

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY,  
18 MAY 2022, FOLLOWING THE AGM, HELD REMOTELY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr P Lewis (Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Deputy Mayor), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Parry, Cllr R Reid

**APOLOGIES:** No apologies

**IN ATTENDANCE :** Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

**WELCOME:** Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed Town Councillors, following 5 May 2022 Election, to the virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council.

**22/86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No Declaration of interests received.

**22/87 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 13 April 2022, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 13 April 2022, be accepted as a correct record.

**22/88 PLANNING MATTERS – To consider:**

- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/20987/FUL - Proposal: “Construction of a rear (west) extension to provide additional accommodation, including a fully accessible (by wheelchair) bedroom and shower room.” Address: Heol Llygoden , Pengeffordd, Talgarth Brecon LD3 0EP – RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application.
- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/20725/FUL - Proposal: “Insertion of gabions above road and public footpath to hold bank and stop further erosion and prevent sheds slipping down bank and replacement of existing sheds on same footprint at top of bank” - Address: Old Rectory , Talgarth, LD3 0DW – Discussion took place. RESOLVED:** To respond that whilst the Town Council is, in principle, supportive of the plans, they do appear to be incomplete, as they do not actually show where these gabions or the shed are going to be placed and does have concerns that these gabions may go into the roots of a large tree that is along-side one of the sheds and could have a detriment effect on it. The Town Council feels that this part should be filled in on this application.
- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/21038/FUL - Proposal: “Window Alterations. Reconfiguration of front parking. Replace garage door with new entrance door and window.” Address: Peace Haven, Penbont Road, Talgarth LD3 0BY – RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application subject to meeting any Highway’s concerns.
- **BBNPA – PERMISSION GRANTED FOR DEVELOPMENT: Planning Application 22/20765/FUL - Proposal: “2 No open, covered, shelters responding to Welsh Government encouragement of the provision of spaces in which people can congregate in the open air as a reaction to the pandemic” - Address: Land on and adjacent to The Square, Talgarth.**

**22/89 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- **OVW Wales/PAVO - All COVID updates and training dates received and on circulation.**
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor Area Committee meeting on 26 Apr – No-one able to attend - apologies sent.**

- **Llynfi Pollution FOI** -Awaiting response.
- **Drainage concerns** – Awaiting responses.
- **GP Biotec** – Further complaints of smells in Talgarth received and reported to the relevant Authorities. **RESOLVED:** To await meeting date arranged by the County Councillor.

**22/90 PCC UPDATES** - Received a short update from County Councillor W Powell - on circulation.

**PCC Highway updates –**

- **Replacement Heritage street lights Talgarth town** – Noted extensive work underway to install the new/historic lamp posts etc.
- **Talgarth Recycle Centre on Talgarth Car Park** – Noted Town Clerk had reported to PCC, the overflowing skips in this location, which have since been addressed.  
Update also received from PCSO Trudy Davies, confirming that the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), will monitor this area during their patrols

**22/91 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELECTION – 5 MAY 2022** - Noted that County Councillor William Powell had been re-elected for the Talgarth area.

**22/92 TALGARTH/TREFECCA GROUP UPDATES -**

- **Ysgol y Mynydd du - Presentation of Commemorative Coins** – Noted the school has confirmed the date for Cllr P Lewis, Mayor to present the 107 Commemorative Coins, on the afternoon of Fri 27 May, when they will be holding their Kings/Queens Day family picnic.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr P Lewis, Mayor will attend to present the Coins to the pupils.  
Noted Cllr M Dodds, School Governor will also be in attendance and for Clerk to enquire if Bronllys Community Council if they wished to be represented.
- **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - 2 – 5 June 2022** – Received from the Jubilee group, the programme of events for the Celebrations and noted that the group are producing Jubilee flyers of the events to households - to be printed by the TIRC.  
Cllr L Elston-Reeves/Cllr R Parry gave a short update on the recent Jubilee group meeting, when it had been suggested that the Town Council Beacon be used in the Town area and requesting funding for the flyer printing and possibly for the tablecloths for the picnic event.  
**RESOLVED:** The Town Council to pay for the printing of the flyers and for Cllr Elston-Reeves to forward costs for the tablecloths for the picnic.
- **Grow for Talgarth** – Cllr M Dodds gave a brief update, confirming that the GfT plant sale recently held, raised £460 through donations and a further donation of £150 from local resident, Billy Devereux, from the sale of his daffodils. Also that the Britain in Bloom judging is on 8 Aug.  
**RESOLVED:** To forward a letter of thanks to Billy Devereux for his recent £150 donation to GfT and his long-standing donation gifts to other charities.  
**Visitor to Talgarth** – Received a letter from Ms Hellard, a visitor to Talgarth over the Easter period, who was enormously taken with how much the town has improved since her last visit and wished to congratulate all those involved with the RHS forthcoming events etc.  
Noted Ms Hellard’s letter was forwarded onto GfT for their information.
- **TIRC** - Received Agenda for the TIRC AGM - 2.30pm 23 May at Strand Café.
- **On The Verge** – Received notice of AGM and General Meeting - 23 May 6.30pm – 8pm at the King George V Pavilion.

- **Talgarth & District Regeneration Group (TDRG)** – No new update.
- **WAW** - Noted a Community Litter Pick took place on 24 April. Received Agenda/Minutes of the last WAW meeting on 26 Apr and noted the next meeting will be on 26 June at the Football Club, Talgarth.
- **Dog Fouling - Day of Action in Talgarth** – Awaiting PCSO Trudy Davies to make contact re this matter.
- **St Gwendoline's Churchyard – Churchyard Maintenance Contract** – Received April Account – 2 cuts £346.43 + VAT per cut on 13 & 25 Apr. Noted some concerns regarding the current cutting of Churchyard had been received and the Contractor has been informed .  
**RESOLVED:** To pay the Invoice for 2 cuts on 13 & 25 May - £346.43 + VAT per cut.
- **St Gwendoline's Churchyard Site Inspection meeting** –  
**RESOLVED:** To arrange a meeting as soon as convenient.
- **Town Hall** – Updates received from Cllr A Bufton -
  - **Redecoration** – Noted the redecoration of the Town Hall is all going to plan and will commence on 23 May - for a period of 5 – 6 weeks.
  - **Caretaker** – Noted that the new Caretaker is doing an excellent job.
  - **Roof glass in Utility area** – Noted a broken glazed roof panel had been noted above the roof blinds – job to be done in the future.
  - **Request to increase numbers for Hall hire** –  
**RESOLVED:** When the Town Hall facilities re-open, to increase numbers gradually: Main Hall - to 65, Committee Room to between 8 & 10 and for the Market Hall to between 25 – 30, this keeps us within reasonable measures, at present.
- **WW1 Memorial in the Town Hall** – Request received from local resident, Virginia Brown, for an information plaque to be made available, re the history of the WW1 Memorial in the Town Hall, noting she forwarded some suggested wording and offered to supply a frame for this purpose.  
Some queries re WWI issues were also raised by Cllr C Green and Cllr L Elston-Reeves.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept Virginia's kind offer of making the information available to be placed in a simple frame on the wall near the WW1 Memorial in the Town Hall.  
Also for Cllr C Green to liaise with Virginia, informally, in the hope that she may have answers to some of Cllr Green's queries she has come across.
- **Hire of Market Hall** – Noted Jo Lord has shelved live classes until Spring 2023.
- **Public Conveniences** –  
**PHS Services** - Information and costs received from PHS Services for 3 sanitary bins in these Public Conveniences at a quoted charge - £18.20 + VAT per bin per year with 13 visits a year, for a 3 year term.  
**RESOLVED:** To join PHS contract on these terms for the Public Conveniences.

**PCC Eurobin hire** - Noted PCC has confirmed that our current 360litre Eurobin is licensed to take sanitary waste from the toilet bins. However, this Eurobin has not been in use since 1 April 2020 but when back in use, the current terms/collection costs for this Eurobin are £11.40 per collection - fortnightly - £296.40 for the year. It was generally agreed that even when we do reinstate the PCC Eurobin for the main Town Hall, we would consider the disposal of sanitary waste from the main Town Hall with a company such as PHS Services.

- **King George V Playing fields/Pavilion /Children’s Play area /TADSCA - 50th Year Reunion of Talgarth Football Club at the Pavilion - 2pm 1 May** – Invitation received for Mayor to attend this event. Noted it is the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration since the Talgarth Football Club won many cups in the 1971/1972 Season . Noted Cllr Phil Lewis, Mayor, attended this well attended event.  
**King George V - Children’s Playground Annual Inspection 2022** - Noted TADSCA has booked/paid for the Annual Inspection of this play area to be undertaken Aug/ Sept.
- **Woodlands Play area** – Noted a piece of play equipment, in this play area, has been broken and brought to our attention.  
**RESOLVED:** To report this matter to Steve Butcher PCC, who is responsible for this area.

**22/93 ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD MANAGEMENT POLICY** – Previously circulated.  
**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed to adopt this Policy.

**22/94 TO APPROVE TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 1/4/2021 – 31/3/2022** - Noted Clerk had circulated to Town Councillors a copy of the Town Council’s Annual Return and Income & Expenditure Accounts & Bank Reconciliation Statement for 2021/2022. It was noted that the Internal Auditor, had completed the internal audit of the Council which was satisfactory with no issues raised.  
**RESOLVED:** The Town Council unanimously approved the Accounting Statements and completed the Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return for the year 2021/2022 and was duly signed by Cllr P Lewis, Mayor and Josephine Rumsey, RFO/Town Clerk, for onward transmission to Audit Wales by the 1 August 2022.

**22/95 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

- **To approve Financial update/Monthly Accounts since last meeting 13 April 2022:**  
**Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 13 April 2022:**

Date / Cheque	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
08/05/22 3541	AL	SGC - Refund of plot - £200 less 10%	£198.00		£198.00
05/05/22	PCC	Town Hall – 5/5/22 Council Tax	£119.63		£119.63
27/04/22 D/D	BT	Town Hall – Monthly Telephone Line & Broadband rental charge	£28.66	£5.73	£34.39
25/04/22 3540	Lyn Morgan Furnishings	Town Hall – Stage Curtains – 50% Balance owing	£4,422.00	£884.40	£5,306.40
25/04/22 3539	Newhall Janitorial Ltd	£145.50 + £29.10 VAT = £174.60, £11.24 + £2.25 VAT = £13.49, £13.34 + £2.67 VAT = £16.01	£170.08	£34.02	£204.10
25/04/22 3538	Emma Hayles Staff	Salary April 2022 -	£480.60		£480.60
25/04/22 3537	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses April 2022	£1,100.00		£1,100.00
25/04/22 3536	OVW	Annual Subscription - 1/4/22 – 31/3/23	£289.00		£289.00
20/04/22	Eon Next	Town Hall – Gas - 1/3/22 – 31/3/22	£106.92	£5.35	£112.27
20/04/22	Eon Next	Town Hall – Electric - 1/3/22 – 31/3/22	£29.86	£1.49	£31.35
20/04/22	Eon Next	Public Conveniences – Electric - 1/3/22 – 31/3/22	£59.24	£2.96	£62.20

**Amounts received since last meeting 13 April 2022:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
29/04/2022	Powys County Council	First third Precept 2022/2023	£20,668.00
27/04/2022	Bronllys Community Council	Contribution to 7 Commemorative coins for Bronllys village pupils who attend Ysgol y Mynydd du.	£58.31

**Bank Balances:** 13/05/2022 Business Reserve Account £37,343.19, Current Account £556.44 –  
*Less unrepresented cheque 3540 £198.*

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

- **To approve Bank Reconciliation – 1/4/2022 – 30/4/2022 –**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1/4/2022 – 30/4/2022 attached at end of these minutes.

- **To consider the following :**

- **Zurich Insurance Policy Renewal 1/6/2022 – 31/5/2023** – Received annual renewal documents from Zurich and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed to approve the Zurich Insurance Renewal premium – 1/6/2022 – 31/5/2023, in the sum of £4,702.75.

- **Parish on Line** – Received annual renewal documents from Parish on Line and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Renewal premium – 14/6/2022 – 14/6/2023 - £40 .00 + £8 VAT = £48.00.

**22/96 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –**

**Napalli Village UK, Launch Invitation** – Invitation received from Major Khusiman Gurung, for the Mayor to attend this event on 21 May at the Castle Hotel, Brecon.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr P Lewis, Mayor to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

**Dyfed Powys/Police personnel** - Noted changes - Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen is now responsible for partnership working in Powys and the Inspector is now A/Insp Richard Jones.

**22/97 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION –**

**WG - Covid 19** – Regular weekly updates received.

**PCC - Planning Decision Notices** – April/May received

**BBNPA - Weekly Planning Applications** - received.

**BBNPA Meeting - 20 May, 2022, 10.00 am** – Agenda received

**Brecon Beacons Annual Tourism Conference - 17 May 10am -12 noon** - Invitation received .

**22/98 THANKS TO TOWN CLERK** – Cllr P Lewis, on behalf of all colleagues, thanked Josephine, Town Clerk for all her hard work and assistance during 2021/2022.

**22/99 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

7pm Wed 18 May 2022 – AGM, followed by the May monthly meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

<b>Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2022</b>				
			<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Cap Res Account</b>
<b>Opening Balances - 1 Apr 2022</b>			<b>£ 1,123.07</b>	<b>£ 23,673.57</b>
<b>Receipts - 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2022</b>				
29/04/2022		Precept		20,668.00
29/04/2022		Bank Interest		1.62
28/04/2022	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	4,500.00	
27/04/2022	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	2,500.00	
27/04/2022		Bronllys CC - Contribution to Comm Coins	58.31	
01/04/2022		SGC Fees - OD	115.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>£ 8,296.38</b>	<b>£ 44,343.19</b>
<b>Payments 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2022</b>				
20/04/2022	DD	Eon - Public Conveniences Electric	62.20	
20/04/2022	DD	Eon - Town Hall Electric	31.35	
20/04/2022	DD	Eon- Town Hall Gas	112.27	
27/04/2022	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly Phone/BB Rental	34.39	
28/04/2022	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		4,500.00
27/04/2022	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		2,500.00
28/04/2022	CQ3537	Clerk's April salary/expenses	1,100.00	
28/04/2022	CQ3538	Town Hall Caretaker - April salary	480.60	
29/04/2022	CQ3540	50% final payment Stage Curtains	5,306.40	
29/04/2022	CQ3536	OVW Subscription 1/4/2022-31/5/2023	289.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>£ 7,416.21</b>	<b>£ 7,000.00</b>
<b>Closing Balances - 30 Apr 2022</b>			<b>£ 880.17</b>	<b>£ 37,343.19</b>