

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE 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 R Parry, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor) – left meeting at 8pm, Cllr R Reid – joined meeting at 7.30pm, Cllr S Thomas, Cllr C Voyle

**IN ATTENDANCE BY VIDEO LINK:** **Grow for Talgarth** – Rosie Williams & Gaynor Weavers  
Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

**WELCOME:** Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, welcomed Rosie Williams & Gaynor Weavers, Grow for Talgarth and Town Councillors, to the 22<sup>nd</sup> virtual meeting of Talgarth Town Council by Skype.

**21/91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr R Reid declared an interest re Planning Application 21/19926/FUL - 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  
Cllr R Parry declared an interest re item PCC – Bid for Covid-19 Environmental work around the Town.

**21/92 VISIT BY ‘GROW FOR TALGARTH’ REPS** – Rosie Williams & Gaynor Weavers gave an update to the Town Council regarding the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) - Wales in Bloom Awards Ceremony - which is to be hosted in the Town Hall, Talgarth, in Sept 2022 – some points noted below - full details on circulation.

- The Wales in Bloom presentation of awards day is a very prestigious event. TV, radio, local & national press and RHS publications will be involved. Nearly 100 communities across Wales enter the competition. The group feel that it will boost the economy of Talgarth as visitors use local accommodation and shops, restaurants, pubs etc
- ‘Grow for Talgarth’ was invited to host the event by the RHS as it is not something that a group can apply for and communities from north and south Wales are asked to host the event alternatively. The event is self-funding and no financial cost to the Town Council.
- As there are a number of areas that will need forward planning for the event in 2022, the group will be creating a steering group, and inviting one or more members of the Town Council to attend the meetings of this steering group. It was noted that the group has already had some discussions with the Town Council, on the way forward with the event.

Cllr P Lewis, Mayor thanked Rosie & Gaynor for attending the meeting and updating Town Councillors on the proposed RHS Wales in Bloom Awards Ceremony in Sept 2022 and wished them well on their forthcoming judging for this year’s Wales in Bloom competition, on 15 July.

**21/93 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 12 May AGM, 12 May & 24 May 2021, had previously been circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 12 May AGM, 12 May & 24 May meetings, be adopted and accepted as true records.

**21/94 PLANNING MATTERS –**

**BBNPA** – To consider Planning Applications:

- **Planning Application 21/19926/FUL** - 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.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed to respond that it appears that this proposed building has already been constructed so it can be assumed that this Planning Application should have been made retrospectively.

- **BBNPA - Planning Application 21/20010/FUL** - Proposal: “External and internal alterations to existing single storey detached dwelling.” Address: Maesgwyn , Trefecca, Brecon LD3 0PW.  
**RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application.
- **BBNPA - Planning Application 21/19993/PAR** (*Prior approval required*) - Proposal: “Former school building owned by Powys County Council which is now surplus to requirements following the construction of a new school on the outskirts of the settlement.” Address: Old School Building, Back Lane, Talgarth Brecon Powys.  
**RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application.

#### **PERMISSIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- **Planning Application 20/18444/FUL** - “Installation of a biomethane upgrading facility, ancillary infrastructure and equipment, access and landscaping” (Full Application) at Land at Great Porthamel, Talgarth, Powys, LD3 0DL.

#### **21/95 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

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

- **Shade Garden-** Noted the Shade Garden project has been completed and the official opening ceremony by Billy Devereux and John Gwynne, took place on 22 May.
- **The Square project** - Noted the bollards have been erected and the gazebo/seating will be completed the following week, in this location.

Noted the Clerk will be applying to PCC for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final part of the 80% Grant money and for the grant claim to be completed by 30 June 2021.

##### **One Voice Wales –**

- **Brecon/Radnor Area Committee Virtual Meeting – 25 May 2021** - Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves, who had joined the meeting, gave a brief update. Noted minutes to follow.
- **OVW remote Training** – Noted June training dates on circulation.
- **OVW/Planning Aid Wales - Regenerating Welsh Towns and Communities post Covid-19 – 23rd June 2021** – Noted a second event arranged – fee £50per head.
- **OVW advice re Use of Halls and Community Halls** – Received WG advice in relation to the use of halls and community centres, as at 1 June and that the Town Hall is now classed as a "regulated gathering indoors building".
- **PAVO advice & Training** – Noted we received WG advice/information/regulations regarding a phased approach for Alert level 1 & Community Building.  
Noted Cllr A Bufton & Cllr C Voyle joined the PAVO remote training meeting on 3 June.  
Noted PAVO is holding a virtual meeting on 29 June, 6pm – 7:30pm and will be looking at the future changes and the full move to Alert level 1, which hopefully will be on 21 June.  
PAVO is hoping the Fire Service will be joining this meeting to deliver a short talk on fire safety in community buildings.

**A479 Road Update** – Received notification on 1 June, from Gail Jones, Griffiths Engineers that the A479 will be re-opened during on 4 June 2021.

Also received for Town Council information, copy of Fay Jones MP letter dated 1 June, sent to the residents, re the A479 Re-opening and consequent repairs to other roads and a copy of a resident’s response to the Fay Jones’ letter.

**21/96 TALGARTH/TREFECCA ISSUES –  
ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD –**

- **Filming in St Gwendoline’s Churchyard – Howell Harris revivals** – Received a further request from Dan Pugh, wishing to again film in St Gwendoline’s Churchyard on 1 June at 3pm for approx. an hour re Howell Harris - 'Land of Revivals' about revival in Wales (this filming will be shown in approx. 2023). Noted he also informed us that the previous filming that was due to be filmed on 1 March had been delayed and is now due to happen in July.
- **St Gwendoline’s Churchyard** –  
**RESOLVED:** To hold a full remote meeting of the Town Council at 6pm 30 June to discuss St Gwendoline’s Churchyard matters.

**TOWN HALL –**

- **Hiring Agreement** – Noted revised Terms & Conditions had been circulated for approval.  
**RESOLVED:** To adopt these new Terms & Conditions as previously circulated.
- **Town Hall Risk Assessment with updated current COVID regulations** – Noted revised Town Hall Risk Assessment had been previously circulated.  
**RESOLVED:** To adopt this Town Hall Risk Assessment as previously circulated.
- **Town Hall re-opening** – Cllr A Bufton updated the Town Council on the current position of the WG rules as the Town Hall is a ‘Regulated premises’, noting that we have received a request for hall hire, stating that this type of activity is not yet allowed.  
**RESOLVED:** Not to allow this type of activity as it is not yet permitted, noting that the Town Hall Kitchen remains closed at the present time.
- **Town Hall – 2 tables/6 chairs** – received £20 donation from a local resident for the hire of 2 tables & 6 chairs for a child’s birthday party at their own premises.

**BOWLING GREEN/CLUB HOUSE –**

- **Empty/Disposal of Grass Pit** – Noted the Town Council had received the £180 reimbursement from PCC on 29 May, as previously agreed and that the Clerk had forwarded a cheque to the Bowling Club for the £180 reimbursement.

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

- **Children’s Play Area** – Noted a report had been received from Gareth Davies that there are gaps in the hedge, in this location, which raises a safety issue. Noted TADSCA had reported that they were dealing with this matter.
- **Request to borrow 20 chairs for outdoor use** – Request received on 14 May from Talgarth Football Club, to borrow 20 of the plastic chairs for use at the football club for the next 4 weeks, to enable them to provide seating outside the clubhouse.  
Noted – Cllr R Reid supplied them with 20 chairs from the Festival community stock.

**TADSCA –**

- **Talgarth Town Football Club Lease** – Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, reported that the Lease had been prepared and that TADSCA had asked for sight of the ‘Condition Report’ that was mentioned in the Town Council to TADSCA Lease in 2016 and mirrored in the TADSCA to Football Club Lease 2016.
- **AGM** – Noted the TADSCA AGM is to be held 7pm Tues 22 June.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, forward a copy of the Condition Report/Structural/building survey and report on Pavilion and equipment at King George V Playing Fields Talgarth which the Town Council had undertaken on 10 08 2015, prior to the PCC Transfer to the Town Council. Also a copy of the PCC ‘Condition Assessment Report’ dated 30 01 2015 and a ‘Tree Report’ dated 06 06 2015 which PCC undertook and forwarded to the Town Council at the time.

#### **POLICE/SPEEDWATCH/SPEEDING –**

- **Speedwatch training** – Noted we have 4 newly trained up members since the training took place on 18 May - they now need to attend 3 training sessions with the Police which they are organising. We also have the existing 3 fully trained up members of the Speedwatch team.
- **Speeding Talgarth through Trefecca** – Noted a useful initial virtual meeting by Teams, arranged by PCC, took place at 10.15am 17 May, attended by Cllr P Lewis, Mayor, Cllr L Elston- Reeves, Deputy Mayor and County Councillor W Powell. Unfortunately, Cllr A Lord was unable to connect to the meeting. A further meeting to follow on the way forward.
- **Policing in Trefecca** - Update received from Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen, informing us that, PC Richard Jackson would be contacting regarding a date for a site meeting asap.

**DEFIBRILLATOR** –Noted that the new Zoll Defibrillator has been fitted on the Town Hall on 28 May by the Welsh Ambulance Trust and now registered with the Welsh Ambulance Trust

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – JUNE 2022** – It was noted that details of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 have been revealed by Buckingham Palace and there will be a four-day Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday, 2 June to Sunday, 5 June.

**RESOLVED:** To write to all local organisations to seek their interest in participating in celebrations in Talgarth as was arranged when it was the Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

**WAR MEMORIAL** - Noted Clerk had sought a quotation for the replacement of the 'No Parking' signs on wooden mounts, which had become in a worn state, in this location. Noted an approx. cost for the signage only x 2 was £30 in English only from Andrew Signage.  
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to obtain cost to supply and fit 2 x bilingual signs, on hard wood and fit.

**TIRC** - Received TIRC Agenda/Minutes 17 May & noted the AGM is to be held at 7.30pm on 21 June at the Strand Café.

**VISION ICT** – Noted we have received the refund in respect of the cancellation of:

- Website changes for Operation London Bridge – The Queen £35 + 20% VAT and
- Website changes for Operation Menai Bridge – Prince Charles £35 + 20% VAT

**Town Council Website** – Invoice received for 50% of the Website upgrade as previously agreed £485 + £97 VAT =£582 – Noted the final payment will be received towards the end of the build.

**PARISH ON-LINE** – Received Annual Renewal due 14 June 2021 – noted original cost £100.00 – offered with Early Adopter Discount (65% off) -£65.00 - With discount - £35 + £7 VAT =£42.

**RESOLVED:** To renew Annual Subscription - £35 + £7 VAT = £42.

**TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE 1 JUNE 2021 – 31 MAY 2022** – Noted the Zurich Policy Schedule etc has now been received

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to circulate the Zurich Policy Schedule to all Town Councillors for scrutiny and to check to ensure we have everything covered on the Policy.

**21/97 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

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

**Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 12 May 2021:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
12/05/21	AJN Design	Fee for insurance – Rebuild costs for Town Council properties	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
14/05/21	Martin Leighton	C'yard Maint 1 <sup>st</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
18/05/21	Town Clerk	May Salary & Expenses			£1,052.99
25/05/21	Defib Store Ltd	New Zoll Defibrillator & Delivery	£810.00	162.00	972.00
20/05/21	Printerbase Ltd	1 x Cartridge for Printer	£42.75	£8.55	£51.30
26/05/21	Vision ICT	50% cost of Website upgrade	£485.00	£97.00	£582.00
26/05/21	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance 1/6/21 – 31/5/22	£4,123.47		£4,123.47
27/05/21	Martin Leighton	C'yard Maint 2 <sup>nd</sup> cut of 14	£441.00		£441.00
29/05/21	Talgarth Bowling Club	PCC reimbursement re Removal & Disposal of grass pit	£180.00		£180.00
31/05/21	V W Cleaning Services	April & May – Opening/Closing Gates £135.80 & Cleaning Town Hall £207.40	£343.20		£343.20
04/06/21	Ellis Peters	PCC COVID-19 Project Shade Garden – Installing water butts, picnic benches ,seat, bike rack, additional fencing, labour	£453.00		£453.00
04/06/21	M H Davies Contractors Ltd	PCC COVID-19 Project The Square – Erection of Bollards	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00

04/06/2021 Business Reserve Account - £42,670.47

Current Account - £3,240.87 + issued/ unrepresented cheques – Total £1,455.00.

**Amounts received since last meeting 12 May 2021 and banked:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
18/05/21	Tovey Bros, Funeral Director	Burial Plot – H Block F11 – PFH dec'd	£140.00
27/05/21	Ian Watts & Son, Funeral Director	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inscription – BL dec'd	£35.00
28/05/21	PCC	Reimbursement to Bowling Club	£180.00
28/05/21	PCC	Town Hall hire fee – Election 6/5/21	£250.00
28/05/21	PCC	80% Reimbursement of PCC Covid Town Centre Project Net Spend – 2nd Claim	£1,104.63
03/06/21	Information Commissioner's Office	GDPR/Data Protection Annual fee	£35.00
05/06/21	R W Evans & Son	Memorial Stone (Small) fee	£80.00
05/06/21	J T Davies	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inscription – GIJ dec'd	£35.00
07/06/21	Vision ICT	Refund of £70 + VAT of cancelled website changes	£84.00

**21/98 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION –**

**PCC - Well Being in Powys** – Received the letter dated 27 May 2021 from County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Executive Leader, PCC in respect of meeting the duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Noted that we do not have to participate as requested as: Talgarth Town Council does not have a gross income or expenditure of £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local Well-being plan was published (2016-2018).

**PCC and Town & Community Councils Meeting** – Noted Cllr P Lewis Mayor and Town Clerk to join this meeting by Microsoft Teams on Mon 19 July 6pm- 7:30pm.

**PCC - Welsh Government Consultation on Power to Trade for Community Councils** – Received this document via PCC.

**PCC Licensing - UK Hospitality Indoor opening 17 May – following COVID** – Noted that earlier this week it was confirmed by WG that indoor hospitality could re-open on 17 May. Noted this information circulated to Town Councillors, TADSCA, Talgarth Football Club and Talgarth Bowls Club.

**BBNPA** - Agenda for National Park Authority - 28 May 10 am & 14 May 1.30pm.

**BBNPA** - Weekly List of Planning Applications – 17, 24, 31 May.

**Funding Opportunity** – Funding opportunities for outdoor centres received. Circulated to Town Councillors. Noted this information was also circulated to County Councillor W Powell and Peter Weavers, TADSCA, by Steve Butcher.

**OVW/Planning Aid Wales - Regenerating Welsh Towns and Communities post Covid-19 – 23rd June 2021** – Noted they are organising a second event – fee £50 per head

**PAVO - Welsh Government Regulations - phased approach for Alert level 1 & Community Building Notes from Remote meeting 3 June 2021** – Noted Cllr A Bufton & Cllr C Voyle joined the meeting. Notes from the meeting received and on circulation to Town Councillors, TADSCA, Football Club & Bowling Club.

**PAVO** - virtual meeting will be on 29 June, 6pm – 7:30pm – the meeting will be looking at the future changes and the full move to Alert level 1, which hopefully will be on 21 June. PAVO is hoping the Fire Service will be joining this meeting to deliver a short talk on fire safety in community buildings.

**Bronllys Well Being Park** – Invitation to AGM 24 June 2021 & Newsletter - May 2021

**Powys CHC** - Notice of Powys CHC SPC Meeting 18 May & Notice of sixth Annual General Meeting on 8 June at 1.30pm – Agenda received. Meeting by Teams

**PTHB COVID-19 Vaccination Stakeholder Bulletin** - 1 June 2021 – Received

**Black Mountains College** - Newsletter May 2021

**21/99 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 6pm Wed 30 June 2021 – *To discuss St Gwendoline’s Churchyard matters*
- 7pm Wed 14 July 2021 – *Monthly meeting*
- 7pm Wed 8 Sept 2021 – *Monthly meeting*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.47.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....