

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY,
12 JANUARY 2022, HELD REMOTELY**

MEMBERS PRESENT BY VIDEO LINK: Cllr P Lewis (Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Deputy Mayor), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr T McClatchey, Cllr R Parry, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr R Reid, Cllr C Voyle

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Dodds – *Unable to join meeting for technical reasons*

IN ATTENDANCE : Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

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

22/7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No Declarations of Interest.

22/8 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 8 December 2021 and 6 January 2022, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 8 December 2021 and 6 January 2022, be accepted as correct records.

22/9 PLANNING MATTERS – To consider Planning Application:

- **BBNPA –Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20619/FUL - Proposal:** “Full conservation repairs to schedule monument gate tower structure including extensive roof works”- **Address: Gate Tower, Great Porthamel, Talgarth Brecon Powys - Grid Reference: E:315934 N:235200.**

RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

Note – Cllr A Lord left the meeting, as unwell.

22/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **One Voice Wales/PAVO –** Noted that COVID updates and training dates have been received, and on circulation.
- **Afon Llynfi Pollution -** Noted a summary of the meeting of the Town Council, attended by reps of neighbouring Community Councils, held on 24 Nov 2021 will be circulated to those who attended at the meeting.
Noted Cllr A Lord has offered to draft up a response, for approval by all present, for publication as agreed at the meeting and to lobby our Senedd Members.
Awaiting information requested from NRW.
- **GP Biotec – smells –** Noted that some reports of unpleasant smells had been received during Dec especially the 2 weeks leading up to Xmas but no further reports received since Xmas eve.

22/11 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES - Group updates -

- **Grow for Talgarth -** Noted a meeting of the group was held on 11 Jan at the Rugby Club. Received a request dated 12 Jan from Bruce Williams, seeking help and clarification from the Town Council, regarding the land on the Swan Terrace side of the river bank, since it has been vacated by the ‘On the Verge’ group.
RESOLVED: To respond that County Councillor William Powell has agreed to work with the relevant parties to resolve this matter, as the ground involved is in the ownership of Powys County Council.

- **Town Centre PCC Project - Gazibos** - Received copy of information dated 16 Dec 2021, from the BBNPA to PCC, confirming that the Gazibos were a temporary arrangement due to COVID and suggesting Planning Permission should be obtained.
Noted we are awaiting a response from The Senedd, as to whether this temporary arrangement may be extended due to COVID.
Discussion took place and agreed to proceed with the Planning Application.
RESOLVED: To seek assistance of Peter Weavers in applying to BBNPA for the required Planning Permission for the 2 Gazibos.
- **1976 former Talgarth CP School** – It was noted that the demolition of this 1976 former Talgarth CP School commenced yesterday 11 Jan 2022 and ongoing.
- **St Gwendoline’s Churchyard** - Noted the way forward was agreed at the 6 Jan meeting.
- **Cleaner** – Noted Veronica of V W Cleaning Services has been in and undertaken some cleaning duties in the Town Hall and is happy to assist until we secure a replacement.
RESOLVED: To thank Veronica for offer to help out until we replace.
- **Boilers x 2 Annual Service** – Noted servicing to take place as soon as possible.
- **Town Clock** – It was reported that the lights in the Town Clock appeared not to be working.
RESOLVED: To get checked out and replace these lights in the Town Clock.
- **Public Conveniences** – **RESOLVED:** Timer needs adjusting in this location.

Note Cllr A Bufton who had been on PAVO training, joined the meeting.

- **Blackwood Fire Ltd - Annual Fire Extinguisher Service** – Cllr A Bufton reported that he had met with the Service Engineer, on site, earlier today and that 4 new extinguishers were required. It was also noted that 4 more fire extinguishers would need replacing next year
- **Town Hall – Redecoration – Main Hall including Kitchen, Toilet areas, Entrance area, Committee Room, Public Conveniences.**
RESOLVED: To invite Tenders for the Redecoration of all the areas, requesting 3 separate costs, commencing with the main Hall, including Kitchen, Toilet areas, Entrance area then followed by the Public Conveniences and finally the Committee Room.

Note Cllr L Elston-Reeves left the meeting due to technical issues.

- **King George V Pavilion** – Cllr W Powell reported that some local tradespeople are currently undertaking some good work in the Pavilion on behalf of the Football Club.
- **Police/Speedwatch** –
 - **Trefecca Speeding Issues – remote meeting 10 Dec** – Noted Cllr A Lord and County Councillor W Powell attended – notes of meeting on circulation.
 - **Speedwatch** – Awaiting some dates for speedwatch training from PCSO Emma Jackson. She also reported that Mark Keane their Speed Reduction Officer has been carrying out speeding checks in Trefecca and awaiting the results.

22/12 FINANCIAL UPDATE: To consider and approve Monthly Accounts – previously circulated.

Amounts received since last meeting 8 December 2021 and banked:

Date	From	Item	Amount
31/12/21	PCC	Final one third Precept – 2021/2022	£18,000.00
23/12/21	C C James Funeral Director	Fee for Burial – MD dec'd	£140.00
20/12/21	R W Evans & Son	Fee for Cremation Tablet – SC dec'd	£80.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 8 December 2021:

Date / Cheque No	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
06/12/21 3487	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – 1 st clean per day – 1/1/22 – 31/03/22	£1,687.50	£337.50	£2,025.00
06/12/21 3488	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – 2nd clean per day – 01/1/22 – 30/9/21	£1,472.00	£294.40	£1,766.40
08/12/21 3489	Ann Davies	8 x Wreaths for War Graves 8 x £6	£48.00		£48.00
15/12/21 3490	Town Clerk	Dec Salary & Expenses	£1,053.19		£1,053.19
15/12/21 3491	HRMC	Oct, Nov, Dec – Clerk's Tax £730.60 – Employer's NI £199.14	£929.74		£929.74
20/12/21 3492	S Coles	Xmas lights electricity reimbursement	£20.00		£20.00
05/01/22 3493	Skyrme Electrical Ltd	Public Conveniences – Replace entrance light	£62.50	£12.50	£75.00
05/01/22 3493	Skyrme Electrical Ltd	Town Hall – Replace 2 bulkhead lights in WCs	£149.60	£29.92	£179.52
05/01/22 3493	Skyrme Electrical Ltd	Town Hall – Replace 1 Emergency sign & 1 bulkhead fitting – As tender	£113.00	£22.60	£135.60
05/01/22 3493	Skyrme Electrical Ltd	Town Hall & Clerk's home office – 49 items PAT testing @ £2.50 p/item	£122.50	£24.50	£147.00
05/01/22 3494	Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting and support for March 2022 to February 2023	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
07/01/22 3495	Printerbase Ltd	Cartridge for Clerk's laser printer	£42.75	£8.55	£51.30

05/01/2022 Business Reserve Account - £45,672.67 Current Account - £783.99 - (*Less cheques unrepresented: £20, £75.00, £179.52, £135.60, £147.00, £150.00, £51.30*) (*Plus Credit £140*)

RESOLVED: To approve the above Financial update/Monthly Accounts.

22/13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

Howell Harris Grave – Information Board – Verbal update received from Neil Poulton, Presbyterian Church in Wales, confirming that he could arrange the design and wording for an information board, suggesting an information board be positioned near the grave, and that they would probably make a small contribution towards the cost of this Notice Board.

RESOLVED: To progress the Howell Harris Information Board and to take up the offer of Neil Poulton, Presbyterian Church in Wales, to arrange for the design and suggesting wording – the board to be fixed near the Howell Harris memorial stone. We can then obtain some quotes for its cost, as per our Financial Instructions.

WG - The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils - Laying of the Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021

WG – COVID – Updates received and on circulation.
WG - Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales – reports Shaping Wales Future.
WG - Policy Announcements at the Compulsory Purchase Association (CPA) Wales National Conference 2021
PCC – COVID – Updates received.
PCC - The Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) – Review Report and Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement – Note: Consultation 6 Jan – 1 Feb 2022.
PCC - Red Kite Climate Vision and Strategy Consultation – Note deadline 7 Jan 2022
PCC - Phosphates in the Wye – Received copy of information re this issue.
PCC - Bus Stop touch screen – Received complaints from a couple of members of the public regarding this touch screen not working. Noted PCC has confirmed it is now in working order.
PCC - Planning Decision Notices – 23 11 21 – 8 12 21.
PCC & Town/Community Council Elections – 5 May 2022 – Town Hall booked for Elections
BBNPA - Future Beacons - an opportunity for further engagement - the BBNPA are currently consulting on our new Management Plan for the area Future Beacons.
BBNPA - Agenda for National Park Authority - 23 Dec 2021, 2.00 pm
BBNPA - Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee - 21 Dec 2021, 10.00 am
BBNPA – Weekly list of Planning Applications received
OVW - National Lottery Heritage Fund – COVID-19 Response Fund in Wales
PtHB - Covid-19 Vaccination in Powys – information
Powys CHC - Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care & Applications for Citizens Voice Body - Welsh Government
The National Lottery Heritage Fund - Funding available for nationally important heritage in Wales and the UK – information received.
WAW meeting 7 Dec 2021 – Received draft minutes - next meeting Zoom 7pm 18 Jan 2022.

22/14 TO CONSIDER AND PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS, UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT 1960, IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM NO 10 AND DISCUSS THE MATTER CONFIDENTIALLY DUE TO ITS SENSITIVE NATURE.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press, under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meeting Act 1960, in relation to Agenda Item No 10 and discuss the matter confidentially due to its sensitive nature.

22/15 TO CONSIDER AN ISSUE RAISED BY A MEMBER REGARDING CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS - The Council considered issues relating to complaints dismissed by the Public Service Ombudsman.

22/16 TO RETURN TO THE OPEN PART OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to return back to the open part of the meeting.

22/17 PCC HIGHWAYS MATTERS – Overgrown verges/state of the highways - Concerns were raised of the overgrowth on verges around the top town area, ie the Bank, School lane, adjacent Church surrounding wall to old School House.

22/18 TOWN HALL – COVID RISK ASSESSMENT – Cllr A Bufton reported that he would need to look at the Town Hall COVID Risk Assessment before the next meeting.

22/19 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS: 7pm Mon 17 Jan Precept & Wed 9 Feb meetings
 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.34.

SIGNED:

DATE: