

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
11 JULY 2018, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH**

PRESENT:– Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Mayor (In the Chair), Cllr Pip Turner (Deputy Mayor), Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), Cllr N Bally, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr G Jones, Cllr R Reid, Cllr Z Argent

APOLOGIES:– Cllr J Lilly, Cllr A Lord, Cllr J Wilding, Amy Argent – Youth Member

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Josephine Rumsey, Town Clerk

18/168 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No matters of interest declared.

18/169MINUTES: Minutes 13 June - previously circulated, Cllr W Powell, Mayor, sought adoption. Proposed by Cllr M Dodds and seconded by Cllr G Jones, all in favour, that the minutes of the 11 June be signed as a correct record.

18/170 DWR CYMRU – WELSH WATER – WORK ON THE WASTE WATER SYSTEM IN TALGARTH – Noted Dwr Cymru reps Sheena Howells, Regional Communications Manager, Paul Dwyer, Programme Manager and a Designer gave an update at 6pm prior to the meeting, following their recent ground investigations work on the A479 Bronllys Road between the junction with The Paddocks and the Castle Hotel.

18/171 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –

Hike for Nepal Event to be held in Brecon - 4 Aug 2018 - Invitation received for Cllr W Powell, Mayor and Town Councillors, from Maj(Retd) Khusiman Gurung MVO Event Coordinator on behalf of the Chairman of Pokhareli Munch UK re the Hike for Nepal 2018.

Noted Cllr W Powell, Mayor planned to attend part of the event as he had a prior commitment during the afternoon at Brecon County Show.

Cllr J Wilding had previously expressed an interest in attending the event.

Independent Review Panel (IPR) – Payment to Members 2016/2017 – Received a pro forma for completion of the publication of remuneration for Talgarth Town Council as per Annex 4 of the Panel annual report. Noted this information, including ‘Nil’ returns, must be published no later than 30 Sept following the end of the year to which the payments relate and in the same timescale also provided to the Panel at irpmailbox@gov.wales

OVW - Remembrance Day Silhouette Installation Grants - Applications are now open for micro-grants of up to £500 for installations to support their Remembrance Day activities for the centenary of the First World War. Noted Clerk had forwarded information to the Talgarth & District Regeneration Group. Closing date for applications 30th June 2018.

Woodland Trust – Information received from the Woodland Trust asking if there is there is tree in our community we would like to champion – Information asking if there is there an amazing tree in our community that we would like to put on the map? Could it use some ‘Tree-L-C’ in terms of a £1,000 tree care grant? It has been in the media that the Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) is currently organising a Wales Tree of the Year competition. Nominations are currently open, until 6 Aug, and there will be a public vote in the autumn.

A suggestion was the ‘Whipping Tree,’ the historic Yew Tree located above Llanelieu Church - Councillors thought this a good idea to pursue. Cllr W Powell agreed to pursue this suggestion.

18/172 TOWN COUNCIL EMPLOYMENT ISSUES – Cllr W Powell, Mayor suggested an ‘away day’ to further discuss this matter. Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr P Lewis, all in favour, to this suggestion.

18/173 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING ISSUES –

1. Planning Application 18/16215/FUL - Proposal: “Construction of single storey, flat roofed extension to provide wc compartment” at 4 New Street, Talgarth – Town Council comments – Proposed by Cllr P Lewis and seconded by Cllr R Reid, all in favour, to support this application.

2. Planning Application 18-16209-FUL - Proposed demolition of Surgery and siting of 4 detached dwellings - The Surgery, Cottage Lane, Talgarth – Town Council comments –

Conservation and Heritage – Some comments were forwarded in this respect to BBNPA on 2nd July, stating that the Town Council fully agrees with the conclusions and assessment of this application by the National Park Heritage Officer. Also that the Town Council has no objection in principle to a development of houses on this plot, but as the Heritage Officer points out the scheme “fails to meet the standards expected for new development in a conservation area due to the layout, design, and materials”. The new houses in their present proposed form would have a serious impact on our conservation area and the very treasured Mid 19 century Great House Barn and Great House Farmhouse. Full comments on circulation.

Agreed to forward further comments re the ‘Departure from the Local Development Plan’ stating that the application does not specify in what terms it will address the affordable housing policy. However, it would seem that all the houses conform to most of the Welsh Assembly Design Quality Regulations (DQR) Standards and Guidance. It was also noted that the garden areas were small and not allowing enough safe space for privacy and children activities. The DQR recommendation for back gardens is a minimum of 40sq meters (5m x 8m) If the houses were repositioned and some of the surplus public spaces in the plot lessened, then these houses could accommodate 40sq meter back gardens. If not then three houses on the plot might be more appropriate.

Site Development Briefs at Talgarth – former Mid Wales Hospital site and former Victorian school, school yards and curtilage, the 1970s Talgarth School, the former school sports field and the Cadet Hut - Agreed to forward the following letter to Julian Atkins, Chief Executive, BBNPA – ‘Talgarth Town Council acknowledges receipt of details pertaining to the consultation on the Development Brief for the former Mid Wales Hospital site. We have always supported a comprehensive Development Brief for the site, given its scale, importance and heritage value and the imperative for the widest possible consultation, leading to an holistic and sustainable development. We will commit our energies to responding – and promote as full a participation as possible. At our latest Town Council meeting, members were unanimously in favour of requesting a similar whole site, development brief approach to the critical site in the heart of Talgarth that has been left redundant, following the construction of Ysgol y Mynydd Du on Hay Road, and the closure some eight years ago previously of the PCC Youth and Community Centre. This was housed in the historic Victorian school, that was home to Talgarth CP School until December 1975.

As you may be aware, there are three elements to this PCC owned site:

- the former Victorian school, school yards and curtilage, which are within the Talgarth Conservation Area, and in the immediate vicinity of the Grade 1 Listed Parish Church of St Gwendoline;
- the recently vacated 1970s built Talgarth School, its grounds and associated structures, incorporating former school canteen, more recently used by the MOD for Army Cadets
- the former school sports field, beyond Tower Lane, accessed from Woodlands Avenue and overlooked by Park Wood.

As we understand it, PCC policy gives priority to affordable housing on its former school sites and clearly, housing is likely to be a part of the solution for the site. PCC’s wish to progress with its own Council House building programme, with the backing of Welsh Government, is likely to enjoy a fair wind locally. However, there is clearly a need to retain, or perhaps reinstate, some important community green space within the wider site and, as we have outlined, there is a strong heritage interest in the former Victorian School.

In the view of Talgarth Town Council, the sensitivities of the site, the respective needs of the community and the importance of conservation and enhancement of the Talgarth Conservation Area make a Development Brief the obvious solution, which we believe is also provided for in the Planning (Wales) Act 2015. Not only that, but we also consider our request to be in line with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2016, as it will be fostering a partnership approach between PCC as Housing Authority, yourselves as Planning and Heritage Authority and our local community.’

18/174 COUNTY CLLR WILLIAM POWELL –

Cllr W Powell circulated his monthly report in advance of the meeting: Points included:

- Next full PCC meeting would be held on Thurs 12th July - a set of the public papers, on circulation. Noted the meeting will be live streamed here:
<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/communications/view-council-webcasts/>
- Members of Talgarth Town Council had shared Cllr Powell's concern over months and years on pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the newly opened Ysgol y Mynydd Du. While there remain issues to attend to – and the delivery of a Community Speedwatch Scheme remained slow - the commissioning of the Toucan Crossing, linking the former Highways Depot path with the pavement adjacent to Haygarth surgery marked a decisive step forward. Cllr William Powell and Cllr Pip Turner attended site on the day it was commissioned. This was covered by FYI Talgarth below:
http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Ftalgarth.fyinetwork.co.uk%2Fmy%2C47637-Its-a-Thumbs-up-for-Talgarths-new-Toucan-Crossing-&h=ATof_3Fo5q6A-ageZzG4a-fm1Gjyi6J1w2KHVhCkqSsY5iRLxS_5VqWrySOyyA9-i4Xo8RhxHO39_w0Q0ibJcUfV1UMSnnvkQh0m8vrlN_2_IQ9yuGSqI_8KyC_UnlUq1JnEMP_HnRy_83exU1tA

Cllr Powell had received repeated calls regarding overgrowth of vegetation at various locations in and around Talgarth, including Tower Lane and other paths in the vicinity. On Tuesday, 10th July, he had a series of meetings with Steve Butcher, related to these matters.

- Cllr W Powell had requested that several hedges be cut back to allow for easier access. The two sites were marked in Blue on the map which he circulated, including the lane that divides the former Talgarth School with the school playing field and the lane along the back of Coed-y-Bryn and Woodlands Avenue. He had also requested confirmation as to which paths fall under PCC and which are the responsibility of the BBNPA. During the same visit, it became evident that the vehicle access gate opposite Church View was currently open and unlocked onto Woodlands Avenue. While access for pedestrians onto the former school yard for safe recreation purposes was not problematic, it was considered that the vehicular access needed restricting – and appropriate signage provided.
- Cllr Powell had an impromptu visit with Steve Butcher to Woodlands Avenue Play Area, where two local mothers, together with their infant children, were able to feed back to Steve their aspirations for improvement on the site. A cordial conversation ensued, discussing potential opportunities for enhancement in the future. Subsequent to the meeting, Steve had supplied Cllr Powell with details of Section 106 monies that have been secured for investment at the site: RSN19776 Section 106 Agreement - Talgarth - Land off Hay Road, Talgarth, Brecon LD3 0DG – BBNPA. Within the previous 14 days, the legal agreement had been concluded between BBNPA and the legal representatives of the landowner, for 15 houses at £300.00 per house. This would yield a commuted sum of £4,500.00 to invest at the nearest PCC play area at Woodlands Avenue. While this was contingent upon development going ahead, it would clearly be of benefit to this community facility.

18/175 TALGARTH ISSUES

POLICE –

Speedwatch Training Scheme – PCSO Helen Scott confirmed that she has arranged Speedwatch Training for 6pm Thurs 19th July in the Committee Room, Town Hall – a notice to advertise this, has been put on the Town's Notice Board and Trefecca Notice Board.

Noted we already have 3 completed application forms for the Scheme – Cllr Richard Reid, Cllr Phil Lewis and Cllr Z Argent and that the training is open to anyone wishing to attend.

Former Mid Wales Hospital, Talgarth – Development Brief – noted public consultation for a period of 8 weeks 5th July – 30th Aug. It is understood that there will be a public meeting. **Agreed** to forward a submission later in the consultation.

Talgarth Army Cadet Hut – Cllr W Powell confirmed that the Army Cadets have a 5 year rolling lease on this property. **Agreed** Clerk to seek current position of the possible Talgarth detachment.

KING GEORGE V FIELDS/PAVILION/TADSCA - Noted TADSCA reps had met with Town Council reps for an update the previous evening, Tues 10th July 7.30pm in the Pavilion, King George V Playing fields. It was noted that all the outstanding works have been completed and, as agreed at 12 June meeting, to hand over the balance of £115.33 from the PCC Grant of £5,026. Sam Organ, Chair of TADSCA, although not present at the Talgarth FC AGM was aware that there was some suggestion that the senior and junior football clubs should amalgamate. Notes of meeting taken by TADSCA will be on circulation asap.

TALGARTH BOWLING CLUB – TRANSFER TO TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL – Update received from Audrey Micklewright, confirming that they had agreed to decline the suggestion of the amendment to the transfer agreement outlined in the email dated 1 May from Vickie Julian PCC. The committee felt that in order to proceed it would be best to agree to the previous suggestion of 12 months’ notice on either side, as in original draft Transfer agreement.

Town Councillors were in agreement to remain with the original draft Transfer agreement.

Noted we were copied into correspondence from Audrey Micklewright to Steve Butcher PCC reporting that a ‘dry motor warning’ has appeared on the screen of the irrigation system.

Agreed not to accept Transfer until all outstanding works have been completed.

PWLL Y WRACH WATERFALLS - Noted Cllr W Powell had forwarded copy of recent e-mail correspondence and images he had with Miss Alice Sims, former Talgarth resident regarding the current state of the pathways on site which, due to this recent spell of dry weather had obviously solidified the boggy paths, exaggerating the effects of human traffic..

Agreed to ask Alice Sims if she would like the Town Council to forward her concerns, images etc to the Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales in Swansea who have now taken over from the former Brecon Wildlife Trust – they have an outlet in Brecon.

YOUTH INTERESTS – Amy Argent, Youth Member, who was not present at the meeting, had circulated an infographic relating to her work with PCC for democracy week.

Agreed to congratulate Amy on this work.

OLD POST OFFICE, TALGARTH – No new update.

DOG FOULING –Video – Cllr J Wilding forwarded an update saying that she is sorry that the video production has had to be reviewed again as her film maker is not available and we need to source another.

DEMENTIA TRAINING DAY – Cllr J Wilding forwarded an update confirming that as discussed in a recent School Governors meeting, 10am Mon 3rd Sept has been agreed to invite, Teachers, Governors and Town Councillors for training. Noted Cllr P Lewis had previously expressed a wish to support the training as he has already completed the sessions and is a dementia champion.

BRECON-HAY RAILWAY- STEERING GROUP - No new update.

CLASSIC CAR EVENT – 1st JULY – Noted Cllr W Powell, Mayor, had attended the event and wished to thank Chris Phillips and his team for their excellent hospitality and organisation of the rally.

BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE (BMC) – Update received from Ben Rawlence re the Black Mountains College - a new kind of independent comprehensive educational college for post-school students integrated into the community.

Noted Ben Rawlence’s message to the Steering Group Members, requesting -

1. some volunteers to help one or two mornings a week doing basic admin jobs, following up on funders, running a newsletter and keeping track of various things.
2. They have a stand at the Royal Welsh Show courtesy of Ty Mawr. He will be there on the Tuesday, but does need volunteers to man the stall and hand out flyers and talk to the public on Mon 23rd, Wed 25th and Thurs 26th July.
3. They also have a presence at the Festival of the Black Mountains in Talgarth on the Bank Holiday weekend, likewise, it would be great if anyone wanted to volunteer for an hour or so to man the stand.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – Cllr R Reid reported that the automatic flush system in the Gents urinals is now in working order.

GP BIOTEC – Some concerns of recent smells had been reported to the Town Council by Sam Toone, Headteacher, Ysgol y Mynydd Du Also between 25th – 27th June –some smells were reported to the Town Council from residents in the Tredustan area. Both reports were referred to Cllr Lord, Member of the GP Liaison Group, who suggested referring them to GP Biotec and NRW.

18/176 PCC & PCC HIGHWAY/TRUNK ROAD AGENCY ISSUES –

Wyro owned Land adjacent Car Park – Agreed to report to PCC Environmental Health Department, BBNPA and NRW, the Town Council concerns of ragwort in this location

PCC Asset Disposal and other outstanding Highway issues in Talgarth – Cllr W Powell circulated a document covering the over-arching ranked list of the Town Council's priority 'asks' of PCC, following the meeting held on 16th Apr between himself, the former Chair Jacqui Wilding, Cllr Phyl Davies, PCC Cabinet Member, David Pritchard, ahead of the AGM. These had been amended, in the light of feedback.

Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr A Bufton, all in favour, to forward the list (a) to (f), as below, to Cllr Phyl Davies, as requested by him at the 16th Apr meeting.

- a) PCC to secure the former Talgarth School and Library against potential intruders, as well as reviewing security at the former Youth and Community Centre – previously a site of unauthorised visitors and anti-social behaviour; also to review security at the Army Cadets' premises, housed in the former Talgarth School canteen. Finally, to maintain an open dialogue with Talgarth Town Council over PCC's lease obligations to the MOD at this location, so as to promote a local partnership approach;
- b) PCC to pursue a twin track strategy to market – for rent or purchase - the former DSO Depot – both sites - and the former Library site – and maintain a level of communications via local PCC Member/Town Council, whilst acknowledging the importance of commercial considerations;
- c) PCC to keep up a programme of maintenance works at all these locations - grass cutting/control of vegetation etc – so as to make them more marketable, whilst ensuring that they do not cause a nuisance to local residents/ road/footpath users etc;
- d) PCC to consider the introduction of a set of raised bollards adjacent to the entrance to Talgarth Market, on both sides of the road, to deter previous practice of pavement/verge parking, thus improving pedestrian safety, made more acute by the relocation of Ysgol y Mynydd Du to its Hay Road site;
- e) PCC Traffic Unit to undertake a site visit to High Street, to assess safety levels and advise on potential mitigation; also to Heol Las, to consider the reinstatement of width limiting bollards, following previous unauthorised criminal tampering – so that they are consistent with the Traffic Order(s) at that location;
- f) PCC to give a definitive answer to recent email enquiries as to the availability of CCTV mounting and electricity supply at Talgarth Recycling site. This would serve to facilitate a partnership approach with other local agencies, to provide a CCTV facility to protect the amenity and support the Talgarth & District Regeneration Group in its management tasks at the site.

Noted Cllr J Wilding had previously pointed out that we want a definitive answer re CCTV, however, at the 16 Apr meeting with County Councillor Phyl Davies said it was not possible to support the CCTV as it was difficult to follow up and someone has to check it and we agreed it was not viable.

Further Talgarth Highway issues – Cllr A Bufton wished some further Highway issues, which he had previously brought up also to be reported to PCC.

Agreed to forward these issues to Jo Lancey, PCC Highways Dept –

(a) **Safely on Asylum bridge**, noting that the bridge parapet is causing an obstruction to the view for pedestrians. Noted that a couple of incidents have been witnessed when pedestrians are walking from the river path, Regent Street, onto Hospital road - this is the official walk route from Talgarth Car Park to Pwlllywrach Waterfalls.

(b) **School Lane adjacent Melin Homes estate** – Since this new estate had been built, complaints received of additional traffic from School Lane to Woodlands Ave etc, with excessive speeds.

(c) **Ken Jones house – Rosendale, Nr Church Entrance** – Now that Church View development has been completed it increases the number of larger vans/delivery vehicles have difficulty negotiating between the Church wall and this property.

School Bilingual signage on entrance roads to indicate Ysgol y Mynydd Du – Received response from Betsan Ifan, Schools Transformation Programme Manager, in response to our question to PCC asking if there were any plans for PCC to erect a School/Bilingual Sign to indicate Ysgol y Mynydd Du. Betsan Ifan asked for clarification of what we are asking for as she says that the signage proposal for Ysgol y Mynydd Du is now completed and all planned signs have been erected, and are

bilingual, fully adhering to the Welsh Language Standards, Welsh Government 21st Century Schools and PCC standards.

Agreed to point out that there is no bilingual sign to indicate Ysgol y Mynydd Du is a school.

Speeding on Bronllys Road A479- Noted concerns re the Speeding in this location with some suggestions, have been raised by local resident of Bronllys Road, Anna Lote to County Councillor William Powell and copied to the Town Council and Kirsty Williams AM – Kirsty has responded confirming that she and Cllr William Powell have been pursuing this issue for some considerable time and are very aware of the issue and the concerns expressed by residents.

Kirsty confirms that she has written to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport in the Welsh Government to raise these points and will keep us informed.

Noted Rev Richard Walker, neighbour to Anna Lote, had written to the Head of Highways, Welsh Government (WG),

Agreed to support broadly the concerns of speeding and safety on the A479 Bronllys Road, expressed in Rev Walker's letter to WG.

Pengenffordd Road to Talgarth – Dangerous Bends – Received copy of e-mail and suggestions from Dr Ken Harvey to County Councillor William Powell re the speed signs on the A479T - the Talgarth to Pengenffordd road - which are confusing and potentially dangerous – there are about one third of a mile of dangerous bends mid-way between Talgarth and Pengenffordd - Going from Talgarth there is a 30 mile per hour (mph) sign about 50 yards before the bends - but at the bend itself there is a 50 mph sign, plus other 50MPH signs within the bends.

Going from Pengenffordd to Talgarth on entering the bends is a 50MPH sign, with a 30MPH sign within the first bend, but followed by more 50mph signs further on within the bends.

Noted Cllr William Powell referred the concerns to Dean Williams, Trunk Road Agency who asked Cllr William Powell to write directly to WG with a list of all the issues he would like investigated and an invitation for a WG Officer to attend a site meeting.

The Old Lane sewerage problems adjacent to the Elms Talgarth – meeting held at The Elms on July 4th 2018 - Attending the meeting Michelle Russ, John Jones, Simon Fisher, Dr Mervyn Bramley, Elaine Starling. Update circulated by Mrs Starling to the Town Council.

Toucan Crossing - A4078 Hay Road, Talgarth – Noted that the pedestrian crossing was commissioned by Siemens at 10am Mon 20th June.

Cllr Z Argent reported serious concerns of the safety of the children now that this toucan crossing is in place – the timing of the flashing lights appears to need adjusting.

Agreed Cllr Z Argent to take a lead on this issue and take advice from the 'Living Streets' Group and report back to the Town Council, as soon as possible.

Overhanging Growth- Wall of Cobblers Cottage – Complaint received from local resident concerning the overgrowth and the safety of pedestrians on the pathway adjacent Cobblers Cottage, Bronllys Road. **Agreed** Clerk report to PCC Highways requesting this overgrowth be cut back.

Former PCC Highways Yard building – Report received of human faeces on this wall.

Agreed to report to PCC for cleansing.

18/177 GROUP UPDATES –

ONE VOICE WALES –

Module 15 Training - Information Management – Information received from Paul Eagan OVW, stating that they have now updated this important module to include the provisions of the 2018 Data Protection Act. The module also covers the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

OVW will be including the module in the Autumn training programme which will be published in August, 2018. OVW pointed out, however, leading up to that period any Council can request that the course be delivered at their own venue at a cost of £399 plus the travel costs of the trainer. As a means of reducing costs, host Councils can invite neighbouring Councils to participate in the training and share the total outlay.

The host Council would be required to provide the venue and refreshments free of charge and they could add such costs to the OVW's charge before apportioning out charges to other participating Councils.

Noted Cllr Pip Turner suggested that it would be a good idea for us to host this Module.

Module 6 – Training - Local Government Finance training at Howey on Tues 24th July –

No-one able to attend

Brecon & Radnor group meeting 7pm 13th July in the Town Hall, Talgarth – Agreed to provide refreshments. Noted W Powell, Mayor, Cllr Pip Turner and Cllr P Lewis, Joint Deputy Mayors, attended the meeting.

AGM on Sat 29th Sept – Noted OVW AGM - Sat 29th Sept at Royal Welsh Showground and application form received – Fee £95. **Agreed** that Cllr W Powell, Mayor to attend.

10th edition of the Charles Arnold Baker publication Local Council Administration- Received information re the reduced cost - £53 + £7 postage - this being a 50% reduction on the actual cost, Noted we currently have the Seventh Edition in our possession.

Cllr W Powell, Mayor requested clarification of some points from OVW, responses as below.

a) It is normal practice for the Deputy Mayor to have a badge of their own and I am not aware of any situations where a Deputy Mayor wears the Mayor's Chains of Office. It would create some inevitable confusion if the Deputy wore the Mayor's Chains office.

b) The purpose of the Mayor's allowance is to defray the expenses of this office. Accordingly, I do not consider that it would be appropriate for the Mayor to donate the allowance to any one organisation. The Council has the power to consider grants from local organisations and such donations should be considered by the Council as appropriate. There would be nothing to prevent the Mayor from contributing to local events (such as town twinning functions) as this could be argued to be defraying the costs of the office. Alternatively, the Council would have the power to contribute towards the cost of town twinning events (Local Government Act 1972, S144). If there is no provision in the budget the Council could approve a virement from another budget head to cover the costs involved.

c) A County Councillor who is also a Town Councillor can claim the allowance provided that he/she is not in receipt of a Band 1 or 2 senior salary from the County Council. He/she would however be able to claim travel costs.

YSGOL Y MYNYDD DU –Noted full Governors meeting on 27th June.

Cllr J Wilding reported, in advance of the meeting, that the School - Road safety sessions very good, school sports excellent followed by School Governors overseeing rooms and school work and there is to be an emergency meeting to discuss teacher numbers for Sept.

FESTIVAL GROUP – Cllr R Reid circulated Minutes of 18 June meeting, for information.

Next meeting 7pm 16 July.

Road Closure for Festival 25/26 Aug – Clerk reported that she had forwarded the completed application form and fee of £340 to PCC, and the application has been approved.

XMAS LIGHTS GROUP – Agreed to pay LITE Invoice £3,235.00 + £659.00 VAT + £60 p&p– Total £3,954.00 for new LED Xmas lights. Noted the Xmas Lights Group has agreed to donate £ towards these new LED lights.

TOURIST INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE (TIRC) – Cllr Z Argent gave a brief update from the last TIRC meeting on 6th July which mainly was about the downsizing of the TIRC by early 2019.

TOWN HALL – V W Cleaning Services – **Agreed** to June invoice - Gates Open/Close £65.38, Town Hall cleaning £172.80 - £162.00.

Works in Town Hall – Cllr A Bufton agreed to update Specification to go out for Tender, closing date 26th July and work to commence approx 6th Aug.

TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP – Received TDRG Agenda for meeting 3rd July and draft minutes 5 June.

Received update from Cllr J Wilding in her absence at the meeting –

- **TDRG Draft Minutes 3rd July** - Attached are the minutes from TDRG meeting - within this is an action for Cllr J Wilding to bring to the Town Council, the request of having a date when the Town Hall basement will be ready to use and some confirmation re October Event as need to prepare WW1 Ball which aimed to have pre meal drinks in the basement before going up stairs to dine!

Cllr R Reid reported that the delay with the plans from Glyn Smith Architect for the electrical work has been due to a family bereavement but understands that they are now almost ready. Cllr R Reid to follow up.

- **Town Plan** - Being analysed - not the greatest of responses however quite useful information - met with Helen Lucocq at 2pm on Wed 11th July.

- **WW1 ball - Sat 27th Oct 2018 & Christmas Markets Sat 1st Dec** – The Group is concerned about the Town Hall Basement being available for WW1 Ball and Christmas Markets.
- **Recycling site** – The TDRG has now taken over recycling site.
- **Sports weekend 27th & 28th July** - the Group has been able to acquire some items from Fields in Trust. The TDRG is disappointed that the Cadets will not be there with the climbing wall however have asked if they could just do a recruitment stand to promote Talgarth Cadets

TOWN TWINNING GROUP – TALGARTH – PIZZOFRERATO – Cllr W Powell reported that the return Pizzoferrato visit with the children – 26 June – 1 July went very well with the school visits and the Reception in the Town Hall on Sat 30th June. **Agreed** to forward letter of thanks to Heather Summerfield on behalf of the Group, for organizing the visit.

WALKERS ARE WELCOME GROUP–Next meeting 18th Sept at 7.00pm at Town Hall Committee Room.

18/178 TREFECCA ISSUES –

Concern re Open Culvert - running through the garden of Trefecca – Noted Cllr A Lord had liaised with Andrew Jones, owner of the land, and a response dated 12 June forwarded to PCC Simon Crowther, asking for confirmation, in writing, that it is in order to remove the trash screen as all concerned, including the Town Council does not want anyone in the future asking what has happened to it. Clerk to chase response from PCC.

Drain covers – Confirmation received 11 July from PCC Colin Davies, stating that these broken drain covers will be replaced when they have staff available to undertake the work.

Telephone Box Trefecca (01874 711302) – Noted that we have now received confirmation from BT that the Town Council owns this BT Phone Box.

18/179 POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD/POWYS LHB SERVICES, BRONLLYS WELL-BEING PARK, POWYS CHC –

Received update from Cllr J Wilding in her absence at the meeting –

- **Bronllys Well Being Park News** – Update from that Cllr J Wilding and Jon Adams, Project Officer, had met with the Archbishop John Davies in regard to the Bronllys Wellbeing Park. The Archbishop has written a letter of support and a request to the Health Minister to meet to discuss the project with us. This comes at a good time just after we spoke at the Bevan Conference at Celtic Manor with excellent feedback from several high level professionals, politicians and of course Bevan Commission itself. The next Board meeting is 16th July. Noted the next public meeting is 30th July in Bronllys Concert Hall, agenda to follow.
- **OVW Conference** – Noted the BWBP, PDO attended the OVW Conference on the same day and reported he too had made significant impact.
- **Veterans** - As CHC representative Cllr J Wilding attended Powys Armed and Ex Army Forces Forum the Local Veterans Group who are intending to have a Remembrance Service in November in the Chapel (if its ready or Basil Webb if not). The BWBP assisted with their application for the Silhouettes and awaiting news if it successful.
- **Powys Teaching Health Board - NHS 70th** – Noted Cllr J Wilding attending and said it was very good to attend and celebrate success with the Bronllys staff
- **Powys CHC** – Minutes of full meeting sent - next meeting 12th July 2018 - review information from consultation TBC

18/180 BURIAL GROUND

New Seat in Churchyard – **Agreed** to forward a letter of thanks to Kay Woods for donating a new seat in the Churchyard, located near Churchview end in memory of the later Peter Havard.

Tomb of Howell Harris, Talgarth -16/13531/LBC – No new update.

Sun Dial in Churchyard – No new update.

Woodland Davies Solicitors - Noted complaint referred to the Legal Ombudsman.

18/181 COLOUR PRINTER/SCANNER

Proposed by Cllr P Lewis and seconded by Cllr Pip Turner to purchase a colour printer/scanner for Town Clerk's use as the present one is broken.

- 18/182 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH (NOT ON AGENDA) & DISCUSSED – FOR ACTION/INFORMATION/ON CIRCULATION-**
- WAG - Re Publication of Circular 008/2018 – Planning requirement in respect of the use of private sewerage in new development, incorporating septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants** – Noted a new Circular has been published in order to provide updated guidance to planning authorities and developers on the management of private sewerage as part of new developments.
 - WAG - CTC Review** - June Newsletter
 - PCC - Community Day, Dering Lines, Brecon - Sun 8th July (12 - 5.30)**
 - PCC - Powys Newslines**- June 2018
 - PCC - Powys Archives Newsletter** – Summer 2018
 - BBNPA - Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee** - Fri 13th July at 10am.
 - BBNPA - LDP Consultation - Delivery Agreement and Review Report** – Noted consultation period 5th July – 30th Aug.
 - BBNPA - Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way** – Tues 10th July at 10am.
 - PAVO - Powys Volunteer of the Year 2018** – Noted Cllr W Powell, Mayor, circulated the report.
 - PAVO** – Briefing Sheet- July 2018
 - PAVO** – Supporting Communities Annual Report April 2017-March 2018 – Noted Cllr J Wilding forwarded this document for information.
 - PAVO** – July e-briefing- on circulation
 - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Public Consultation** - MAWW Fire 'Did you Know?'
 - Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter July 2018** – Link received from Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn.
 - Old People Wales – Summer Newsletter Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales** – Help improve services for carers in Wales
 - Clerks & Councils Direct - Newsletter** – July 2018 Issue 118

18/183 AMOUNTS RECEIVED

Hall Hire – Velindre NHS Trust – Blood Session 2/7	£55.00
Hall Hire – Wynona Zumba -	
Hall Hire – Talgarth Community Choir - 5/4 - 14/7	£77.00
Hall Hire – Child's Party – Sarah Rawlins 7/7	£22.00
Hall Hire- Art Class – 12/7	£12.00
Hall Hire – PCC – Laura Jones 13/4	£20.00
Hall Hire- BBNPA - Gareth Kiddie 24/5	£75.00
Hall Hire – Powys Dance – 17/4 – 10/7	£132.00
Hall Hire – Welsh Water – 10/5	£30.00
Hall Hire – Conservative Party 3/ 4	£10.00
Hall Hire – Black Mountains group – HS 3/8	£6.00
Hall Hire – Welsh Water	£24.00
Hall Hire – Country & Western Gp – 1/6, 6/7, 3/8 £40 hall hire +£5 Towards Town Hall Licence fee per session x 3	£135.00
A V Griffiths & Son – Burial Ashes EH & MT dec'd	£160.00
A V Griffiths & Son – Burial Ashes NS & DML dec'd	£160.00
A V Griffiths & Son – Burial Plot RJ rec'd	£140.00
Western Power – Wayleave Agreement St Gwendoline's Churchyard	£54.65
Xmas Lights Group – Donation re new LED lights	£3,295.00
Xmas Lights Group – Donation re new Star Light	£285.00
PCC – One Third Precept on 30/8	£18,000.00

18/184 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Rumsey, Clerk – July Salary £1,110.63, Less Tax £222.20 = £888.43, Tel Rent £17.40, Broadband & Calls £22.25, Post £9.41, Home Office £35, Travel £2.25 -	£974.74
Town Hall – Cleaning materials	£3.00
J Rumsey, Clerk – Aug Salary £1,110.63, Less Tax £222.20 = £888.43, Tel Rent £17.40, Broadband & Calls £22.25, Home Office £35, Travel £2.25 -	£965.33
Stationery – Envelopes £6, 2 x Note Books £1.98	£7.98
V W Cleaning Services – June - Gates Open/Close £65.38, Town Hall cleaning £162.00	£227.38
V W Cleaning Services – July - Gates Open/Close £78.30, Town Hall cleaning £172.80	£251.10
V W Cleaning Services – Aug - Gates Open/Close £71.72, Town Hall cleaning £64.80, Deep Clean Kitchen £288	£424.52
Border Office Supplies – Toilet Rolls Town Hall - £16.99 + £3.40 VAT	£20.39
Border Office Supplies – Laser printer cartridge £66 ++ £13.20 VAT, Stationery £40.84 + £8.19 VAT	£128.21
PCC – Road Closure fee for Fee for Festival 25/26 Aug	£340.00
Healthmatic – Public Conveniences cleaning 1/7 – 30/9 – £1,687.50 + £337.50 VAT	£2,025.00
TADSCA – Balance of PCC Grant £5,026.	£115.33
LITE Ltd- New LED Xmas Lights - £3,235 + pack/post £60+ £659.00 VAT	£3,954.00
LITE Ltd – New Star Light- £270 + £57 VAT + £15 Postage	£342.00
BT Payphone – Purchase Red Phone Box Trefecca	£1.00
PAVO – Apr – June Payroll fee	£30.00
OTM Grounds Care – C’yard Maint – July - £287.50 + £57.50	£345.00
OTM Grounds Care – C’yard Maint – Aug - £287.50 + £57.50	£345.00
Welsh Water – Town Hall – 11/2 – 8/8	£205.44
Welsh Water - Public Conveniences - 11/2 – 8/8	£222.90
Smith Builders – Work as per Tender – Town Hall - £1,714 + £342.80	£2,056.80

18/185 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	-	£518.33
High Interest Account	-	£74,021.37

18/186 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS – 7pm Wed 12th September 2018.
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

