

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021, HELD REMOTELY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT BY VIDEO LINK:** Cllr P Lewis (Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr T McClatchey, Cllr R Parry, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr C Voyle

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Deputy Mayor), Cllr M Dodds, Cllr R Reid,

**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.

**21/125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**21/126 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 14 July, 4 Aug & 1 Sept 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 14 July, 4 Aug & 1 Sept 2021, be accepted as correct records.

**21/127 PLANNING MATTERS – To consider Planning Applications:**

**BBNPA - Planning Application Consultation Letter 21/20290/FUL - Proposal:** “Extended garage and build over garage to form additional bedroom and family bathroom” - Address: Maescoch, Tredustan, Brecon Powys LD3 0PN

**RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application

**BBNPA - Planning Application 21/19926/FUL - Proposal:** “Construction of tool, implement and fodder store on land part of an agricultural holding in support of sheep breeding, showing and sale business.” - Address: Land at Hay Road, Hay Road, Talgarth LD3 0AL  
Discussion took place with no comments made at this stage and to seek further clarification on the revised drawings from BBNPA.

**RESOLVED:** To request the BBNPA for further clarification as discussed, so that the Town Council can take a decision at its 29 Sept 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:** To await a Re-Consultation Planning Application, due to a revised Travel Plan.

**21/128 BBNPA - PLANNING PERMISSIONS GRANTED – Received confirmation of Permissions granted:**

- **BBNPA - Planning Application 21/20010/FUL - Proposal:** “External and internal alterations to existing single storey detached dwelling.” Address: Maesgwyn, Trefecca.
- **BBNPA - Planning Application 21/20176/CPL - Proposal:** “The provision of a twin unit mobile home (not operational development) within the garden of the lawful dwelling house for use as additional accommodation by family members as part of one household (not a material change of use)” - Address: 24 Westfields, Talgarth, LD3 0HG

## **ASBRI PLANNING LTD - PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 as amended by The Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020

Schedule 1 Article 4. (4) Schedule 1B Articles 2C, 2D & 2G

Full planning application for residential development and associated works - Former Talgarth School, School Road, Talgarth, Powys, LD3 0BB

- Noted a response to the Town Council's concerns, has been received from Asbri Planning Ltd on 14 Sept, in which it was stated that the walnut trees are planned for removal and that their surveyor was visiting the site again regarding other proposed tree work. It was also stated that they propose to put in a Planning Application to the BBNPA on 20 Sept.
- Received from the BBNPA a notification on 19 Sept, that the BBNPA has served a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in respect of the Former Primary School Site, Talgarth - on the landowner, which did include the retention of the walnut trees.

Noted that the BBNPA has requested any comments re this TPO from the Town Council.

### **RESOLVED:**

- To respond to Asbri Planning Ltd's correspondence of 14 Sept, stating that we presume their response to the Town Council was drafted in advance of their receipt of the BBNPA TPO and to request further comments in the light of that development.
- To respond to the BBNPA welcoming the Emergency TPO and that Talgarth Town Council would support the permanent protection of all the trees as identified in the Emergency Order.

## **21/129 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- **One Voice Wales - Operation London Bridge** –The code name given to the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth the Second.

**RESOLVED:** To seek information re the purchase of cravats for this purpose.

- **PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town** – Noted confirmation received from PCC that the final re-claim of £1,796.24 is currently being processed.
- **OVW remote Training** – Noted September training dates on circulation.
- **PAVO Training** – Noted Cllr A Bufton had attended a PAVO – Risk Assessment remote training session on 17 June – cost £20 and a Legionella remote training session – cost £10 on 22 June.

**RESOLVED:** To pay PAVO Invoices £20 & £10 for this remote training.

- **21/130 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A TALGARTH TOWN COUNCILLOR** – Noted an application had been received from Mrs Christine Green for this vacancy.

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Mrs Christine Green to the vacancy of a Talgarth Town Councillor and for the Clerk to arrange for the Declaration of Acceptance form to be signed up before the next Town Council meeting on 29 Sept.

Agreed to forward an official thank you letter to former Town Councillor Steve Thomas.

## **21/131 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES –**

### **GROUP UPDATES -**

- **Grow for Talgarth (GfT)** – Noted the recent achievements of GfT – Won the Gold Award in the RHS Wales in Bloom competition in the Large Village category and the overall winners of this category for the whole of Wales. Also won this year's PAVO Environment Award - Volunteer of the Year.

**RESOLVED:** To forward a letter of Congratulations to 'Grow for Talgarth'.

- **The Mill** – Received update from Mike Goode, the new Chair of the Mill Directors, confirming his appointment, and reporting the two new Directors - Chris Green & Helen Roome. It is noted that the Bakers Table ceased running end of Aug, after 10 years and that the new Mill Directors are working intensively on a call for expressions of interest from potential catering concerns, who wish to take the Café into its second decade. Mike Goode said he would keep us informed when more information is to hand.  
**RESOLVED:** To invite Mike Goode to attend a future meeting of the Town Council.
- **TIRC** – Received minutes of the TIRC July & Aug meetings. Noted next meeting 4 Oct.
- **On the Verge** – Note group members had been informed that OTV had relinquished maintenance of the River Bank.

### **ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD**

**Health & Safety Audit of Memorial Stones etc** - Noted the required Notices at entrances had been received by Sign Design – cost £30 and Clerk had produced signage for the Church, Town & Trefecca Notice Boards for the forthcoming testing to commence on Mon 18 Oct.

**Filming in Churchyard** - Documentary Filming - Noted the filming took place on the 13 Sept.

### **TOWN HALL**

- **Re-opening of Town Hall** – Cllr Bufton gave an update on the proposed re-opening requirements of the Town Hall which is classed as a ‘Regulated Building’.  
**RESOLVED:**
  - Not to re-open the Committee Room at the present time;
  - Not to accept the overnight hiring request on 10 Oct.
  - To agree to Town Hall hire pending risk assessments agreed by the Town Council, to an event in the Town Hall by the Festival Group and the Market Hall by GfT on 4 Dec.
- **Re-decoration & replacement Stage Curtaining** – Cllr Bufton confirmed that this work specification is in hand.
- **Town Hall Clock repairs/quotation & Annual Service** – Noted Smith of Derby Ltd is booked for the clock repairs, as per quotation £2,265.00 + 20% VAT, and the Annual Service at 10.30am on 27 Sept.

### **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES –**

- **Unisex toilet** - Noted a blockage has appeared today as well as the intermittent leak.  
**RESOLVED:** To instruct Alan Evans Builder to urgently address this problem.
- **Re-opening of Gents’ toilet area**- Cllr Bufton suggested this area could be re-opened with some adjustments which would then allow temporary closure of the unisex toilet area to try and identify the intermittent leak.  
**RESOLVED:** To agree to this suggestion.

### **TADASCA/KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, PAVILION, CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA, TENNIS COURTS**

**TADSCA** - Cllr C Voyle reported that:

- there is a fund raising Quiz planned for 7pm 24 Sept.
- due to COVID and demand, although quotations and costs have been agreed, there is a long delay for the supply of the new Play Equipment for the Children’s Play area. Noted the order for the equipment, when available for purchase, will be placed by Talgarth Town Council.

### King George V Pavilion -

- Pavilion Clock – Noted that Smith of Derby Ltd, when in the area on 27 Sept, will give a quote for the Clock repair/replacement at this location.
- Noted the 6 monthly Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting test had been successfully carried out by Skyrme Electrical Ltd and invoiced direct to the Football Club.

### SPEEDING - TALGARTH/TREFECCA –

- **‘Strips’ on A479 entrance roads into Talgarth** - Noted the Clerk had sought, from the Trunk Road Agency, the reason for these ‘strips’, and been informed that they are probably speed data surveys, but awaiting clarification from the Project Officer.
- **‘Strips’ to check speeding from Trefecca during Summer 2021** – Cllr Lord asked for availability/clarification of the results through Trefecca during this period.  
Cllr W Powell reported that he had received updates from Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen and would forward onto the Town Council for information.
- **Speedwatch – RESOLVED:** To request Speedwatch training to be completed for the 4 new volunteers and to regularly undertake Speedwatch duties again as soon as possible.

**9pm - RESOLVED:** To move Standing Orders 15 minutes

**AFON LLYNFI POLLUTION – RESOLVED:** To request an update from NRW since they informed the Town Council in April 2021, that the investigation is still ongoing and they are making progress.

### 21/132 FINANCIAL UPDATE: To consider and approve Monthly Accounts – previously circulated Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 14 July 2021:

Date	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
06/07/21	PAVO	Training fee – Cllr Bufton 17/6			£20.00
09/07/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 5 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
09/07/21	PAVO	Training fee – Cllr Bufton 22/6			£10.00
14/07/21	PAVO	Payroll fee – Apr,May,June			£30.00
14/07/21	BOSS	Stationery – 10 reams A4 paper			£38.86
14/07/21	Skyrme Electrical	Town Hall/Pub Conveniences	£238.00	£47.60	£285.60
22/07/21	Town Clerk	July Salary & Expenses			£1,052.99
23/07/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 6 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
02/08/21	Talgarth Build Sup	1 x Stain for Seats	£6.29	£1.26	7.55
07/08/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 7 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
10/08/21	Dwr Cymru	Town Hall Water Rates – 4/2- 4/8	£75.18		£75.18
10/08/21	Dwr Cymru	Public Conveniences Water Rates – 4/2/21- 4/8/21	£266.29		£266.29
20/08/21	Town Clerk	Aug Salary & Expenses			£1,069.07
20/08/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 8 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
23/08/21	Sign Design	3 x 14” x 16” Signs			£30.00
06/09/21	Martin Leighton	C’yard Maint 9 <sup>th</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
07/09/21	Printerbase	Laser Cartridge for Printer	£42.75	£8.55	£51.30
08/09/21	Public Loan Board	Half-year repayment due 8/9/21 of £4,506.46 (incl interest)	£4,506.46		£4,506.46

**Amounts received since last meeting 14 July 2021 and banked:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
28/07/21	HMRC	VAT reclaim 2020/2021	£5,368.50
26/07/21	R W Evans & Son	Fee for Memorial Stone SW dec'd	£115.00
02/08/21	R W Evans & Son	Fee for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inscription CS dec'd	£35.00
03/08/21	Western Power	Wayleave annual payment – St Gwendoline's C'yard	£51.67
03/08/21	The Mill	Hall Hire	£44.00
25/08/21	C C James	Interment – 2 x Ashes DMS & KSS	£160.00
31/08/21	PCC	One third Precept	£18,000.00

**Balance:** 01/09/2021 Business Reserve Account - £48,671.40 Current Account - £1,059.15

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

**Public Loan Board** – Noted that after payment of £4,506.46 on 8 Sept – the principal balance is now £17,558.01

**Town Hall Tables** – Noted £15 donation received for use of tables.

**21/133 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISCUSSED –**

**PCC - Heritage Street Lights in Talgarth** – Noted PCC, as agreed with the Town Council, will be replacing the heritage street lights columns, in the colour RAL 6005 British Racing green – noting the lead in period for these types of columns to be manufactured is around 12 weeks.

**PCC River Bank maintenance** – Received an enquiry dated 13 Sept from a resident re the River bank maintenance.

**RESOLVED:** To respond that this land is managed by Powys County Council.

**Smells in Talgarth** – Noted we have had several complaints/concerns from local residents of smells in Talgarth.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr A Lord, as GP Liaison Officer, to respond to the one complainant, who had requested a response and to report complaints/concerns of smells in Talgarth to the next GP Liaison Committee meeting.

**Howell Harris Father Stone** – Response received from the Presbyterian Church in Wales (PCiW) confirming:

- that they were not intending to contribute to the cost of the proposed information board, in light of the substantial cost of the renovation works to the grave and relocating the original stone and display in Coleg Trefeca.
- in respect of the grass maintenance within the grave enclosure, they assumed this would be part of the cemetery maintenance.

**RESOLVED:** Due to the difficulty of the enclosed area, to ask if Coleg Trefeca can assist.

**21/134 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION –**

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

**PCC - Covid Community Recovery Grant** – Update received – Noted TADSCA has made an application and awaiting outcome.

**PCC - Community Ownership Fund** - information pack received.

**PCC - Cycle Path** – Received a complaint from a resident on 9 Sept regarding the state of the the Cycle Path, thorns etc. Noted Clerk had referred the matter to PCC for attention.

**PCC - 30mph sign at junction Church Street and Ffostyll Road** – Received a complaint from a resident on 23 Aug re the problem of overgrowth in this location. Noted Clerk had referred the matter to PCC for attention.

**PCC - Talgarth Recycling area** – Received report of a damaged wooden fence in this location. Noted the matter had been reported to PCC for action.

**PCC and Town & Community Councils Meeting 19 July**– Noted Cllr P Lewis Mayor and Town Clerk also County Councillor W Powell had joined this meeting by Microsoft Teams – Noted Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, raised 2 Highway matters at the meeting –

- Requested clarification on what progress has been made on the repairs to the B/C unclassified roads around Talgarth directly affected by the A489 closure, and
- Concerns had been reported re the state of the road, that connects Talgarth to Rhosfawr common, at the location of a farm area.

Noted a response had been received on 3 Aug confirming that PCC had liaised with the farm owner, who had agreed to sweep and cleanse the carriageway in this location, in advance of some minor repairs being undertaken by PCC.

Noted the next PCC and Town & Community Councils meeting to be held on 6pm 5 Oct.

**NMWTRA- A479 works** – Update received from Alun Griffiths Contractors, Ltd on 21 July, confirming that the lights were put up to enable some snagging works as they did not want them to prevent the road opening and on 30 July and also there was also a light up for 1 day to enable the hydro seeding. Noted there will be further lights up in the Autumn to enable the planting and they will notify us of dates nearer the time,

**BBNPA - Forthcoming Events** - To coincide with the Dark Skies Festival, taking place over the weekend of 24-26 Sept, a number of (free to members) online events have been organised.

**BBNPA** - Weekly list of Planning Applications

**BBNPA** - LDP update information

**BBNPA** - Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way - 7 Sept, 10.00 am

**BBNPA** - Agenda for National Park Authority - 9 Aug, 10.00 am

**BBNPA** - Agenda and minutes for National Park Authority - 30 July, 10.00 am

**BBNPA** - Agenda for Park Local Access Forum - 29 July, 2.00 pm

**BBNPA** - Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee - 23 July, 10.00 am

**BBNPA Planning Applications 21/19623/FUL & 21/19622/FUL & Liverpool House** – Noted a resident had informed the Town Council on 10/09/2021 that a Retail Impact Assessment had been requested and the information is on online in the documents relating to the application.

**Talgarth & District Regeneration Group:** Received the link to their discussion on BBNPA Planning Applications 21-19623-FUL & 31-19622/FUL - Talgarth former PCC Depot.

**OVW - Consultation response to the IRPW Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils Review**

**OVW - Online event Delivering Well-being with Donut Economics** - 14 Sept, 11am - 1pm.

**OVW and Keep Wales Tidy Free Webinar** - 15 Sept, 2pm - 3.30pm

**OVW - Innovative Practice Conference** – 22 Sept

**OVW - 2016 Model Code of Conduct** – Noted The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales has updated the guidance in support of the 2016 Model Code of Conduct - a copy of the guidance received for reference, noting that the 2016 Code of Conduct remains unchanged.

**OVW - Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meeting** – note next meeting 17 Nov

**OVW - Newsletter – Aug 2021**

**OVW - Electoral Arrangements Review – Decision** - Electoral Arrangements Decision report regarding Powys area

**OVW - New Year's Honours 2022** – Information received

**Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** –

- **Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils** – Responses by 27 Aug.
- **Statement of payment returns for 2020 – 2021** – Noted the Clerk has completed the payment return and submitted it to the IRP before the deadline 30 Sept.

**PAVO - Training bulletin** – Received for information

**PAVO Training - Community buildings support- infoengine and Fire safety** – 19 & 23 Aug

**PAVO virtual meeting** on 11 Aug, 6pm – 7:30pm to go through the changes in restrictions.

Noted Cllr A Bufton attended.

**PAVO - Project launch for Green Connections Powys in Talgarth – official launch of Green Connections Powys on 26 Aug at King George V Sportsfield, Talgarth, 10am to 2pm** - Invitation received to this event. Noted County Councillor William Powell was in attendance.

**PAVO – August 2021 E-bulletin.**

**PAVO - Annual Conference** – Request by PAVO for views of the Town Council, by 23 July, so that the conference deals with issues that are relevant & important, and it is delivered in a way that best suits everyone.

**PAVO - Alert Level 1 update session 22July and additional information** – Notes of the session have been circulated to Town Councillors, TADSCA, Football Club, Bowling Club.

**Defibrillator on Town Hall** – Noted that a member of the public had tried to gain access to the Defibrillator. The Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust has since confirmed that the Defibrillator is registered on the circuit that it is in correct working order.

**Powys CHC** - Notice of Powys CHC Full Council Meeting 7 Sept & Agenda, Notice of Radnorshire and Brecknock Local Committee Meeting 9 Sept & Notice of Powys CHC Executive Meeting 14 Sept - Notice and Agenda of the next Powys CHC Services Planning Committee meeting 21 Sept at 1pm

**Black Mountains College - 11 Sept 3pm – 5pm at The Mill Gardens** – Invitation received for Town Councillors to the BMC Launch Party of their Further Education courses and celebrate their first students also BMC Newsletter received.

**Boundary Commission /Wales Commission’s report** – Received published report containing initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales.

**Funding available from MBS Charitable Foundation** – Received information about the Monmouthshire Building Society Charitable Foundation which offers modest donations to local charities, community groups and initiatives.

**21/135 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 6.30pm Wed 29 Sept 2021 – *Remote meeting - To consider Planning Applications*
- 7pm Wed 13 Oct 2021 – *Remote Monthly meeting*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.39pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....