 and A3 electronic versions.

**PAVO – Training events for voluntary organisations, -** Noted session in the Town Hall, Talgarth, on 28 Jan 2020 9.30am – 5pm – ‘Sustaining your Organisation through difficult times’. Also received PAVO Jan 2020 – E-Bulletin..

**Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2020** – Request for financial assistance received.

**RESOLVED:** To be considered at the 11 Mar meeting with other requests.

**2020 Mid Powys Pride Event** – Note Llandrindod Wells Town Council is supporting the first ever Powys Pride which will take place on 27 June 2020 in Llandrindod Wells. This event aims to reach LGBTQ+ visitors from across Powys and looking for financial assistance.

**RESOLVED:** To be considered at Mar meeting with other requests.

**2020/21 Police Precept Consultation** – Received letter dated 6 Dec and survey details re consultation – 5 Dec – 8 Jan <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DPPPprecept>.

**RESOLVED:** To move Standing Orders to 9.15pm

**20/12 ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD –**

**Xmas Tree in Churchyard – RESOLVED:** To thank the group, via Tony James, who put up and decorate the beautiful Xmas Tree in the Churchyard.

**20/13 AMOUNTS RECEIVED –**

Hall Hire – Perthyn	£12.00
Hall Hire – PCC	£20.00
Hall Hire – Black Mountains Friends 3/1	£6.00
Hall Hire – Childs's Birthday Party – SJW -	£22.00
Hall Hire – Windbags group – 6/1/2020	£40.00
Talgarth Senior Football Club – Reimbursement of Pavilion costs	£710.40

**20/14 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

J Rumsey, Clerk – Jan Salary £1,140.10, Less Tax £228.20 = £911.90,	
Tel Rent £19.99, Broadband/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Travel £2.25	£993.14
V W Cleaning Services – Dec - Town Hall Cleaning £151.20, Gates £67.07	£218.27
CLlr W Powell – Travel 4/10/19 to OVW meeting £31.14 + 5 Oct OVW AGM & Conference £46.44 – mileage 45p per mile	£77.58
Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Subscription 1/2/2020 – 31/1/2021	£161.00
Border Office Supplies – A4 copier paper – 10 reams £25.58 + £5.72 VAT	£34.30
Vision ICT – Web hosting & support – Mar 2020 – Feb 2021 - £125 + £25 VAT	£150.00
Healthmatic – Public Conveniences cleaning – 1/1 – 31/3/2020 - £1,687 + £337.50 VAT	£2,025.00
Skyrme Electrical –	
Pavilion – Fire Alarm & Emergency Test – July 2019 - £30 +£6 VAT	£36.00
Public Conveniences – Repair light in WC - £70.00 + £14.00 VAT	£84.00
Town Hall - Fire Alarm & Emergency Test – July 2019 - £30 +£6 VAT	£36.00
- Emergency Light replacement in Committee Room - ££45 + £9 VAT	£54.00
- Replace isolator on boiler in kitchen - £34.00 + £6.80 VAT	£40.80

**20/15 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Current Account -	£1,742.25
High Interest Account -	£65,659.37

**20/16 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

7:00pm Wed 12 Feb 2020 – Monthly meeting

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

