

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2021, HELD REMOTELY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT BY VIDEO LINK:** Cllr P Lewis (Mayor) (In the Chair), 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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Deputy Mayor)

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

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

**21/141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

- Cllr C Green declared an in interest re Planning Application 21/20323/FUL and left the meeting when this application was being considered.
- Cllr W Powell declared an in interest re Planning Application 21/20323/FUL and left the meeting when this application was being considered.
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**21/142 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 15 Sept & 29 Sept 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 15 Sept & 29 Sept 2021, be accepted as correct records.

**21/143 PLANNING MATTERS – To consider Planning Applications:**

- **BBNPA – Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20323/FUL** - Proposal: “Change of use from office/shop to residential use” - Address: The Mill Cottage , The Square, Talgarth LD3 0BW – Noted that a response had not been received to the Town Council letter dated 1 October 2021.  
**RESOLVED:** To respond to the BBNPA that as a response had not been received to the Town Council letter of 30 Sept 2021, no further discussion or response could be made.
- **BBNPA – Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20401/FUL** - Proposal: “The installation of 2 no. Electric Vehicle (EV) Quick Charging points and 2 no. electrical cabinets, associated cabling and ancillary works, including the installation of stainless steel bollards around the proposed equipment.” Address: Talgarth Car Park, High Street, Talgarth LD3 0PQ – **RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application.

**21/144 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**One Voice Wales -**

- **OVW Brecon Area Committee Meeting** – Notification received of the next meeting at Builth Wells at 6.30pm 17 Nov – Agenda and papers to follow.
- **OVW training** – Oct/Nov remote training dates on circulation.

**PAVO - virtual meeting, 6pm – 8pm 14 Oct – Virtual Village Halls and Community Buildings** – Noted Cllr A Bufton will be attending this free virtual meeting.

**Afon Llynfi Pollution** - Received an update on 12 Oct, noting that the investigation is now at the stage where it is being considered by their legal team.

**RESOLVED:** To request NRW for an approximate timescale of when an outcome of this investigation will be received.

## 21/145 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES – GROUP UPDATES -

- **Grow for Talgarth (GfT) –**  
**Xmas event in Market Hall 4 Dec** - Cllr A Bufton reported that he had met with the Secretary of the group, to discuss COVID regulations re the event on 4 Dec in the Market Hall. Noted the group will also be using the Mill Yard for stalls.  
**RESOLVED:** To free hall hire for this fundraising Xmas event in the Market Hall on 4 Dec.
- **RHS Awards Ceremony in Beaumaris on 10 Sept** – Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, reported that Cllr M Dodds, who attended the ceremony on behalf of the Town Council, had circulated a brief update on the event.
- **Xmas Lights** – Update received from Martin Draper, Chair of the group, confirming there will not be an Xmas Lights ‘Switch on’ event this year due to COVID but the Xmas lights will be put up and switched on sometime during Sat 27 Nov.  
Noted the Bunting Licence to erect the lights from PCC has been obtained – Fee cost £111. Clerk confirmed that the 5-year anchor points testing is due in Sept 2022.
- **The Mill** – Noted Mike Goode, Chair of The Mill Directors will attend our SKYPE meeting on 10 Nov, to update us on The Mill.
- **TIRC** - Received minutes of the TIRC July & Aug meetings and Agenda for 4 Oct meeting. Noted that Jack Christopher, a longstanding Volunteer of the TIRC, is to be leaving Talgarth shortly and moving back to Essex to be nearer to his family.  
**RESOLVED:** To forward farewell wishes to Jack on his departure.
- **Library** – Cllr W Powell reported that the PCC salaried librarian will end on 30 Nov and discussions were ongoing between PCC Library Service, Talgarth & District Regeneration Group and Ysgol Mynydd du, with regard to the future running of the Library.

## ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD

**Health & Safety Audit of Memorial Stones etc** - Noted the testing will be held on Mon 18 Oct.  
**Filming in Churchyard** – Noted Documentary Filming by Dechrau Canu will take place on the morning of 15 Oct.

**War Graves** – Update received from the War Graves Commission –

- Received £70 annual fee for the War Graves’ maintenance.
- Confirmation that the faded writing on the one War Grave stone, the stone is to be replaced and that the chipped War Grave stone is safe at the moment, but will be regularly monitored by the War Grave Commission.

**‘Friends of Churchyard’** – Noted an expression of interest has been received and the matter was being followed up.

## TOWN HALL

- **Cleaner vacancy** – Noted that notice of the intention of the current Contract Cleaner had been received but she has offered to undertake some deep cleaning of the Town Hall before she terminates her Contract. Discussion took place regarding the vacancy.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept the offer of the current Cleaner to undertake some deep cleaning in the Town Hall before she terminates her Contract.  
Also to seek advice from OVW before finalizing the advertisement for the vacancy.

- **Town Hall Clock repairs & Annual Service on 27 Sept** – Noted Smith of Derby Ltd had completed the clock repairs, as per quotation £2,265.00 + 20% VAT, and had also undertaken the Annual Service - cost £229 + 20% VAT, on 27 Sept.  
**RESOLVED:** To pay Smith of Derby Ltd Invoices - £2,265.00 + £453.00 VAT – Total £2,718.00 and £229 + £45.80 VAT – Total £274.80.

#### **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES –**

- **Unisex toilet** – It was noted that the blockage reported at the last meeting had righted itself by the following day and that Cllr A Bufton is continuing to monitor the intermittent leak, in this location, in the hope that the problem can be identified.

#### **KING GEORGE V PAVILION -**

- **Pavilion Clock** – Received 2 quotes dated 27 Sept from Smith of Derby Ltd – (a) For the clock repairs ie to replace the damaged clock hands and T200 movement, along with a new ARU circuit board and battery, returning the clock to reliable working order in the sum of £1,843 +VAT. (b) For a complete new clock - approx £4,000 +VAT.  
**RESOLVED:** It was not considered viable to repair/replace the clock in this location and agreed to remove it from the building.

**BOWLING CLUB -** Update received from the Secretary of the Bowling Club, attaching a copy of the annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection Certificate dated 14 Sept 2021. Noted confirmation will be received when the Fire Emergency Lighting check has been completed.

#### **SPEEDING - TALGARTH/TREFECCA –**

- **Speedwatch** – Noted that a Speedwatch session had been held with PCSO Emma Jackson earlier today at Trefecca. Further training sessions to take place during the next couple of weeks.

8.30pm - Cllr R Parry left the meeting

#### **PCC ISSUES –**

- **PCC** – Updates received from Jo Lancey, confirming the results of the Speed Survey from the exercise undertaken in Trefecca during the Summer 2021, stating that there would be a charge of £73 per hard copy of the report, per site.  
Also received a copy of the PCC Community Owned Interactive Sign Policy for information and a copy of the PCC Speed Management Policy.  
**RESOLVED:** County Councillor W Powell to seek more information/clarification from the PCC Cabinet Member and to seek a review meeting with the Police, PCC Officers and Town Councillor presence, following the previous meeting held on 17 May 2021.

#### **MWWTRA ISSUES –**

- **A479 Roads into Talgarth** – Dean Williams, Trunk Road Agency confirmed that the equipment in place in these locations, is to collect speed data and that he would share the results with the Town Council when received.
- **A479 Pulsating light- PCL 635 & fuel spillage/clean up operation** – County Councillor W Powell forwarded updates received from the MWWTRA, confirming:
  - that the street lighting issue has been raised previously and repaired but the PCC Street lighting Engineer will again arrange for its repair asap.
  - That the fuel spill resulted from damage to a HGV fuel tank – details on circulation.

8.50pm – Cllr G Jones left the meeting.

**21/146 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – SUNDAY 14 NOV 2021** – Noted a Remembrance Service will be held in St Gwendoline’s Church at 10am and at the War Memorial at 11am.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase from the British Legion – the Town Council Poppy Wreath, 8 Poppy Crosses for the War Graves and 10 large Poppies to display in the Town/War Memorial area, as previously agreed.

**21/147 FINANCIAL UPDATE:** To consider and approve Monthly Accounts – previously circulated

**Amounts received since last meeting 15 September 2021 and banked:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
15/09/21	Commonwealth War Graves	Annual War Grave maintenance fee	£70.00
20/09/21	R W Evans & Son	Memorial Stone fee – JG dec’d	£115.00
20/09/21	A V Griffiths & Son	Burial Plot F12 – PBP dec’d	£140.00
21/09/21	PCC	80% Reimbursement of PCC Covid Town Centre Project Net Spend – 3rd Claim & Final	£1,796.24
29/09/21	Hirer	Donation for use of chairs/tables	£15.00

**Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 15 September 2021:**

Date	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
16/09/21	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – 1 <sup>st</sup> clean per day – 1/10 – 31/12/21	£1,687.50	£337.50	£2,025.00
16/09/21	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – 2nd clean per day – 1/10 – 31/12/21	£1,472.00	£294.40	£1,766.40
16/09/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 10 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
20/09/21	Town Clerk	Sept Salary & Expenses			£1,053.19
20/09/21	HMRC	July, Aug, Sept – Clerk’s Tax £730.60 – Employer’s NI £199.14	£929.74		£929.74
04/10/21	PCC	Bunting Licence Fee for Xmas Lights	£111.00		£111.00
04/10/21	Shaw & Sons	New Receipts & Payments book £65 New Minute Book Binder £81 + VAT £29.20	£146.00	£29.20	£175.20
06/10/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 10 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
06/10/21	M Dodds	Presentation Beaumaris 10/9/21 Travel 338miles x £0.45 per mile £152.10 & Overnight stay £89.50	£241.60		£241.60
06/10/21	Smith of Derby	Town Clock – Annual Maintenance fee	£229.00	£45.80	£274.80
06/10/21	Smith of Derby	Town Clock – Quotation for repairs as agreed - £2,265.00 + £453.00 VAT	£2,265.00	£453.00	£2,718.00
06/10/21	VW Cleaning Services	Opening Public Conveniences Gates – June, July, Aug, Sept	£271.60		£271.60

09/09/2021 Business Reserve Account - £42,671.79      Current Account - £2,172.44  
(Less unrepresented cheques: £175.20, £241.60, £274.00, £2,718.00, £271.60)

**Town Council – Quarterly Bank Reconciliation – July - Sept Quarter Budget** – Received the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation – July - Sept 2021, satisfactorily audited by Internal Auditor.

**21/148 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –**

**PCC and Town & Community Councils Meeting 6pm 5 Oct** – Noted Cllr P Lewis Mayor, Town Clerk & County Councillor W Powell joined this meeting by Microsoft Teams.

**Military Exercise at the former Mid Wales Hospital – 2 – 17 Oct** – County Councillor W Powell reported that he had been informed of the Military exercise, in his capacity as County Councillor for Talgarth. He had, on request, provided contact details for a limited number of Penbont Road residents, who might be affected by the nocturnal use of public rights of way adjacent to their homes. He had received assurances from the MoD that they would engage directly with neighbours in the vicinity of the former hospital, who might be inconvenienced by the exercise.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor reported that he had received a communication of concern from a neighbouring resident to the site, and that a response had been forwarded to the resident, confirming that the Town Council had not officially been notified of this exercise taking place.

**21/149 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –**

**WG - Coronavirus COVID-19 News** - weekly updates

**WG - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation – Feb 2022** – Comments by 28 Nov 2021.

**WG - Ombudsman Wales - Open Consultation on Proposed Guidance on “Principles of Good Administration” and “Good Records Management** – Comments by 1 Nov 2021.

**PCC - Covid Pass** – Follow up message re Covid Pass received from PCC Licensing since 8 Oct 2021 WG message.

**PCC - Powys Welsh in Education Strategic Plan - Consultation - 24 Sept - 19 Nov 2021**

**BBNPA Weekly List of Planning Applications**

**BBNPA - Agenda for National Park Authority, 24 Sept 10am, 19 Oct 4.30 pm**

**OVW- two environmental grant funds from Welsh Government and National Lottery Heritage Fund. Local Places for Nature and Community Woodland** – 10am 15 Oct.

**PAVO** – Received Invitation for nominations from individuals who wish to stand for election to its Board of Trustees at the AGM on 19 Nov 2021, COVID Regulation updates, Training & Funding information.

**Bronlys Well Being Park - Public Meeting 25 Oct at 7pm** – At Royston Hall or by Zoom.

**PTHB COVID-19 Vaccination Stakeholder Bulletin** - 2 Oct

**Powys CHC** - Report on Access to Dentists During the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Keep Wales Tidy** - Noted starter packages available and applications need to be completed by 31 Dec 2021.

**Welsh Blood Group** – Noted the next Blood Donor Sessions in Town Hall, Talgarth has been booked for Monday 10 Oct 2022 & Tues 11 Oct 2022 - 10.00am to 8.30pm

**Citizens Advice Powys** - Information and request for financial assistance received. Noted will be considered with all applications received during the year at our Mar 2022 meeting.

**Powys Historic Society** - Received electronic version of the completed Monumental Inscriptions for St Gwendoline Churchyard, for Town Council records.

**21/150 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 7pm Wed 10 Nov 2021 – *Remote Monthly meeting*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.01pm.

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**DATE:** .....