

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM, MONDAY,
2 NOVEMBER 2020, HELD REMOTELY**

MEMBERS PRESENT BY VIDEO LINK: Cllr P Lewis (Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr T McClatchey, Cllr R Parry, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr R Reid, Cllr S Thomas, Cllr C Voyle

APOLOGIES: Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE BY VIDEO LINK: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

WELCOME: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed members to the seventh virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype.

20/141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations of interest received -

- Cllr A Bufton in respect of Agenda item 4 – Matters arising - Minute 20/134 - Haygarth Doctors' Proposals for curtailed opening hours at Hay & Talgarth sites.
- Cllr R Parry in respect of Agenda item 4 – Matters arising - Minute 20/134 - PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town

20/142 BBNPA – No Planning Applications for consideration at this meeting.

- **BBNPA Planning Application 20/18813/FUL – Reconsultation due to amendment -** Proposal: “New roof structure and replacement of asbestos slates. Main Entrance relocated complete with new storm porch. New window openings. Existing external finishes to be upgraded.” Address: Talgarth Library (Former), New Street, Talgarth - Received this Reconsultation Planning Application the previous day. Noted it will be for discussion at our next meeting.
Also received a communication from Ms S Lambton, Resident - New Street, Talgarth, regarding her concerns in respect of this Planning Application.
- **WITHDRAWN - BBNPA Planning Application 18532/FUL -** Proposal: “The conversion of a former Agricultural barn (now ancillary domestic Store) into a Dwelling etc - Address: Lower Genffordd, Talgarth. Noted this Application has been withdrawn.

20/143 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14 October 2020, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14 October 2020, be adopted and accepted as a true record.

20/144 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

20/134 - Remembrance 2020 – Having received current COVID-19 guidelines from WG, The Armed Forces Team, OVW and PCC, it was suggested that a small deputation of Town Councillors lay the Town Council wreath at the War Memorial at 11am Wed 11 Nov. Received the Poppy Wreath £18 and 8 x Poppy Crosses for the War Graves £8. Noted that Valmai Davies had again this year, placed the 7 x Poppy Crosses on the War Graves at St Gwendoline’s Churchyard and 1 x Poppy Cross at the former Mid Wales Hospital War grave. **War Memorial Gardens & Poppies** – Noted that Brian Evans had planted up the War Memorial walled gardens with winter flower plants and new compost and wished to donate the cost to the Town Council. He also reported that some of his own large poppies had broken but he had placed his last 3 large poppies on the lamp posts in this area.

RESOLVED:

- That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 2 Town Councillors place the Town Council wreath on the War Memorial at 11am on Wed 11 Nov.
- To forward a letter of thanks to Brian Evans for his continued work in maintaining the War Memorial walled gardens and for donating both the Summer and Winter flower plants etc again this year and for putting up the large poppies in this location.
- To pay the British Legion invoice for the cost of the Poppy Wreath £18 and 8 x Poppy Crosses £8 and to order a dozen or so large poppies, for future use.
- To thank Valmai Davies for her continued work in maintaining the War Graves and the placing of the Poppy Crosses.

20/134 - Haygarth GP Practice – Proposal to reduce surgery hours from 01 10 2020 –

Noted Cllr A Bufton left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision making. Update received on 22 Oct from Katie Blackburn, CHC, confirming that the Executive Committee had unanimously agreed to continue to seek a positive way forward and will be meeting with the PtHB and the Haygarth Medical Practice.

Noted an article relating to this matter had been published in the Brecon & Radnor on 15 Oct.

RESOLVED: To request an update from the CHC.

20/134 - PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town – Cllr W Powell

reported that the design work of the green area adjacent the Chinese take-away, together with some costings, had been received from GfT and on circulation. A proposal was under development to enhance pedestrian safety, facilitate legal parking and support local businesses by means of the installation of a number of bollards. It was also planned to reinstate the historical feature of an awning at Coronation House to provide shelter for the adjacent queuing area.

RESOLVED:

- That the Town Council agree, in principle, that the area adjacent the Chinese take-away should be upgraded, subject to more information
- That the Mayor and 2 Town Councillors also attend the site meeting on 5 Nov, together with David King PCC, Rosie & Gaynor from GfT group and other stakeholders, to discuss the proposals on site.

20/134 – One Voice Wales – Received a list of on-line Training dates for Nov.

20/134 – Afon Llynfi – Pollution etc – Received a copy of the update on 16 Oct, that had been circulated by GP Biotec to the Liaison Group, which included an item re Afon Llynfi Pollution. Noted on 23 Oct NRW confirmed the current status of the Afon Llynfi - Pollution is that *'All lines of enquiry in NRW's investigation are still live and they have not yet formally ruled out any potential source'*.

RESOLVED: To await NRW further answers to our questions and their conclusions and to submit FOI requests.

20/134 - Grow for Talgarth – RESOLVED:

- To reimburse GfT the cost of purchase and fixing of the Water Butts, positioned around the Town Hall – Total £214.94, as agreed at our Precept meeting on 13 Jan 2020.
- **RHS Wales in Bloom Award Ceremony – Sept 2022** – That the Mayor and 3 Town Councillors meet in the Town Hall, to check out numbers possible for this event, in line with fire safety regulations.

20/145 CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 – WG & OVW weekly updates received.

TOWN HALL –

Town Hall hire - It was noted that WG has announced in its guidelines that after 9 Nov 2020, up to 30 people can meet outside and 15 people inside.

RESOLVED: To ask advice of OVW in respect of the possibility of Town Council meetings, being again held in the main Town Hall, with social distancing.

Town Hall Heating & Hot Water Upgrade – Received final Invoice from Alun Walters, Heating Engineer, of the outstanding balance of the Tender sum for Town Hall Heating & Hot Water Upgrade, plus the agreed £1,000 for additional work to supply hot water in the Public Conveniences, in the sum of £5,560.46.

RESOLVED: That this Invoice for £5,560.46 be paid.

Town Hall Clock – Cllr A Bufton reported that at the annual inspection, the Smith of Derby's Clock Engineer, again made recommendations for the upgrading of the time-equipment in the clock tower and caretaker's cupboard, and has since forwarded costs.

RESOLVED: To circulate Smith of Derby's report and quotation for the recommended repairs, for discussion when considering the Precept.

BOWLING CLUB/GREEN – Clerk reminded Town Councillors that the Lease between the Town Council and the Bowls Club, is due for renewal on 1 April 2021.

KING GEORGE V Playing fields/Pavilion/Children's Play area – Cllr C Voyle , reported that he, as Chairman and Peter Weavers, Secretary, TADSCA, had attended a meeting on 15 Oct with Talgarth Town Football Club reps - Gareth Davies, Chairman and Keith Parry, Vice- Chairman, when it was agreed to have further negotiations with the potential to improve the terms and condition of the sub-lease from TADSA to the Talgarth Town Football Club, in advance of the sub-lease coming to an end in April 2021.

POLICE/SPEEDWATCH –Speeding through Trefecca – Cllr R Reid reported that the Police had recently been stopping people in vehicles, for excessive speeding through Trefecca.

20/146 PRIMROSE PHARMACY PROPOSAL – Capital funding for automated systems to reconfigure community pharmacy prescription collection systems - Received information

from Stefan Fec, Primrose Pharmacy, re some funding available through Welsh Government to enable investment in automation by a Community Pharmacy that will improve patient care and address some of the difficulties patients face in these COVID times like accessing prescriptions. Due to insufficient space in Primrose Pharmacy to site one in-store, he is looking at alternative venues external to the pharmacy.

RESOLVED: To inform Stefan Fec that the Town Council supports his proposals for the project.

20/147 FINANCIAL UPDATE: Amounts received since last meeting and banked:

Date	From	Item	Amount
28.9.20	Farr & Harris CREDIT	Materials for Town Hall Heating upgrade – £209.42 + £41.88= 251.30	251.30
26.10.20	WG	Loss of Funding due to COVID 19 – Claims for period 1 April 2020-30 June 2020 - Reimbursement	£955.00
26.10.20	JDS Building Ltd CREDIT	2 x 5 litres Wood Treatment – <i>Incorrect item sent so returned</i> - £35.30 + £7.06 = £42.36	£42.36

Accounts for Payment/Ratification:

Date	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
12.10.20	Farr & Harris	7/9 Materials for Town Hall Heating upgrade	545.55	109.11	645.66
12.10.20	Farr & Harris	28/9 Materials for Town Hall Heating upgrade	370.66	74.13	444.79
16.10.20	TIRC	Matchfund of 'Verge to the Centre' project to the TIRC.			£1,000.00
19.10.20	Farr & Harris	19/10 – Final invoice for - Materials for Town Hall Heating upgrade	169.74	33.95	203.69
19.10.20	Town Clerk	Oct Salary & Expenses			£1,033.75
20.10.20	Royal British Legion	Remembrance 2020 – Poppy Wreath £18 + 8xPoppy Crosses for War Graves £8.			£26.00
22 10 20	PAVO	Payroll fee – July – Sept 2020			£30.00
23.10.20	Building Plastics Ltd	2 x 5 litres Wood Treatment – Replacement to original returned as incorrect item	£39.82	£7.96	£47.78
26.10.20`	Planning Aid Wales	Subscription for Training for 1 year			£150.00
29.10.20	Printerbase –As previously agreed – To ratify payment)	New mono laser printer £186 + VAT with starter cartridge of approx. 3000 pages – Plus spare 8000 page cartridge - £45 + VAT	£231.00	£46.20	£277.20
30.10.20	Grow for Talgarth (As previously agreed) – To ratify payment	Water Butts £149.97 and fitting at the Town Hall –£214.94. – For reimbursement			£214.94
30.10.20	Alan Walters – To ratify payment	Final Invoice – Balance owing - Town Hall Heating & Water upgrade			£5,560.46

Bank Balances – Business Reserve Account - £48,667.55 Current Account - £1,073.11

20/148 TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL - AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 –

Annual Return and Audit Report for 2019-20 received from Grant Thornton, signed up as satisfactory by the Auditor General for Wales on 29 Oct 2020.

Notice of Conclusion of the Audit to be displayed from 6 Nov 2020, for the required 14 days on the Town Council's Web Site, together with the signed 2019-2020 accounts.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, thanked the Clerk for all her dedicated work and congratulated her on the presentation and satisfactory audit of the accounts 2019-2020.

20/149 TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2020/2021 2nd QUARTERLY BUDGET –

Received 2nd Quarter Budget Statements – July, Aug, Sept, successfully internal audited by Sharn Drury, Internal Auditor.

20/150 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

WG - The Waste (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020

WG - Electoral Newsletter – October

WG - Policy Announcement: Compulsory Purchase

PCC & Town/Community Councils Meeting 15.07 – Received final Minutes of the meeting.

BBNPA - Agenda for National Park Authority, 30 Oct, 2020, 10.00 am

BBNPA - Community Update Autumn 2020

BBNPA - Weekly Planning Applications – 11/9 – 23/10 – due to the BBNPA website down.

BBNPA - Audit and Scrutiny Committee Agenda – 23 Oct 10am .

BBNPA - Community Update Autumn 2020

PAVO - Conference and AGM on 20 Nov & Oct 2020 E-bulletin

Talgarth Bypass and Bronllys Relief Road – Enquiry received from Chris Martin, Nuttalls, former Project Manager, in the construction of the bypass in 2006 – 2007, asking for any feedback on the economic impact on the Talgarth town.

Noted the Town Council does not have such information and, as previously suggested by Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, the correspondence had been forwarded to Peter Weavers, who was, at the time, the Community Liaison Officer for the project, and to Bronllys Community Council, in case they are able to assist with this matter.

Black Mountains College – Request received from Ben Rawlence to attend a Town Council meeting, in the future, to update us about the plans for the BMC. Noted Clerk has requested a brief written update to share with Town Councillors, prior to Ben attending a remote meeting. Also received the Black Mountains College Newsletter – The Lost Open Mind.

Police - Message during current Wales Firebreak – Noted Dyfed Powys Roads Policing Unit are in place at border sites to enforce the lockdown of people entering, during this Firebreak.

Scams – Noted an increase in scams, including - Courier Fraud, BT and HMRC Fraud.

Powys Teaching Health Board - Forthcoming Changes to Nevill Hall Hospital: Briefing Sessions for Town and Community Councils - briefing sessions on 20 and 21 October –

Noted Cllr P Lewis, Mayor and Cllr T McClatchey participated in the briefing session.

Received the digital booklet of the changes, which has been put on the Town Council's website.

Local Resident - Received a letter dated 18 Oct from Mr P Weavers, informing us that he is forwarding his concerns of smells in his area to the relevant organisations.

Community Planning & Engagement in Wales – Email received from Jack Collard, a final year planning student at Cardiff University, requesting Town Councillors complete his survey.

Talgarth Common – E mail complaint and photographs received from Ms Hogan of the damage at Talgarth Common. **RESOLVED:** To forward her complaint to the BBNPA for attention.

20/151 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

7pm 2 December 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 pm.

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