

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2021, 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 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

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

WELCOME: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed members, to the 15th virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype.

21/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: A declaration of interest received from Cllr R Parry in respect of Agenda item 4 and left the room when this was being discussed – PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town

21/36 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17 February 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17 February 2021, be adopted and accepted as a true record.

21/37 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town – Noted work progressing well with the Shade Garden with a small amount of work remaining ie top soil/turf, planting etc, to be undertaken in this area.

Cllr R Reid reported that he had attended a meeting earlier today re The Square Project, with David Kingston and Daniel Relf from PCC, when it was identified after sight of the Gazebo leg mountings and taking measurements of the Gazebo footprint, due to an existing drain in this location, that the Gazebo would not now fit in the area. Some other ideas are being sought. Noted that the bollards had been delivered for the Square project and awaiting invoice.

Noted that the Clerk had submitted to PCC the first completed part of the claim for the 80% grant monies amounting to £5,582.80, based on the net spend to date of £6,978.51.

One Voice Wales – Brecon/Radnor Area Committee Meeting – Noted that Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, Town Council representative, had attended this remote meeting on 23 Feb and confirmed that he had asked about the Lengthsmen scheme, previously mentioned.

Afon Llynfi Pollution etc – Noted the second information request has been received. It was felt, by Town Councillors, that NRW appears to be totally under-resourced.

A479 Road Closure – Noted updates to be regularly received from the Community Liaison Officer, Griffiths Civil Engineering Construction. Received on 3 Mar, update and photographs - *‘Works have been progressing well, the good weather has certainly helped with this. Our site compound is set up and all preparation and site vegetation works are now complete. The existing safety barrier has been removed and silt mitigation measures have been put in place to ensure the integrity of the water courses. We have constructed the haul roads, which will provide access to the base of the embankment toe and enable us to begin the reconstruction works.’*

Also received - copy of a letter Fay Jones MP sent to Nigel Brinn on 4 Mar, regarding the consequential damage and cost associated with the closure of the A479.

Update received from Kirsty Williams MS which she has received from Gareth Day WG.

Grow for Talgarth – GfT requested the Town Council’s permission for the replacement of heavy-weight hanging basket brackets to be mounted on hardwood on the Town Hall at the cost of GfT and for the Town Council to choose a style.

Noted that GfT has been offered the donation of a bench from a local resident in memory of her parents, to be placed in the new Shade Garden.

RESOLVED: To agree to the replacement of the new heavy-weight hanging basket brackets to be mounted on hardwood on the Town Hall at the cost of GfT and for the group to choose a suitable bracket.style.

Also for the spare bench in the Market Hall to be placed at Woodlands Play area now that GfT will not now be requiring it.

Website upgrade – Cllr Andy Lord reported that he is currently working on this upgrade.

21/38 BBNPA - To consider Planning Applications

- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/19235/FUL** - Proposal: “Installation of a micro scale wind turbine to enable this off grid property to go fossil fuel free”- Address: Wern Frank , Llanelieu, Talgarth LD3 0EB

RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/19655/FUL** - Proposal: “Construction of pitched roofed, two-storey extension to rear elevation” - Address: 12 Kings Drive, Talgarth, LD3 0AS - **RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application.

- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/19623/FUL - Proposal: “(Phase 1) Redevelopment of a former highway authority maintenance yard for the purposes of a single A1 unit and commercial unit” - Address: Former Highways Depot , Hay Road, Talgarth and**
- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/19622/FUL - Proposal: “(Phase 2) Four B1/B8 Units with associated Bat Mitigation Outbuilding” - Address: Former Highways Depot , Hay Road, Talgarth LD3 0AW**

BBNPA confirms that the Site Notices for both Planning Applications had only been displayed on 9 March and the current target date for decision is the 27 April 2021.

Noted the Town Council has asked for an extension to 14 April, in which to submit comments due to the short time scale allowed to consider these two Planning Applications.

The BBNPA Administrator confirmed that the Planning Officer is away for 2 weeks so could not confirm it, but she felt this request would be in order and would confirm on the Planning Officer’s return to work.

Written concerns regarding Planning Application 21/19623/FUL had been received from a local retailer and two local residents. A further local retailer, had liaised with the Clerk to ask if there was a Chamber of Trade that could speak with the developers about the proposed development. In the absence of a Chamber of Trade the Town Council attempted to help by facilitating a remote meeting between the local retailers within the locale of the Square, the Developer and the CRS.

RESOLVED: To defer consideration of these Planning Applications until 14 Apr meeting and following the queries directed to the Town Council by local retailers, and in the absence of a Chamber of Trade, that the Town Council attempts to help by facilitating a remote SKYPE meeting, with the retailers within the locale of the Square and the Developer of Aspect Developments Ltd and the Regional Acquisitions Manager, Co-op, purely to enable these retailers the opportunity to speak directly to the Developer and CRS re the proposed redevelopment of Liverpool House (the current Co-op), in order that they can answer any queries the retailers may have.

BBNPA – Local Development Plan (LDP) Consultation on LDP Documents – Noted the BBNPA has produced the following draft Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance to aid implementation of the adopted Local Development Plan.

- Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance – Retail Core

This document is open for public consultation for a period of 8 weeks from 18 Feb - 15 Apr 2021. Noted Talgarth is named in the policy as one that will be affected by the changes proposed.

RESOLVED: To have an informal remote meeting of the Town Council at 7pm 24 Mar, in order to prepare a response to the document, for onward transmission to the BBNPA.

BBNPA – Management Plan Review Consultation on Policy Documents – Noted request for Town Council views – Consultation for 12 weeks from 3 Mar – 26 May 2021.

21/39 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES –

BRONLLYS WELL BEING PARK – ‘THE NEXT 10 YEARS’ – Noted the date for the remote Launch is to be held on 27 Apr.

ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD – No new update.

RESOLVED: To hold a Site Inspection meeting, when time allows.

Howell Harris’s Parents’ Tomb – No new update.

TOWN HALL –

Tender for Minor Works – Noted the cupboard in the Committee Room is almost complete.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES –

12 month Service Level Agreement – Noted the Clerk reported that Healthmatic Ltd is currently preparing a Service Level Agreement with Talgarth Town Council, in order to formalise what they deliver and what we receive and pay for, for consideration and signing up for 1 year from 1 Apr 2021.

BOWLING GREEN/CLUB HOUSE –

Lease – Talgarth Town Council to Talgarth Bowling Club – due 1 April 2021 - Received amendments requested from the Bowling Club committee:-

3.4 “Not to assign underlet charge or part with or share possession of the premises or any part of the premises.”

They wish this to be taken out in order that they may let out the Club House with a view to income generation.

3.9 They do not have showers at the club house so “showers and” would need to be removed from the lease.

7.4 regarding notices - .They are content to agree to this item.

RESOLVED: To agree that 3.4 above remains and to explain this paragraph to the Bowls Club, 3.9 To remove the words ‘showers and’ and 7.4 remains.

Cllr A Lord reminded us that the Town Council had said about insuring Town Council properties. Any further comments from Town Councillors to the Clerk asap.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS/PAVILION –

Pavilion – Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, reported that he had been invited by Keith Parry, Chair of the Football Club to visit the Pavilion, to view the work they had recently undertaken.

Keith Parry is asking the Town Council for guidance regarding using some possible uPVC fascia board covering on the Pavilion. It is noted that they have started forming partnerships with local

businesses and one of the contacts (as sponsorship) is offering to cover the gable end fascia boards of the Pavilion with white uPVC. The fascia boards are currently painted brown.

RESOLVED: That Cllr A Bufton has a site meeting with Keith Parry, to seek more information regarding the proposed works.

Outdoor Gym Equipment - Update received from Gareth Davies notifying us that he, on behalf of TADSCA, has recently applied to Sports Wales for a grant for outdoor gym equipment and had been successful to the amount of £5690. He is asking the Town Council re any preference as to where this equipment should be situated – he is proposing it goes between the top tennis court and football pitch near the pavilion. Noted Gareth has spoken with Pete Weavers TADSCA, Keith Parry, Football Club and Phil Lewis, Town Council on this matter.

Gareth also says, in addition to the above which was a proposal on improving the community's physical and mental well-being, he has also applied, on behalf of TADSCA, for another 5k with PAVO - under the same project focus to have some more seating and a shelter for the play park, which will hopefully link and support all age groups and provide an attractive space for the community and visitors of Talgarth.

RESOLVED: Cllr A Bufton and Cllr L Elston-Reeves have a site visit with Gareth Davies to seek more information re the gym equipment etc, to share with Town Councillors.

9pm Cllr M Dodds asked to move Standing Orders for 30 minutes.

KING GEORGE V CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA -

Priority of Play equipment/surfacing - Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, reported that a poll by TADSCA had been put on Facebook to help us prioritise the playground equipment from their wish list and the items that have come out on top are - the zip wire; built in trampoline; birds nest swing; and they are seeking, through Steve Butcher, details of suppliers of the equipment and the surfacing required, in order to obtain quotes.

WOODLANDS PLAY AREA – Nothing new to report.

POLICE/SPEEDWATCH/SPEEDING –

- **Crime & Incident Report** - PCSO Emma Jackson circulated a recent Crime and Incident Report, covering our area
- **Speeding through Trefecca** – Cllr A Lord reported a recent speeding incident through Trefecca, by a Western Power van, which he had reported to a Director of the Western Power Eastern area.

ON THE VERGE – Update received from Martin Draper, Chair of the group, confirming that the group is beginning the next phase of their social media by planning a website and asking for any suggestions or advice for 3 sponsors.

RESOLVED: To respond that the Town Council is not able to assist in this matter.

21/40 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

- **Zurich Insurance – 5 year fixed policy terminates 31 May 2021** – Noted we are awaiting valuations of our Town Council owned properties from Mr Nestorow, AJN Design & Surveying Services Ltd, as previously agreed, who undertakes this type of valuation for rebuild work. Noted Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Reid together with the Clerk to scrutinize the current Insurance Policy for accuracy etc, prior to obtaining insurance quotations from 1 June 2021.
- **Schedule of Monthly Accounts: RESOLVED:** To agree, as follows:-

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 17 Feb 2021:

Date	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
18/02/21	Town Clerk	Feb Salary & Expenses			£1,052.34
18/02/21	Grow for Talgarth	Flower Box £80 + £20 sponsor 2021/2022	£100.00		£100.00
22/2/21	Ellis Peters	PCC COVID-19 Project Labour to erect gazebo – The Shade Garden £738 +materials £17	£755.00		£755.00
22/2/21	Dwr Cymru	Town Hall – Water Rates – 20/8/20 – 3/2/21	£61.90		61.90
1/3/21	Talgarth Building Supplies	PCC COVID-19 Project Building materials – Feb Invoice Shade Garden	£138.36	£27.68	£166.04

Business Reserve Account - £43,669.41 Current Account - £1,988.46

- **Requests for Financial Assistance 2020-2021 –**

RESOLVED: To donate £100 to both Wales Air Ambulance & Brecon Advice Centre.

21/41 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –

PCC and Town and Community Councils Meeting - The meeting will take place remotely by Microsoft Teams on Thurs 15 April - 6pm and 7:30pm.

RESOLVED: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor and Josephine, Town Clerk will be attending.

21/42 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION –

WG - Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act – commencement, implementation and guidance

Independent Remuneration Panel (IPR) for Wales – Received Annual Report - Feb 2021.

PCC - New Welsh Government legislation affecting play areas - Smoke-free Premises and Vehicles (Wales) Regulations 2020 – Received information from Cllr Rachel Powell.

BBNPA - Agenda for BBNPA meeting - Fri, 26 Feb 9.00 am

BBNPA - Brecon Beacons Tourism - Dark sky training for all tourism businesses & Business Update: CODID-19

OVW - Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 - for the Community and Town Council Sector

OVW - Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales – Information received that the WG is currently consulting on its new Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales.

PAVO - E-bulletin March 2021

PtHB - COVID-19 Vaccination Stakeholder Bulletin – Issue 7 - 24 Feb 2021

PtHB - Engagement on the proposed establishment of a vascular network - for south east Wales - 19 Feb to 16 April 2021.

Census 21/03/21- Information received from F Huw Davies, Census Engagement Manager for Ceredigion and Powys, working on behalf of the Office for National Statistics, to help deliver a census in Mar 2021.

Request to film in Talgarth on the riverside on Bronllys Road and Heol Las – Noted PCC has given permission to Freya Souter, Cardiff, for the filming, in these locations, on Wed 3 and Thurs 4 Mar 2021.

Road at Beacons View – Update circulated by Cllr R Reid to report that the road surface has deteriorated badly, in this location, and he has been told by PCC workers that they are going to be resurfacing it very shortly and he has informed the locals in the locality.

Planning Aid Wales' Online Training Portal – Noted all Town Councillors will have received a copy of an email re GDPR regulations, direct from Planning Aid Wales, for completion and return direct to them.

It was noted by Planning Aid Wales that there are still 4 or 5 members of the Town Council who have not yet commenced the on-line Planning Aid Training and asking if there is a problem.

GP Community Liaison Group Meeting – 3 March 6pm by zoom – Note Cllr A Lord & Cllr R Reid are the Town Council reps.

Street Light TG135 Opposite Highcliffe Terrace – Noted Clerk reported this street light has now been repaired.

SLCC - News Bulletin

21/43 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- 7pm Wednesday 14 April 2021 – *Monthly meeting*
- 7pm Wed 28 April 2021 – *To consider and adopt Town Council Policies and Procedures*
- 7pm Wednesday 12 May 2021 – *AGM and Monthly meeting*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: