

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 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 G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Parry, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr R Reid, Cllr C Voyle

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Dodds, Cllr T McClatchey,

IN ATTENDANCE BY VIDEO LINK: ‘On the Verge’ – Martin Draper
Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

WELCOME: Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed Martin Draper, Chairman, ‘On the Verge’ and Town Councillors, to the 24th virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype.

21/106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr R Reid declared an interest, re Planning Application 21/19926/ FUL, when confirming the minutes of the previous meeting 9 June 2021 and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Cllr W Powell declared an in interest re Planning Applications 21/19623/FUL, 21/19622/FUL & 21/19965/FUL and left the meeting when all 6 Planning Applications were considered.

21/107 VISIT BY ‘ON THE VERGE’ CHAIRMAN, MARTIN DRAPER – Martin Draper gave an update to the Town Council regarding the aims and objectives of the group and informed us of the current position - full details on circulation.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor thanked Martin for attending the meeting and updating Town Councillors on the project and wished the group well in the future.

21/108 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 9 & 30 June 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 9 June 2021 be accepted as a correct record with the following amendment: Minute 21/94 Planning Application 21/19926/FUL - should have read – ‘*should have been made retrospectively*’.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 30 June 2021 be accepted as a correct record.

21/109 PLANNING MATTERS – BBNPA & PCC – To consider Planning Applications:

BBNPA – Reconsultation - Planning Application 21/19623/FUL - Proposal: “(Phase 1) Redevelopment of a former highway authority maintenance yard for the purposes of a single A1 unit.” - Address: Former Highways Depot, Hay Road, Talgarth LD3 0AW.

Noted the Reconsultation letter received 23/6/21 stated it was due to ‘omission of commercial unit from the scheme and further plans in relation to highways’.

Noted that a response from the Town Council, had been forwarded to the Brecon & Radnor Express - issue 7/7/2021, referencing the article, on this subject, which appeared in the Brecon & Radnor Express, the previous week 30/6/2021 – both reports on circulation.

Received email concerns/requests from residents regarding this reconsultation.

BBNPA – Reconsultation – Planning Application 21/19622/FUL - Proposal: “(Phase 2) Four B1/B8 Units with associated Bat Mitigation Outbuilding” – Address: Former Highways Depot , Hay Road, Talgarth LD3 0AW.

Discussion took place and it was agreed to respond to the Reconsultation of both Planning Applications 21/19623/FUL & 21/19622/FUL by reiterating the Town Council’s original response, which had been forwarded to the BBNPA, as agreed at the 14 April 2021 Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: To respond to the BBNPA confirming that the 2 Reconsultation Planning Applications had been considered and agreed to reiterate the Town Council's previous response which had been forwarded to the BBNPA on the original 2 Consultations, as agreed at the 14 April 2021 meeting.

Also to respond to the resident's enquiries informing them of the full involvement of the Town Council re these Planning Applications since the matter commenced at the beginning of the year, and to post this explanation letter on the Town Council website and the Town's Notice Board.

BBNPA – Planning Application 21/20091/LBC - Proposal: “Replacement of a timber plank external door and a timber framed 4 x 3 pane window with a like-for like design flood water restraining door & window in order to provide flood risk protection to the internal structure of the building” - Address: The Bridgend Inn , Bell Street, Talgarth LD3 0BP

RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

BBNPA – Planning Application 21/20116/FUL - Proposal: “Householder planning application for the erection of a flat roof porch”-Address: 5 Park Avenue, Talgarth, Brecon Powys LD3 0AR.

RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

7.35pm Cllr A Bufton joined the meeting.

BBNPA – Planning Application 21/19965/FUL - Proposal: “The refurbishment/extension of the existing farmhouse and adjacent stone barn with the replacement of several agricultural structures with new similarly sized buildings providing student accommodation and teaching spaces within the same footprint area. Proposals include related hard and soft landscaping works, new services and ecological enhancements.” Address: Troed Yr Harn Farm, Hospital Road, Talgarth LD30EF

RESOLVED: Due to the short timescale from receiving this Planning Application for consultation, to defer consideration of this Planning Application to the 4 August meeting.

PCC - Planning Application Reference: 21/1257/REM - Grid Reference: E:314424 N: 233967 - Proposal: Section 73 application to vary conditions 1 and 3 of permission B/04/0207 to allow for the submission of amended plans. Site Address: Far Barn, Llanfilo, Brecon, Powys LD3 0RA

RESOLVED: To support his Planning Application

21/110 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

The Square Community project –

- Noted this final part of the project had now been completed and with PCC approval, a bin had been relocated for use in this area.
- Noted a wooden planter/flowers had been placed in this location.
RESOLVED: To keep the entrance to this area clear, for ease of access to all users.
- Noted our final grant claim for the project had been submitted to PCC and a communication had been received from PCC on 12 July, re this part of this project.

One Voice Wales –

- **Brecon/Radnor Area Committee Virtual AGM & Meeting – 12 July 2021** - Noted the Clerk had joined this remote meeting.
- **OVW remote Training** – Noted July training dates on circulation.
- **PAVO Training** – Noted Cllr A Bufton had attended 2 x PAVO training sessions – Risk Assessment remote training session on 17 June – cost £20 and a Legionella remote training session – cost £10 on 22 June 2021.

RESOLVED: To payment of the 2 x PAVO Invoices £20 & £10 for this remote training.

21/111 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES –

‘GROW FOR TALGARTH’ – Noted:

- that some of the GfT boxes had been defaced, during the previous evening
- that a resident had reported some concerns, which had been passed onto ‘GfT’ to respond
- that the RHS ‘Wales in Bloom’ judging would be taking place on 15 July and the result known on 10 September.

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TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP (TDRG) –

Co-op Store, The Square, Talgarth & Planning Application 21/19623 former PCC Council Yard- Noted the Town Council had received on 14 June, a copy of the TDRG’s recent letter to the BBNPA re this matter and notification of a proposed virtual meeting the following week. Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Chair of the group, gave an update on the current position of the TDRG – full details on circulation.

BRECON MOTOR CLUB - BLACK MOUNTAINS CLASSIC CAR TOUR 2021– 4 /7 2021

Noted Cllr Phil Lewis, Mayor was in attendance at this year’s event in Talgarth.

TOURIST INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE – Received TIRC Agenda and Minutes for the AGM meeting on 21 June and Agenda and Minutes for the 12 July meeting.

ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD –

- **Health & Safety Audit of the Churchyard** – Received from MEMSAFE, the cost to carry this assessment - £3.25 per memorial for the testing/report. A further meeting will be arranged when more information is to hand.
RESOLVED: To obtain and display Notices, for the required period, at the entrances to the Churchyard, to inform the community /visitors, of the forthcoming Health & Safety Audit.
- **War Graves** – Noted it had been reported that 2 x War Grave memorial stones need attention - one is damaged and the other the lettering has faded.
RESOLVED: Clerk to report to the War Grave Commission to seek the way forward.
- **Overgrowth near a relative’s grave** – received a report of this overgrowth, which has since been removed by the Council’s Contractor.
- **Old Yew Tree (fallen)** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that she and Cllr R Parry had recently met at the Churchyard with local resident, and they now had some ideas and wished to pursue the development of the fallen yew tree area together with Cllr A Bufton.
RESOLVED: To agree to this request to undertake the development of the fallen yew tree.

TOWN HALL –

- **Town Hall** - Noted a short hiring had taken place on 12 July - COVID restrictions in place.
- **Electrical Works in Town Hall & Public Conveniences** – Received an invoice from Skyrme Electrical, in the sum of £238 + VAT, for the urgent works we recently ordered in the Ladies Public Conveniences and main Town Hall.
RESOLVED: To pay Skyrme Electrical invoice £238 + VAT
- **Town Council Notice Boards**– Cllr R Reid reported the poor state of the Notice Board on the Town Hall and wondered if it could be repaired / replaced.
RESOLVED: To obtain advice/costs for repair from Colin Lewis Joinery.
Cllr W Powell confirmed that the Notice Board in the Castle Hotel, Pengefnffordd car park has not been used for sometime.
RESOLVED: The Notice Board situated in the Castle Hotel, Pengefnffordd car park be removed and relocated in the town for use.
- **Town Council Benches** - Cllr R Reid reported that he had repaired the damaged Bench on the Cycle Path. Also that he had stained all the seats/benches in the town that required attention and the only one now left for staining is the seat in Trefecca.
RESOLVED: To purchase a tin of Stain to complete the outstanding seats/benches.

BOWLING GREEN/CLUB HOUSE –

Bowling Green/Club house – Received copy of the Fire Risk Assessment report undertaken in May 2021 on behalf of the Talgarth Bowling Club, and on circulation. Update received following the Bowling Club meeting on 13 July:

- The Bowling Club Committee has noted the required actions identified in the report and will be addressing them to comply with the Health and Safety legislation necessary for the building on a regular basis.
- The Bowling Club will be contacting an electrician to check the Emergency Lighting System
- Regarding the existing partially installed commercial automatic Fire Alarm system, the Bowling Club would like this to be removed in line with Contractor's recommendations, that the large bell near the door would be sufficient at this time.
- Cllr Bufton noted that the Fire Extinguisher check was due in July 2021 and asked the Clerk to remind the Bowling Club.

RESOLVED: To await further information.

Bowling Club 100th Celebration – 22 May 2021 – Noted Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, Town Clerk, Cllr M Dodds & County Councillor W Powell had attended.

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

- **Children's Play Area** – Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, reported that TADSCA has received some quotes for the new play equipment and presumed that the gaps in the hedge, in this location, will be fenced in when the new play equipment is erected.
- **Gym equipment** – Noted that the new gym equipment has been fixed in place.
- **Chairs** – Noted a request had been received from the Mother/Toddler group, to borrow some tables/chairs for a fundraising BINGO on 13 Aug, to be held on the King George V Playing fields. Noted Cllr R Reid has arranged for these tables/chairs from the Festival group stock.
- **Clock on Pavilion** – **RESOLVED:** To ask Smiths of Derby for a quote to repair / replacement of the clock in this location, when they are in attendance for the Town Hall Clock annual maintenance visit due Sept.

TADSCA - Lease of Land & Buildings at King George V Playing fields - Renewal of Sub-Lease to Talgarth Football Club – Received an update from TADSCA, after our last Town Council meeting on 9 June, requesting copy of a ‘Condition Audit’ prior to the transfer of the King George V Playing fields etc from PCC to the Town Council, which has since been forwarded to TADSCA. They also suggested they prepare a codicil to the head lease which is copied into the sub lease to the Football Club, confirming the Town Council’s agreement to covering the cost of insuring the pavilion and its fixtures and fittings etc. Noted that the Clerk has asked the advice of our Solicitor, who stated that we should ideally reflect this in a formal variation to the Lease - a Deed of Variation.

Noted TADSCA AGM to be held on 22 June 2021.

9pm - RESOLVED: To move Standing Orders 15 minutes

POLICE/SPEEDWATCH/SPEEDING –

Police in Trefecca - Update received from Cllr Richard Reid following his recent meeting with PC Jackson, in Trefecca, confirming that he had arranged for some speed assessment strips to be put in place in Trefecca, and awaiting result reports and that he is requesting PCC to put some speed calming measures in place similar to the ones in Llangorse. Also that he will follow up on the Speed Watch Training to get the new members Training completed.

Cllr W Powell circulated an update from Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen confirming the recent results of speeding in Trefecca.

Speeding outside Ysgol y Mynydd du – PCSO Emma Jackson reported that speed watch had recently taken place in this location and results of speeding, on circulation.

PCSO – Noted we have an additional PCSO Laura Morgan from Brecon police station, who deals with speedwatch.

Evidence of trespass and fire-starting at abandoned Talgarth CP School (1976) site, School Lane, Talgarth – Noted the Town Council was copied into Cllr W Powell’s email to Inspector G Bowen, reporting that during a site inspection on 23 June at the former Talgarth CP School site, the evidence of trespass and fire-starting was noted.

21/112 FINANCIAL UPDATE: Schedule of Monthly Accounts: RESOLVED: To agree as follows:-
Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 9 June 2021:

Date	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
03/06/21	ICO	Annual GDPR fee	£35.00		£35.00
10/6/21	Parish on Line	Renewal Annual Subscription	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
10/6/21	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – 1 st clean per day – 1/7 – 30/9/21	£1,687.50	£337.50	£2,025.00
10/6/21	Healthmatic Ltd	Public Conveniences – 2nd clean per day – 1/7 – 30/9/21	£1,472.00	£294.40	£1,766.40
10/6/21	HRMC	Apr, May, June – Clerk’s Tax £730.40 – Employer’s NI £199.14	£929.54		£929.54
14/6/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 3 rd cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
17/6/21	Town Clerk	June Salary & Expenses			£1,056.59
18/6/21	A G Evans Builder	PCC COVID-19 Project The Square – Erect gazebo, picnic bench & fit. Supply & fit guttering.	£1,393.24		£1,393.24
24/6/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 4 th cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
06 /7/21	Andrew Signage	2 x ‘No Parking’ bilingual signs for War Memorial walls	£80.00		£80.00

Amounts received since last meeting 9 June 2021 and banked:

Date	From	Item	Amount
08/06/21	Vision ICT	Cancellation amount	£84.00
10/06/21	JR, Local resident	Donation for hire 2 tables + 6 plastic chairs for child's birthday party	£20.00
15/06/21	DC, Local resident	Purchase of Cremation Plot	£90.00

08/07/2021 Business Reserve Account - £35,170.83

Current Account - £755.09

21/113 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –

PCC and Town & Community Councils Virtual Meeting – 19 July 6pm – 7.30pm –

Noted Cllr P Lewis Mayor, Town Clerk and County Councillor W Powell, will be joining this meeting by Microsoft Teams.

PCC Highway issues – Noted 2 issues received which local residents had reported:

- **Highway through Ffostyll farm in order to walk to the Rhosfawr Common –** Noted PCC has asked farmer to clean the road in this location.
RESOLVED: Cllr P Lewis Mayor to bring this matter up at PCC meeting on Mon 19 July.
- **A broken drain top in Queen's Ave, Talgarth –**Noted the matter has been reported to PCC.
- **Street Light (faulty) - Nr The Limes, Bronllys Road –** Noted it has been reported that the street light, in this location, is on during the daytime.

OVW - 'Local Places for Nature' officer for One Voice Wales – Noted Rachel Carter is the new officer in OVW to help Town & Community Councils to facilitate these projects. She will be our specialist point of contact; from generating the initial ideas, getting community engagement, making a successful bid for capital funding and setting up and maintaining the projects.

RESOLVED: Cllr P Lewis to attend the free webinar Local Places for Nature – 2pm on 22 July.

OVW – Operation London Bridge – Information received on 7 July.

Bronllys Well Being Park - Invitations received to BWBP Zoom AGM on 24 June and a further Zoom meeting on 7 July, with Max Comfort, following the launch of their Next Ten Years document - their plans going forward.

9.15pm - RESOLVED: To move Standing Orders a further 15 minutes

A479 Road works – Received reports of on-going works on the newly repaired A479 .

RESOLVED: To ask Gail Jones, Liaison Officer, Griffiths Engineers for an update on the current and any future planned road works in this location and for Cllr P Lewis Mayor to bring this matter up at PCC meeting on Mon 19 July.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel – Noted County Councillor W Powell had circulated an update on the work of the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel, on which he serves – details on circulation.

21/114 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION –

WG - Electoral Reform Newsletter June 2021

WG - Consultation launch 28 June 2021: - Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations

WG - Coronavirus COVID-19 News – Weekly updates received.

PCC – Reece Simmonds - Call for Evidence - Improving Connectivity for Very Hard to Reach Premises – Information received.

PCC – Licensing – Current update received – waiter service only.

PCC - Notice of Powys CHC Executive Committee Meeting 13th July – Agenda received

BBNPA Meeting – 2pm 5 July & 10am 21 June – Agendas received

BBNPA- Weekly list of Planning Applications – Received 11/6/21, 18/6/21

PAVO Community Buildings - WG Guidance and update from 21 June.

PAVO Membership – PAVO Community Buildings - WG Guidance and update from 21 June and PAVO free Membership has been renewed.

PAVO Annual Conference & AGM – Invitation received also asking for our views so that the conference deals with issues that are relevant & important, and it is delivered in a way that best suits everyone. Responses by 23 July.

OVW - News Bulletin & Community Play - Free Seminar 28 June 21 – Information sent to Town Councillors & TADSCA

Bronllys Well Being Park - Received a request for information re how the Town Council has benefitted from the BWBP involvement with them - this request is required by Arwain, the Leader Programme in Powys, re their funding. Noted to respond that the BWBP had several meetings/ conference in the Town Hall and paid full hire charges.

Brecon Advice Centre - Annual Report and Accounts for 2020/21 – Received.

Dyfed-Powys Police - Police and Crime Panel Annual Report for 2020/2021 & Your Policing Service – Your Choice – Received copy of 2021 Independent Package.

Speeding Bronllys Road – Noted the Town Council was copied into Richard Walker’s response to Fay Jones MP’s letter.

A479 Consequential damage – Noted the Town Council was cc into Fay Jones MP response to them re this matter.

21/115 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- 7pm Wed 4 Aug 2021 – *Remote meeting - To consider urgent Planning Applications*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: