

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AT 7PM,
WEDNESDAY, 6 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 M Dodds, 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

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Voyle

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

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

22/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No Declarations of Interest.

22/2 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE MEMSAFE HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT OF MEMORIALS/STONES IN ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD – THE 30 FAILED MEMORIALS/STONES/CROSSES AND THE BEST WAY FORWARD - Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, gave a summarised update of the report, received from MEMSAFE, following the Health & Safety Audit of Memorials on 18 Oct 2021, when 30 failed memorials were identified. The full report and/photographs had been circulated to Councillors. Noted an estimated cost has been forwarded from MEMSAFE for the repair of the 30 failed memorials, in the sum of approx. £2,455 + VAT. Noted the Clerk had obtained the advice of One Voice Wales on the way forward and received a copy of the National Association of Local Councils - Tombstones and Memorials - Legal Topic Note – LTN64 dated May 2014 — this document to be circulated to all Town Councillors.

Discussion took place and it was suggested that, as the first stage of this exercise, we deal with the failed memorials that are over 100 years old.

It was noted that it would not be advisable/suitable to lean or place the old memorials against the dry-stone walls surrounding the Churchyard.

It was also noted that the dates on some of the other failed memorials were unidentifiable.

It was suggested to attempt to seek clarification of ownership of the remaining failed memorials which are under 100 years, by placing an appropriate advertisement in the Brecon & Radnor Express and on the Town Council's website etc, requesting any possible relatives, to come forward by end Feb 2022, in order to arrange the repairs or lay flat of their failed memorials, for safety reasons.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that we firstly deal with the failed memorials over 100 years old and also place an advertisement in the Brecon & Radnor Express, the Council's website, the Church & Town Notice Boards, informing the public that a Health & Safety Audit of the Memorials in St Gwendoline's Churchyard, had taken place on 18 Oct 2021, which resulted in 30 failed Memorials and requesting that any relatives of failed memorials, to contact the Town Clerk by the closing date of 28 Feb 2022. Then after this date, we arrange a site meeting to decide on the best way forward, so that this exercise is settled within the budget for the next financial year.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to include £2,455 as an outline figure in the Precept figures.

22/3 TO CONSIDER - TOWN HALL – TENDERS FOR STAGE CURTAINS/RAILS ETC
Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, gave a brief update on the position of the stage curtains.

Noted 2 Tenders had been received for the replacement Stage Curtains/Tracks:

1. Jaybees Soft Furnishings - Supply & fit - Flame retardant - lined Stage Curtains and unlined Stage backdrops & valences on hand drawn tracks - £10,944 + 20% VAT.
Noted electric option of tracks for stage curtains – at an extra cost of approx. £3,000 which would need to be hard wired by a suitably qualified electrician at our cost.
2. Lyn Morgan Soft Furnishings/Dylan Roberts Interiors Fitter – Supply and fit – Flame retardant - lined Stage Curtains on remote control system tracks and lined Stage backdrops & valences on manual tracks - £13,644 + VAT.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to accept the Tender of Lyn Morgan Soft Furnishings/ Dylan Roberts Interiors/Fitter – Supply & fit lined Stage Curtains - on remote control tracks system, with lined back drops/valences on backstage with hand drawn tracks in the total sum of £13,644 +20% VAT. To include costs for the new stage curtaining/tracks in the Precept figures.

22/4 TOWN HALL & COMMITTEE ROOM - REDECORATION & PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – REDECORATION

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to include estimated figures of £7,000.00, in the Precept figures for the proposed works.

22/5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE - JUNE 2022

RESOLVED: To include £1,000.00 in the Precept figures for any proposed memorabilia for children attending Ysgol y Mynydd du, Talgarth.
Noted that any other celebrations, if possible at the time, ie street parties, could be funded out of reserves.

22/6 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- 7pm Wed 12 Jan 2022 – Remote Monthly meeting
- 7pm Mon 17 Jan 2022- Remote Precept meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

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