

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING FOLLOWING THE AGM AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 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 W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr R Reid, Cllr S Thomas, Cllr C Voyle

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Parry

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

WELCOME: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed members, to the 20th virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype.

21/76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest.

21/77 PLANNING MATTERS –

- **Existing Co-op Store proposals** – Update received from Aspect Developments Ltd, on proposals/plans for the refurbishment of the existing Co-op Store and floors above.
- **BBNPA Planning Approval** - Approval received for Planning Application 21/19655/FUL - Proposal: Extension at 12 Kings Drive, Talgarth

21/78 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 14 & 28 April 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 14 & 28 April 2021, be adopted and accepted as true records.

21/79 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town –

Shade Garden - Noted the Shade Garden is almost complete and that the official opening by Bill Devereux and John Gwynne is to be held at 11am on Sat 22 May.

The topic of CCTV in this area and other areas in Talgarth, was raised.

RESOLVED: To seek more information etc on CCTV for our next meeting.

The Square project - Noted David Kingston PCC is awaiting more information from PCC re this part of the project and a site meeting is due to be held the following day.

Grant Monies - It was noted that the Clerk has applied for the 2nd part of the 80% Grant money from PCC of £1,104.63 and details of the total financial position of the project is on circulation.

One Voice Wales –

- **Brecon/Radnor Area Committee Virtual Meeting – 7pm Tues 25 May 2021 on Star Leaf**
- **OVW remote Training** – Noted May training dates on circulation.

A479 Road Closure – Noted updates and photographs regularly received from Gail Jones, Community Liaison Officer, Griffiths Civil Engineering Construction, and that the work is progressing well and on target re time scales.

Noted Kirsty Williams MS had forwarded an update she had received from Gareth Day WG.

Grow for Talgarth –

- Noted Grow for Talgarth and the Luncheon Club joint event (plants & cakes) to take place on The Square on Sat 22 May 10m – 1pm.
- Noted PCC has agreed to fund for the paint for the railings around the town - this is on order and due to be received shortly for GfT to commence the painting work.
- Noted Cllr M Dodds and Cllr S Thomas gave a brief update on their meeting on Sat 8 May with Rosie/Gaynor GfT and John Woods RHS. It is noted that Rosie will be forwarding some information from John Woods, on the proposed event in the Town Hall in Sept 2022.
RESOLVED: To invite Rosie/Gaynor to join our Town Council meeting at 7pm on 9 June, by SKYPE, regarding this event.

7.45 pm Cllr A Bufton joined the meeting (noted Cllr A Bufton had been attending a PAVO training session 6pm – 7.30pm this evening, on ‘Opening up Community Halls’ after COVID’).

21/80 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES –

ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD –

Letter of Concern – Received some concerns from a resident, who resides near the Churchyard, regarding the noise disturbance they are experiencing, from the churchyard maintenance taking place on a Saturday etc.

RESOLVED: To respond with the comments agreed by Town Councillors.

TOWN HALL – Fire Risk Assessment – Noted this draft document has been circulated to all members for adoption.

RESOLVED: To adopt this Town Hall - Fire Risk Assessment as it stands and thanks were extended to Cllr Bufton for preparing the document.

Cllr A Bufton reported that the updating of the Town Hall Risk Assessment, the Town Hall Hiring Agreement and the Public Conveniences Risk Assessment, is ongoing, as we continue to receive more rules/guidelines from WG.

BOWLING GREEN/CLUB HOUSE –

Fire Risk Assessment - Noted that the Fire Risk Assessment of the Bowling Clubhouse had recently been undertaken and the Engineer has assured the Bowling Club, that the physical fire bell, together with shouting "Fire" would be a suitable control measure in the Clubhouse during the summer months and that as there has partly been an electric fire alarm system installed at some point, in the past, in the Club House, it would be a good idea to ensure that this is put in the appropriate working order for the future, and this would be especially necessary within the hours of darkness. Noted a copy of the report from the Fire Risk Assessment Engineer will follow. It had been confirmed by the Bowling Club Secretary, that the Bowling Green has been opened and the first home Bowls match will take place on 19 May.

Empty/Disposal of Grass Pit – Noted Steve Butcher PCC has received an invoice from the Bowls Club for the Removal and disposal of the Grass Pit - this work was promised to be undertaken and paid for by PCC, before the transfer from PCC to the Town Council took place, but this did not happen. The work has since been undertaken by a Contractor on behalf of the Club and the Invoice £180 (£150 + £30 VAT) has been forwarded to PCC for reimbursement.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council as owner of the property, invoices PCC for the sum of £180 and PCC pays the Town Council and we forward a cheque for £180 to the Bowling Club.

BOWLING CLUB - 100th YEAR – Cllr M Dodds requested the Mayor’s attendance at one of their events during this special 100th Year Celebration of Talgarth Bowling Club.

RESOLVED: To agree to this request.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS/PAVILION/CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA –

- **Littering/Anti Social** – Noted the Town Council was copied into the email concerns from TADSCA to the local Police/PCSOs, who have been involved.
- **Children's Play area** – Update requested from one of the parents of the Play Area Group regarding the position of the purchase of the new play equipment etc.
Update received from TADSCA confirming that the matter is now again in hand, explaining the difficulty to obtain quotes from companies for play equipment during the COVID time. Noted the Chair TADSCA, confirmed that he had met with the Play Area Group and it was noted that TADSCA is able to contribute £7,500, the Play Area Group is able to contribute £800 to the new play equipment, and with the Town Council pledge, there will be a substantial upgrade to this Children's Play area.
- **Play Area Inspections** – Noted TADSCA has booked for this year's annual inspection to be undertaken by ROSPA via PCC – fee £72.

TADSCA – Noted the TADSCA AGM is due to be held on Tues 1 June 2021.

POLICE/SPEEDWATCH/SPEEDING –

- **PCSO** –Noted that our local PCSO Hazel Jones is leaving on 14 May and that PCSO Emma Jackson will still be covering our area and we can also call on PC Andy Edwards.
- **Speedwatch training** - Received confirmation that the Speedwatch training will take place at 6pm on 18 May in the Town Hall, socially distanced, 4 new members and 1 existing member.
- **Policing in Trefecca** - Update received from Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen, informing us that, during the weekend of 8 May, some speed checking and static enforcement, had taken place in Trefecca by an officer. He will see what firm data he can provide of prosecutions to better inform town councillors and local residents.
It was noted that Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen is requesting for Town Councillor representation to meet with him to identify some other Speedwatch sites.
RESOLVED: Cllr Andy Lord and Cllr Richard Reid to assist.
- **Speeding Talgarth through Trefecca** – Noted that further to our request, PCC has arranged a virtual meeting with PCC reps, the Police and Town Council reps, by 'TEAMS' at 10.15am Monday 17 May 2021.
RESOLVED: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, Cllr L Elston Reeves, Deputy Mayor, Cllr A Lord and County Councillor W Powell will join this 'Teams' meeting.

20/81 TO APPROVE TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 1/4/2020 – 31/3/2021 -

Noted Clerk had circulated to all Town Councillors a copy of the Town Council's Annual Return and documentation for the year ended 31 March 2021, which had been successfully audited by the Internal Auditor.

Clerk to display the 'Notice of date appointed for the exercise of electors' rights under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004' on a Noticeboard and on the Town Council's website, by the 06/8/2021 for a period of 14 days, and for the records to be made available from 20/8/2021 – 17/09/2021.

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement and that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 be completed and signed in the official places by Cllr P Lewis, Mayor and Josephine Rumsey, RFO/Town Clerk, for onward transmission to Audit Wales as by the 1 September 2021.

21/82 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

- **Zurich Insurance – 5 year fixed policy terminates 31 May 2021** – Noted the rebuild costs for our Talgarth Town Council owned properties has been received from Mr Nestorow, AJN Design & Surveying Services Ltd.

RESOLVED: To pay A J N Design Invoice for the costings - £60 + £12 VAT = £72 total.

Clerk to circulate the updated Insurance Policy Schedule, to Town Councillors, prior to obtaining insurance quotations from 1 June 2021, for consideration at a remote meeting 7pm Mon 24 May.

- **Schedule of Monthly Accounts: RESOLVED:** To agree, as follows:-

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 14 April 2021:

Date	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
04/04/21	Talgarth Building Supplies	PCC COVID-19 Project - The Square Project - Bollards x 6	£827.00	£165.40	£992.40
04/04/21	BOSS	10 x Reams White A4 paper	£28.58	£5.72	£34.30
11/04/21	Old Railway Garden Centre	PCC COVID-19 Project Shade Garden - Trees/Shrubs	£321.39	£64.33	£385.73
11/04/21	Huws Gray Ltd	PCC COVID-19 Project - Shade Garden - Top Soil/Lawn Mix	£232.39	£46.48	£278.87
11/04/21	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – Contract 1/4/21 – 30/6/21 – 1 st Clean per day	£1,687.50	£337.50	£2,025.00
11/04/21	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – Contract 1/4/21 – 30/6/21 – 2 nd Clean per day	£1,456.00	£291.20	£1,747.20
11/04/21	Printerbase Ltd	1 x Cartridge for Printer	£42.75	£8.55	£51.30
14/04/21	Williams, Beales & Co	Bowling Club – Lease costs – Registration Fee	£750.00 £40.00	£150.00	£900.00 £40.00
14/04/21	OVW	Annual Sub – 2021/2022	£278.00		£278.00
22/04/21	Town Clerk	Apr Salary & Expenses			£1,054.79
25/04/21	Londis	Envelopes	£2.00	£0.40	£2.40
29/04/21	Sharn Drury	Internal Audit 2019/2020 fee	£120.00		£120.00
29/4/21	PCC	Town Hall Premises Alcohol Licence – Due 24/4/20 £70 & Due 24/4/21£70	£140.00		£140.00
05/05/21	Oakchurch	PCC COVID-19 Project - Shade Garden - Shrubs/Plants/Gravel/ Manure	£91.20	£7.28	£98.48
08/05/21	Old Railway Garden Centre	PCC COVID-19 Project Shade Garden - Turf/Shrubs	£122.20 £26.64	£24.45 £5.33	£146.65 31.97
08/05/21	BOSS	Town Hall – Signage – ‘Wear Masks’	£29.97	£5.99	£35.96

08/05/2021 Business Reserve Account - £50,670.09
unpresented cheques – Total £573.06.

Current Account - £1,932.94 + issued/

Amounts received since last meeting 14 April 2021 and banked:

Date	From	Item	Amount
30/04/21	PCC	One third Precept	£18,000
22/04/21	C C James, Funeral Director	Burial Plot Mrs IMBS dec'd	£140.00
06/04/21	R W Evans & Son	Memorial Stone – CBD dec'd	£115.00

21/83 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –

Talgarth Verges – Email request received from, PCC, suggesting that the Town Council, in the first instance, become involved regarding people/groups wishing to utilise PCC verges/land for planting, as an opportunity for concerns and objections to be raised prior to proposals being forwarded to PCC.

RESOLVED: To respond to PCC that the Town Council cannot be involved as suggested, as we have no jurisdiction of the land which is in the ownership of PCC, and that it has been the practice for many years, that anyone wishing to plant on PCC verges/land, they apply direct to PCC as the process is approved and recorded by PCC.

Talgarth Environment Air Pollution – The Town Council was copied into a resident's letter of concern which had been forwarded to PCC Environmental Health, regarding the "*air pollution in Talgarth and stench omitted from the digestate which is being spread around the Talgarth area*". The resident's correspondence was discussed and noted.

Some further concerns re the GP spreading in the area were received and it was agreed that everyone should be proactive in reporting any obnoxious smells in the area, to PCC Environmental Health.

RESOLVED: To inform the resident that her concerns were received and noted at the meeting.

'From the Verge to the Centre' – Received an update report from the Project Co-ordinator, and on circulation.

TIRC – Received an update report from the Co-ordinator, and on circulation.

PCC Highways - Dangerous and insecure cover on drain in the road Llangorse side of Trefecca – Noted this matter had been reported to PCC and has since been repaired.

Bottle recycling Talgarth car park – Received a further report that this facility was again overflowing, noting that the bottles on the floor, previously reported, have been removed but the bottle bank has still not been emptied.

Noted that the Clerk had initially reported the matter to PCC on 5 May and it was confirmed that the matter would be dealt with by the end of that week.

RESOLVED: To again report to PCC that the bottle bank still needs emptying.

Brecon Motor Club – Tour – Event 4 July 2021- Request for the Mayor to attend the Black Mountains Classic Car Tour 2021, starting and ending at Gwernyfed Rugby Club on Sun 4 July.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor to attend this event.

Faye Jones MP – Letter dated 20 April received informing the Town Council that she had hoped to meet with Town & Community Councils, in her area, during her first year of office but due to the pandemic it has not been possible but hopes to commence visits soon.

Project re Town & Community Councillors –Received a communication from a reporter with the County Times newspaper, pointing out that he is planning an article which he thinks would be interesting to calculate an average age of Councillors on the various Town/Community Councils throughout Powys, in order to see how much things have changed in the last decade.

RESOLVED: Town Councillors did not wish to disclose the personal information.

21/84 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION –

WG - Electoral Reform Newsletter April 2021

BBNPA LDP – BBNPA documents are open for public consultation up to 21 May 2021 – Llanspyddid Village Plan, Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Revised Scoping Report, Revised Preferred Strategy & Delivery Agreement Amendment

BBNPA Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Fri 7 May, 10 am

BBNPA Agenda for National Park Authority, Fri 14 May, 1.30 pm

PAVO - Training Information and guidance & Spring Bulletin

Trunk Road Agency - 4 x Traffic Survey Sites undertaken in Talgarth – Reports received.

Powys CHC - Newsletter - Spring edition & Radnorshire & Brecknock Local Committee meeting – Thurs 22 Apr 9.30am – By Teams.

Request for Financial Assistance – Hope House, Oswestry - To consider with all other applications received during 2021/2022 at end of financial year.

21/85 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- 7pm Mon 24 May 2021 – *To consider Town Council Insurance*
- 7pm Wed 9 June 2021 – *Monthly meeting*
- 7pm Wed 14 July 2021 – *Monthly meeting*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.12 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: