

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 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 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

IN ATTENDANCE BY VIDEO LINK: Mike Goode, Chair of The Mill Directors for Item 1
Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

WELCOME: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed Mike Goode, Chair of The Mill Directors and Town Councillors, to the virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype.

21/151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No Declarations of Interest.

21/152 MIKE GOODE, CHAIR OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MILL – Mike Goode gave a brief progress update for The Mill with regard to the café and bakery tenancy and will keep us updated on matters pertaining to the Mill, in future.

21/153 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 13 October 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 13 October 2021, be accepted as a correct record.

21/154 PLANNING MATTERS – To consider Planning Applications:

- **BBNPA - Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20471/TRCA - Proposal:** “Sycamore - It is the recommendation that this Sycamore should be removed along with an adjacent sapling that is growing also along the wall. – Address: Great House Barns Business Centre, Bronllys Road, Talgarth Powys LD3 0AH
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application
- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20466/TRCA - Proposal:** “Raising crown of long established yew tree”, Address: The Cottage, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Powys
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application
- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20470/FUL - Proposal:** “Refurbish existing farm house and annexes together with rebuilding former garage annex to restore single dwelling with existing access, services and curtilage retained.” Address: Lower Trewalkin , Talgarth, Powys LD3 0HA
RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application

BBNPA - Invitation to a virtual meeting - to discuss the future of the National Park – Received an invitation from the Chief Executive to attend a virtual meeting - 5pm – 7pm.
RESOLVED: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor will attend the 23 Nov remote meeting.

BBNPA PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED –

- **BBNPA Planning Application 20/19141/LBC & BBNPA Planning Application 20/19140/FUL –** Listed & Full Planning Applications - the conversion and extension of a former Agricultural barn (now ancillary domestic Store) into a Dwelling. Application to include switching the primary residential use from the house to the new dwelling (converted barn) by defining the house as a Holiday Let with restricted conditions of occupation.” (Listed Building Consent) at Lower Genffordd, Talgarth, Brecon, Powys LD3 0EG.
- **BBNPA - Planning Application 21/20187/FUL -** Replace porch with single-storey extension to rear elevation” (Full Application) at Sycamore House , Bronllys Road, Talgarth, LD3 0HH

ENFORCEMENT CASE NOTICE - ENF/18/01961/MCUP3 - Land East Of Old Abergavenny Road, Talgarth - Enforcement Notice served in respect to land at Land East of Old Abergavenny Road, Talgarth , Powys - Following a recent site inspection by BBNPA, it was confirmed that the requirements of the Enforcement Notice have been complied with in full. The enforcement file has been closed and no further action will be taken unless there are breaches of the requirements of the Notice in future.

21/155 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

One Voice Wales -

- **OVW – Amended version of the model Informal Resolution Protocol** - To consider adoption of the amended version of the model informal resolution protocol – previously circulated. Noted the amendment made to the protocol is that repetitive low level and frivolous complaints should now be considered for informal resolution.

There are no other changes included.

RESOLVED: To adopt the amended version of the model Informal Resolution Protocol.

- **OVW Brecon Area Committee Meeting** – Notification received that the next meeting is at Builth Wells at 6.30pm 17 Nov – Agenda and supporting documentation received.

RESOLVED: To send apologies as no-one available to attend.

- **OVW training** – Oct/Nov remote training dates on circulation.

Noted the following training had taken place:

21/10/2021 – The Council as an Employer – Module 3 – 6.30 – 8pm –

Cllr A Bufton attended – Free of charge.

27/10/2021 – Code of Conduct – Cllr C Green attended this training session as part of her role – Cost £30 less 50% bursary - £15 invoice to pay OVW.

PAVO -

- **AGM - Fri 19 Nov 9.30am -10.30am as part of their week-long Conference & Virtual training sessions, useful tips and grants** – Information received and on circulation to Town Councillors, TADSCA, Football Club and Bowling Club.
- **Virtual Training - Village Halls and Community Buildings - 6pm – 8pm 14 Oct –**
Noted Cllr A Bufton attended this free virtual training - Notes on circulation.

7.45pm Cllr A Bufton joined the meeting – late arrival due to work commitments

Afon Llynfi Pollution –

Update received from NRW on 29 Oct, confirming that:

“following the investigation into the River Llynfi pollution incident of 31 July 2020, which has ended after a legal review of the casefile deemed that there is insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of a conviction.

NRW appreciates that this news will be disappointing to the Town Council.

The incident had a highly detrimental effect on the river. NRW officers worked hard to thoroughly investigate the incident over a long period and they are very disappointed that they have not been able to bring those responsible to justice.”

Noted Town Councillors disappointment expressed at the way NRW has handled this 2nd major incident in this location.

RESOLVED: To discuss further at a remote meeting 7pm 24 Nov and to invite other neighbouring Community Councils and relevant organisations/bodies etc to seek the best forward regarding the way this case has been handled by NRW.

8pm Cllr A Lord left the meeting

**21/156 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES –
GROW FOR TALGARTH --**

- **Xmas event – Town Hall, Talgarth – Sat 4 Dec** – It was noted that Cllr Bufton had again met with the Secretary GfT when it had been decided that it would be better to hold the event in the Main Hall instead of the first decision to hold it in the Market Hall. This would be with the same number of tables, but will allow for easier monitoring of the number of members of the public attending the event.
RESOLVED: To accept the Risk Assessment submitted by GfT for the main Town Hall hire and to await a further Risk Assessment for use of the Kitchen.
- **Tree Planting in Talgarth** – Received a request from PCC for the Town Council and at local level, to discuss a proposal of some Tree planting by GfT, in order to gain some feedback for PCC to consider the proposals.
Discussion took place and some points raised, for clarification.
RESOLVED: To seek more information/clarification and for GfT to liaise with relevant parties, to gain some feedback for PCC to consider the GfT proposals.

TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP (TDRG) – Noted that the remote TDRG AGM had been held on 2 Nov and Cllr P Lewis, Mayor and Cllr G Jones had attended. Cllr L Elston-Reeves, outgoing Chair of the group, had circulated her report and gave a short verbal update of the meeting at which she reported that Anna Weston had stepped down as Secretary. Officers elected were –

Chair – Will Lloyd

Vice Chair – Cllr William Powell

Secretary – Mrs Heather Summerfield

Treasurer – Ms Jan Shivel

A Library sub Committee had been created – members elected were Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mrs Heather Summerfield and Mrs Sarah Griffiths.

Noted that Cllr W Powell is pursuing with PCC re the long awaited replacement of the wooden fence post at the Recycling area in the Carpark, managed by the TDRG.

TIRC – Minutes of the 4 Oct & Agenda and Minutes of 1 Nov received and on circulation.

LIBRARY – Cllr W Powell gave an update, confirming that the PCC salaried librarian position will end on 30 Nov and discussions were ongoing between PCC Library Service, Talgarth & District Regeneration Group and Ysgol y Mynydd Du, with regard to the future running of the Library, on a volunteer led basis.

‘FROM THE VERGE TO THE CENTRE’ PROJECT – Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, reported that Ann Seymour, Project Officer’s final report dated 10 Oct had been received and noted the Project has now come to an end.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14 NOV 2021 –

- **Remembrance Service Leaflets** – Noted the following have been purchased -
70 copies of the Remembrance Service Leaflets have been printed at the TIRC – cost £35
250 sheets/A3 paper for printing the leaflets, from Amazon - £11.95 + £2.39 VAT = £14.34.
RESOLVED: To pay Invoices - TIRC £35 & Amazon – £14.34.
- **Army Cadets** – **RESOLVED:** To donate £30 to the Army Cadets.

- **British Legion Invoice – RESOLVED:** To pay Invoice of the British Legion for 10 Large Poppies - cost £100, Poppy wreath £18 and 8 x War grave Poppy crosses £8.
- **Standard Bearer for the British Legion – RESOLVED:** To accept the kind offer of Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe to attend, in his position as Standard Bearer of the Royal British Legion, at both the St Gwendoline’s Church and the War Memorial Services.
- **The Last Post, Reveille etc – RESOLVED:** In the absence of a bugler, to accept the kind offer of Cllr A Bufton, for a recording of The Last Post, Reveille etc, to be made available.
- **Maintenance of War Memorial Wall Gardens – RESOLVED:** To forward a letter of thanks to Bryan Evans for planting up the War Memorial gardens Summer & Winter again this year, and to thank him for his kind gesture of donating the plants etc.
- **Police presence at the War Memorial Service –** Noted police presence has been requested to assist with traffic control from 10.30 am for the duration of the War Memorial Service.

ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD

- **MEMSAFE – Memorial Testing –** Noted the reports and invoice have been received from MEMSAFE for the Memorial testing which had taken place on 18 Oct, as per quote £3.25 per Memorial – 657 tested - £2,135.25 + £427.05 VAT - £2,562.30 . Noted there were 30 failed Memorials identified.
RESOLVED: To pay invoice of MEMSAFE - £2,135.25 + £427.05 VAT - £2,562.30 and to await confirmation options and costs of repair from MEMSAFE prior to arranging a Burial Sub Group meeting to consider and make recommendations to a full Town Council meeting.
- **Tree of Light – Remembrance Candles – RESOLVED:** To support Candles to remember former Councillors- The late: Lord Livsey of Talgarth, Town Councillors M Mullan, V E Davies and D Eckley – £2.50 per candle.

TOWN HALL –

- **Re-opening of the Town Hall -** Cllr Bufton reported that he is working on a phased return for the Town Hall re-opening, from 1 Dec, noting the Committee Room will not be included at this stage.
RESOLVED: To agree to this phased return, from 1 Dec for main Town Hall hire.
- **Cleaner –** Noted that V W Cleaning Services will, this week, be undertaking some deep cleaning of the Town Hall and again after the 4 Dec event.
Cleaner post – Received the OVW recent advice re advertising the job vacancy, contract etc. Noted that the weekly number of hours is not known at present, due to the Town Hall closure.
RESOLVED: To consider the vacancy advertisement further at our 8 Dec meeting.
- **Town Hall – Fire Alarm & Emergency Test –** Noted, following the recent 6 month Fire Alarm & Emergency testing by Skyrme Electrical, it had been identified that 1x emergency Exit sign and 1x emergency bulkhead fitting had failed.
Quote received for these replacements - £113.00 + £22.60 VAT – Total £ 135.60.
Invoice received for the 6 monthly Test - cost £45 + £9 VAT – Total £54
RESOLVED: To accept quote for 1x emergency Exit sign and 1x emergency bulkhead fitting in sum of £113.00 + £22.60 VAT – Total £ 135.60.
To pay Skyrme Electrical Invoice for the 6 monthly Test - £45 + £9 VAT – Total £54.
- **PAT Testing – Town Hall & Clerk’s computer equipment –** Noted Skyrme Electrical is able to undertake this work in early December- £2.50 + VAT per item.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Bufton to arrange for Town Hall items for PAT testing to be available and for the Clerk to arrange for the computer equipment to be available.

- **Stage Curtains - replacement/ Redecoration of Town Hall** – Cllr Bufton reported that he was meeting with a second company, next week, to give a quote for supply and erect of the replacement Stage Curtains/rails.

Also that he was working on a Specification for the redecoration of the Town Hall.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – Cllr A Bufton reported that he would like to get the gents’ toilets opened up again but we would need to get hot water in this location.

RESOLVED: To look into this matter, as soon as possible.

8.45 Cllr Glyn Jones left the meeting

TADSCA – Children’s Play area - Update received from TADSCA, confirming they are awaiting the outcome of a grant application of £8,000, towards the purchase of the new equipment and asking if the Town Council is content to await the outcome of the grant application, before proceeding with the purchase of the new equipment.

RESOLVED: To await the outcome of TADSCA’s grant application before proceeding.

KING GEORGE V PAVILION -

- **Proposed Works in the Pavilion** – It was noted that a request has been received from Talgarth Football Club, which had been forwarded to TADSCA, requesting to make some cosmetic improvements to the interior of the Pavilion building, as follows –
 - To replace all of the current strip lights with ceiling spot lights of a more eco friendly and cost saving exercise.
 - To plasterboard from floor to ceiling the wall facing the bowling green thus creating a flush wall which enables them to utilise.

Noted TADSCA has responded to the Football Club, cc the Town Council, confirming this all sounds sensible and is content that they proceed in accordance with the terms of their sub-lease, particularly in respect of certification of the new electrical fittings.

- **Quiz/Curry night on Fri 3 Dec at 7 pm.** Invitation received, requesting Town Councillors attend this event, noting a Team to consist of 4 people.

PCC REQUEST FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING RE TREFECCA HIGHWAYS/SPEED MANAGEMENT CONCERNS - Noted PCC offering some dates for a follow-up meeting with PCC reps, Police and Town Council reps re some questions raised with regard to access to information from the speed monitoring strips fitted by PCC and the charging regime that apparently exists.

RESOLVED: To await the confirmed date for the remote meeting.

SPEEDWATCH – Noted no more sessions have taken place since 13 Oct, due to usual PCSO being on sick leave but we have today been given the offer of 2 other PCSOs to complete the training up of the 4 new volunteers.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange some dates for training of the new volunteers to be completed so that the Talgarth Speedwatch group can go out as a team.

GP BIOTEC – Noted further complaints of smells received from members of the public.

RESOLVED: To report to GP Biotec and to seek clarification of the date of the next GP Liaison Group meeting and to enquire re spreading notices.

21/157 FINANCIAL UPDATE: To consider and approve Monthly Accounts – previously circulated.

Amounts received since last meeting 13 October 2021 and banked:

Date	From	Item	Amount
22/10/21	Josh Davies, Monumental Mason	2 nd Inscription MW dec'd Erection of small Memorial – MM dec'd	£35.00 £80.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 13 October 2021:

Date / Cheque No	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
16/10/21 3472	Martin Leighton	C'yard Maint 12 th cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
18/10/21 3473	Town Clerk	Oct Salary & Expenses			£1,053.89
22/10/21 3474	PAVO	Payroll fee – July – Sept 2021	£30.00		£30.00
28/10/21 3475	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Town Council Poppy Wreath £18 10 x Large Poppies for the Town £100 8 x Poppy Crosses for War Graves	£126.00		£126.00
02/11/21 3476	MEMSAFE	Churchyard Health & Safety Memorial check as per quote – 657 Memorials @ £3.25 each + VAT	£2,135.25	£427.05	£2,562.30
02/11/21 3477	Border Office Supplies	10 reams A4 White Copier Paper	£32.38	£6.48	£38.86
02/11/21 3478	Martin Leighton	C'yard Maint 13 th cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00

05/11/2021 Business Reserve Account - £35,672.11 Current Account - £3,265.34

(Less unrepresented cheques: £2,562.30, £38.86 = £2,601.16)

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

.21/158 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –

Police & Crime Commissioner Visit to Talgarth on 23 Nov - County Councillor W Powell reported that this visit was to meet Co-op Staff members regarding their experience of retail during the pandemic and would forward more information to Town Councillors, when known.

PCC - Precept 2022/2023 – Received letter and application form re Precept 2022/2023 – note closing date 31 Jan 2022.

PCC - Temporary Road Closure: U0148 Penbont Road, Talgarth – Noted County Councillor W Powell had forwarded to the Town Council, for information, a copy of the PCC Road Closure notification from 1-5 November (8am-5pm), while works were being carried out.

Noted some concerns raised by Town Councillors, that the resurfacing of the carriageway on Penbont Road has not actually taken place.

County Councillor W Powell reported that he had received a subsequent update from a PCC officer, confirming that PCC had completed resurfacing works on the Trewalkin side of the A479 which was where, following assessment, the deterioration of the carriageway was the most serious anywhere and the majority of the funding allocated WG had been spent. Also that it was the intention of PCC to carry out repairs to Penbont bridge and undertake out siding and ditching along the bottom section of Penbont Road going into Talgarth.

RESOLVED: The Town Council seeks an update from PCC on the timing of the latter proposed works ie the bridge.

21/159 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

WG - Coronavirus COVID-19 News - weekly updates

WG - Reinstatement of Penbont Bridge and Trewalkin Road, Talgarth – Copy letter 29 Oct received for information - from Jane Dodds to Councillor Heulwen Hulme, PCC re this matter.

PCC - All Wales Play Opportunity Grant – Circulated to Town Councillors, TADSCA, Football Club, Bowls Club – Closing date 8/12/21.

PCC - Licensed Premises & the management, in particular in dealing with drunken customers – Information received from Rod Bowen, Dyfed-Powys Police.

PCC - Powys Planning Decision Notices 14 Sept to 19 Oct - Received for information

BBNPA - Consultation on Future Beacons: The Management Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park 2022-2027 - Consultation for a period - 4 Nov 2021 - 24 Feb 2022.

BBNPA - Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way, 2 Nov, 10.00 am – Noted no Talgarth issues on the Agenda.

BBNPA - Active Travel Plans Consultations – Noted Unitary authorities are currently consulting with members of the public and key stakeholders, including Community and Town Councils on their Active Travel Plans.

BBNPA - Pecynnuau Keep Wales Tidy Packages – information received and on circulation

BBNPA - Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee - 22 Oct 10.00 am

PAVO - Energy Efficiency & Community Buildings – Noted at 6pm Mon 6 Dec the BBNPA and Severn Wye Energy Agency will be running an information packed online workshop open to all groups managing community buildings – covering everything relating to energy efficiency

Request for Financial Assistance – Received request from Wales Air Ambulance Charity.

Noted request will be considered, with all other requests received, at our March 2022 meeting.

Enquiry re Talgarth’s former Railway Station’s lost bell – Received an enquiry from Roddy, Williams, local resident, who is trying to unlock the mystery of the lost bell and now pleased to confirm he has found a satisfactory conclusion.

Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commission - Draft Police & Crime Plan – Received the Draft Police and Crime Plan, requesting feedback by 30 Nov – Document is accessible on: <https://www.dyfedpowys-cc.org.uk/media/11000/draft-plan-10.pdf> .

WAW meeting - AGM - Wed 27 Oct 2021 - Minutes of the meeting received and on circulation. Note their next meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on 7 Dec at 7:00pm.

Powys CHC – Received: Agenda of Radnorshire & Brecknock LC Meeting - 28 Oct 9.30am, Notice & Agenda of the next Executive Committee Meeting on Microsoft Teams - 9 Nov 9.30am and Notice of Powys CHC SPC Meeting 16 Nov.

Bronllys Well Being Park - Public Meeting - Mon 25 Oct at 7pm at the Royston Hall, Bronllys or on Zoom - Attended by Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, Cllr M Dodds, Town Clerk & County Councillor W Powell - Update & Questionnaire received.

Powys Teaching Health Board - Appointment of a Vice Chair - Noted Vice Chair, Mel Davies, is coming to the end of her term of office. Vacancy advertised.

The Seafarers' Charity - Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day 3 Sept 2021 – Certificate received for flying the flag on the Town Hall on 3 Sept.

21/160 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- 7pm Wed 24 Nov 2021 – Meeting re Afon Llynfi Pollution
- 7pm Wed 8 Dec 2021 – Remote Monthly meeting
- 7pm Mon 10 Jan 2021- Remote Precept meeting
- 7pm Wed 12 Jan 2021 – Remote Monthly meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: