

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM, FRIDAY,  
20 NOVEMBER 2020, HELD REMOTELY, TO CONSIDER A SINGLE AGENDA ITEM –  
PCC – BID FOR COVID-19 ENVIRONMENTAL WORK AROUND THE TOWN**

**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 W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr R Reid, Cllr S Thomas, Cllr C Voyle

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Deputy Mayor), Cllr R Parry, who had declared a personal interest

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

**WELCOME:** Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed members to the eighth virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype, which had been called to clarify some issues regarding this proposed bid.

**20/152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declaration of interest received from Cllr R Parry in respect of this PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town , due to a personal interest, and did not attend the meeting.

**20/153 PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town Centre**

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor reported that he had completed a draft application for the bid, and circulated it prior to this meeting, based on the information discussed at our 2 Nov Town Council meeting and the subsequent site meeting on 5 Nov which he attended, with David Kingston, PCC, Cllr W Powell, Cllr R Reid, Stake holders – Mr & Mrs D Parry and Rosie and Gaynor of GfT, and confirmed that he was not aware of any proposals for the bid, prior to this.

Cllr P Lewis confirmed that the proposals included in the draft application are for the Shade Garden, the awning on Coronation House and the bollards and tables/chairs on the pedestrianised area in front of Coronation House. Also included all costs which he had received but these costs amount to £1,544.80 above the grant ceiling of £12,500 and asked colleagues for any ideas on how we could address the shortfall or cut up the front cost by the overspend.

Cllr P Lewis reported that a Land Registry search had been made which revealed that the piece of land, identified for the Shade Garden, adjacent to London House, was not registered to anyone – but this did not mean that it does not belong to anyone.

An application to the Land Registry - fee of £3, had been submitted, which confirmed that this piece of land did not belong to London House.

On 16 Nov, Tony Caine PCC confirmed that the area of land proposed for the Shade Garden is a PCC asset vested with them in Highways, so they would not have an issue with the Town Council making use of this area of land.

In the absence of Cllr L Elston-Reeves at this evening's meeting, Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, read out her comments, which she had forwarded the previous evening, on re the draft application. Cllr P Lewis then asked each Town Councillor, in turn, to express their views.

From the lengthy discussion, there were several areas of concern raised, which required clarification, in respect of the project proposals - which included:

- Highway and Public safety issues
- Installation of the bollards
- Responsibility, future upkeep and regular maintenance of the Shade Garden
- Public liability for the Shade Garden and insurance for the fixings etc
- The close proximity of any constructed permanent items and any build-up of land etc, at the Shade Garden, to the adjoining neighbour's property
- Any planning consent required at the Shade Garden, due to it being in a conservation area

Some additional comments/suggestions, not connected with this bid, were also received.

- Cllr M Dodds asked about the Woodlands Children’s Play area refurbishment.
- Cllr A Bufton mentioned that there are current discussions taking place on social media reference a skate board for Talgarth and wondered if this facility could be considered in Woodlands Play area or King George V playing fields.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor confirmed that an invitation to bid for £10,000 funding for Play Opportunities, in Talgarth, had been received on 17 Nov, from PCC – an ‘All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2020-21’ – note submissions by 8 Dec.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor reported that:

- Steve Butcher PCC, has confirmed that he will be making a bid for this funding for the Woodlands Play area.
- the Town Council had intended to make a bid for the King George V Children’s play area, but it has been reported today, that Peter Weavers, on behalf of TADSCA, is proposing to submit a bid for this site.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, confirmed with Peter Weavers earlier today, that the Town Council agrees that TADSCA submits the bid for the grant, with Town Council full support and assistance, if and when required, and to keep us informed of progress at each stage of the bid.

It was suggested that we request PCC to refresh/re-paint the existing parking bays, in front of the Co-op stores.

Proposed by Cllr M Dodds and seconded by Cllr A Lord, with a unanimous decision that the element of the bid relating to the Coronation Cafe be omitted and the bid to go forward for the Shade Garden and bollards, in order to remain within grant financial parameters.

**RESOLVED:**

- That the element of the bid relating to the Coronation Cafe be omitted and the bid to go forward for the Shade Garden and bollards, in order to remain within grant financial parameters.
- That David Kingston PCC and the Town Clerk seek clarity on the outstanding issues raised.
- The Town Council requests the refreshing/repainting of the parking bays in front of the Co-op Stores

**20/154 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

7pm 2 December 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8 30 pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....