

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,
WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH**

PRESENT: Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Mayor (In the Chair), Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Z Argent, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr G Jones, Cllr J Lilly, Cllr R Reid, Ms Amy Argent – Youth Member

APOLOGIES: Cllr Pip Turner (Deputy Mayor), Cllr A Lord

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey - Town Clerk

18/251 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

18/252 MINUTES:

Minutes 10 October and 15 October - previously circulated, Cllr W Powell, Mayor, sought their adoption.

Proposed by Cllr M Dodds and seconded by Cllr A Bufton, all in favour, that the minutes of the 10 October be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Z Argent and seconded by Cllr M Dodds, all in favour, that the minutes of the 15 October be signed as a correct record.

18/253 MATTERS ARISING – NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Old de-trunked Pengeffordd Road – Cllr P Lewis reported that he had received further concerns regarding the activities in this location.

Noted a response had been received from BBNPA confirming that the previous reported complaints are being investigated by BBNPA Enforcement team.

Recycling Centre on Car Park – Cllr P Lewis expressed concern at the current state of the area for small electrical items.

Agreed Cllr W Powell and Cllr P Lewis meet with Rosie Williams, on behalf of the Talgarth & District Regeneration Group, which has now taken over looking after this site.

Monmouthshire Housing Association – Invoice £295 + VAT received from Monmouthshire Housing Association for the services of David James in respect of his work Re the Town Council response to the former Mid Wales Hospital Development Brief.

Proposed by Cllr M Dodds and seconded by Cllr A Bufton, all in favour, that this Invoice, as previously agreed, be paid and to also forward a letter of thanks for the work undertaken.

18/254 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING ISSUES –

Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development Plan Review - Invitation to Submit Candidate Sites (Stage 1 Initial Call for Candidate Sites) - Invitation received from BBNPA to put forward 'Candidate Sites', which, if successful, will be included in the forthcoming LDP for various land uses. The deadline for submission for forms under 'Stage 1 Initial Call for Candidate Sites' is midnight on 7th January 2019.

Agreed to thank BBNPA for the invitation to comment upon and nominate any further Candidate Sites and as well as considering any additional candidate sites for inclusion, to state that the Town Council would be happy also to contribute to any such re-assessment of any existing sites. Also to request BBNPA to outline the scope of the LDP review process and particularly clarify how existing allocations for residential and employment are re-assessed in terms of their appropriateness and viability.

BBNPA - Planning Application Approved - Planning Application 18/16572/FUL – Proposal for the demolition of existing rear extensions and their replacement with a new kitchen, dining and utility extension – Blaenau Bach, Talgarth LD3 0EG

BBNPA Planning Application Withdrawn - Planning Application 18/16459/FUL - Proposal: "Increasing access to the River Ennig and surrounding areas for the local community and make the area more attractive for visitors. Equipping the whole community

with the tools and capability to self-manage the river and its flood risk through the latest Natural Flood Management techniques." - The Right Bank, Bronllys Road, Talgarth.
Powys County Council - Powys LDP - Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance October 2018 – Update received – Documents are available on the PCC website at the following link:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/planning-building-control/local-development-plan/ldp-supplementary-planning-guidance-spg/>

18/255 TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES (2) – Received from PCC, the Notice of Election for 2 Talgarth Town Councillor vacancies, on 13 Dec in the Town Hall, Talgarth.
Proposed by Cllr M Dodds and seconded by Cllr Z Argent, all in favour, for the Town Council to fund the cost of Poll Cards - £45 per 100 - if this goes to an Election.

18/256 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE –

Cllr A Lord – Received letter of request from Cllr A Lord for a further extension of 6 months from attending Town Council meetings, due to his current working arrangements.

Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr G Jones, all in favour, to extend Cllr Lord's absence from Town Council meetings for a further 6 months until May 2019.

It was noted that Town Councillors are very grateful to Cllr Lord for his advice and work in between meetings, ie his agreement at the 13 June 2018 meeting to update the Town Council policies, as required, and assisting with the annual Precept meetings.

Cllr Pip Turner – Noted that due to family illness, Cllr Turner will not be working to full capacity. **Agreed** to give Cllr Turner as much support as possible.

18/257 PRECEPT MEETING & MONTHLY MEETING - JANUARY 2019 – **Agreed** to hold the Precept meeting at 7pm 9 Jan and the regular monthly meeting at 7pm Wed 16 Jan 2019.

18/258 TOWN COUNCIL – CAPACITY BUILDING AND SUPPORT – Cllr W Powell reminded members of the Town Council of the informal meeting which took place on 3rd Sept, regarding this matter.

Agreed to hold a further meeting on Wed 21 Nov, to pursue the matter.

18/259 CORRESPONDENCE

Request from Mrs J Wilding - Points of Clarity – E-mail request dated 14 Nov, received from Mrs J Wilding. Following guidance from OVW - Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr M Dodds, all in favour, for this correspondence to be received at this evening's meeting and to be an agenda item for 12 Dec meeting.

18/260 POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr W Powell reported the following:-

- **PCC Budget process** – Noted the budget setting process 2018/19 is now well under way and will involve a series of budget seminars.
- **PCC Chief Executive Interviews** – To take place on 20 Nov.
- **Casework – Housing** – Been heavily involved recently with liaising with PCC subcontractors Solar Windows in Woodlands Avenue, a number of health/social care issues and also assisting some Council tenants with issues of rodent penetration
- **Police & Crime Panel** – Noted meeting on 16 Nov – 2 questions put to the Commissioner from pupils at Ysgol y Mynydd Du re speed limit enforcement
- **Meeting with Housing and Property** – Noted there had been a meeting around the PCC owned properties in Talgarth and options for the future

18/261 YOUTH COUNCILLOR UPDATE – Welsh Youth Parliament Election – Amy Argent gave a brief update, confirming that she is standing for election in the Brecon and Radnorshire constituency and looking for support and sharing the word on social media. Noted voter registration ends on the 16 Nov, the vote closes on the 25 Nov and the results are

to be announced on the 5 Dec.

- 18/262 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER** – Noted that the 100th Remembrance Sunday Services and the rededication of the WW1 plaque in the Town Hall had been well attended and positive comments received about the sequence of events on that historic day. Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr A Bufton, all in favour to pay for the refreshments of £35 for the rededication of the WW1 event in the Town Hall and to thank Cynthia and Heulwen for serving the tea/coffee/refreshments and to Valmai Davies, on behalf of the Talgarth & District Regeneration Group, for arranging this part of the event and for decorating the Town Hall so tastefully.
- Proposed by Cllr P Lewis and seconded by Cllr A Bufton, all in favour to pay the British Legion Invoice of £18 for the Poppy Wreath + £8 for War Grave crosses - Total £26.
- Proposed by Cllr A Bufton and seconded by Cllr W Powell, all in favour to make a donation of £30 to the Hay/Talgarth Army Cadet Force for attending the Remembrance Sunday Service again this year.
- Flags for the Town Hall** – Agreed to payment of Amazon invoice of the 2 new flags – one Union Jack and one Welsh flag - £31.76.

- 18/263 CONVERTING STILES TO ACCESS GATES ON PATHS AROUND TALGARTH** – Cllr W Powell reported that he and Havard Prosser of the WAW group, had met earlier that day, with Jon Pimm, BBNPA Warden, who has funds available to convert stiles to access gates on paths around Talgarth. The work can also take place in the PCC area to the north of Talgarth outside the BBNPA area. Jon thinks that 15-20 gates - total - can be funded. Noted, on behalf of Talgarth Town Council, the WAW Group has been asked to identify possible stiles that could be converted. These may be around the town or further afield to make access easier on linear or circular routes. For example the gates might be installed on routes in the Talgarth Walking Guide. Jon needs list by the end of December for work to be completed by December 2019.
- Work on ‘The Rocks’** – Update received from Bruce Williams confirming that the BBNPA has completed the work, in this location and has asked Jon Pimm BBNPA, if the stiles in and around Talgarth could be changed to sprung gates and Jon assured him this would be done at a later date.

- 18/264 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – HIGHWAY MATTERS** – The following highway issues were reported. Clerk to forward to PCC Boughrood Depot for attention.
- 1.Old School Lane from Queen’s Ave, Talgarth** – The cuttings and overgrowth, in this location, needs clearing away as they are becoming a ‘trip’ hazard.
 - 2.Cycle Path – Hay Road, Talgarth to Gwernyfed High School** – The hedge cuttings etc need clearing from the Cycle Path as they are for both pedestrians and cyclists.
 - 3.Pot hole on entrance road from Town Hall, Talgarth to Glen View, The Bank, Talgarth (far right hand side nearest Town Hall)** – An approx. 4” diameter deep pot hole has formed in the roadway.

- 18/265 SEAT ON WAR MEMORIAL** – Noted that Cllr R Reid has repaired the ‘Breconshire County Council’ bench donated, in this location, which had been reported as being unsafe. The rotten slats had been removed and re-made by Collin Lewis Joinery, free of charge, and fitted by Cllr Reid by Remembrance Sunday, 11th Nov.

- 18/266 DEFIBRILLATOR ON TOWN HALL** – Response received from Cariad confirming that the Defibrillator was checked on Saturday 20th Oct, and it does require a service but will operate in an emergency. They are sending a firefighter to exchange the unit this week.

- 18/267 TOWN HALL/ MARKET HALL** –

Town Hall – Agreed Cllr A Bufton put together a specification for work, to go out to Tender:

- Continuation of trunking in main hall for cables
- LED Strip light on new wall in Preparation Room

Market Hall –

- **Emergency Light** - Noted a quote, as requested, had been received from Stuart Price Electrician, to add an external emergency light by the gate at the Town Hall – Parts £28.30 + Labour £60 – Total £88.30. **Agreed** to this work being done.
- **Emergency Access door from the Market Hall, Town Hall onto the Mill Yard –** Noted Cllr R Reid had met with Bruce Williams and Bryan Craven from The Mill and it was agreed for Cllr Reid to fit a ‘panic bolt’ to the emergency access gate. Noted this work was completed in time for WW1 Ball event on 27th Oct.
- **Agreed** to pay Fire Protection invoice £52.34 including £8.73 VAT for panic bolt.
- **Agreed** to pay Invoice for Fire Signs - £12.78.
- **Agreed** to pay Huws Gray Invoice for Barriers to screen off end of Market Hall for storage £335.50 + £67.10 VAT – Total £402.60.
- Cllr R Reid reported that there are some more works required ie window cills etc in the Market Hall

Fire Extinguisher Annual Maintenance & Fitting Market Hall – Agreed to pay Blackwood Fire Ltd Invoice – Town Hall £128.40 + £25.68 = £154.08 and Market Hall £232.35 + £46.47 VAT = £278.82

18/268 TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS – Cllr M Dodds asked to move Standing Orders at 9pm from 2 hours to 2.5 hours for this meeting.

18/269 TALGARTH ISSUES

POLICE -Talgarth Speedwatch update- Update received from PCSO Helen Scott, confirming that she is awaiting one person’s vetting to be completed. She has sent a request to the Inspector to authorise new equipment for Talgarth CSW group as she does not think it is viable to share 1 set of kit between Erwood, Hay and Talgarth. As soon as she receives the kit she will arrange our first session.

Hay and Surrounding Area Monthly Updates – received.

BOWLING CLUB – Update received from Cllr R Reid’s meeting with Steve Butcher PCC on 18 Oct. Steve Butcher agreed to address the following points by end of year.

- the damaged wall slab would be repaired or replaced within the next few days.
- they also ran through the building certificates still pending
- the Electrical Condition report 2015 - works still to be done, to make it legal
- the Asbestos report is still pending
- the Legionella inspection needs to be done
- Chubb are now booked to do a full overhaul of the fire system

Noted the fire risk assessment will have to be re written after the above work is completed.

Bowling Club meeting – Mon 29th Oct 7pm – Cllr R Reid attended – Nothing new to report.

KING GEORGE V PAVILION - Agreed to pay Blackwood Fire Ltd – Annual Fire Extinguisher check at the Pavilion - £71.11 + £14.22 VAT = £85.33 – net cost to be recovered from TADSCA.

GP BIOTEC – Agreed to write and thank GP Biotec for agreeing to again keeping the Town Council informed of their spreading programme. Also to ask how they would like the support letter re lobbying the BBNPA to reinstate the foot-bridge, down-stream from Bronllys Castle across the River Llynfi

MEMORIAL SEAT - Noted that the Clerk had arranged for PCC to open the gate for Mrs Thornton to remove the ‘late John Gardiner Bench’ from the former Pengenffordd Road as she feels that this is no longer the peaceful spot it originally was.

HEOL LAS LANE ROAD – DAMAGED BOLLARDS – Mrs Thornton is asking the position of PCC re the damaged Bollards in this location. Noted Cllr W Powell to meet with Tony Caine PCC Highways in the near future and this will then be discussed.

18/270 DWR CYMRU – WELSH WATER – WORK ON BRONLLYS ROAD, TALGARTH –

Update 12th Oct received from Dwr Cymru confirming that the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA) want to ensure that they get the work done as quickly as possible, with the least possible disruption and requested that the contractors extend their working hours to include Saturdays.

18/271 GROUP UPDATES –

TALGARTH INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE (TIRC) – E-mail received from Tim Davies, Co-ordinator, on behalf of the TIRC, informing us that the lease on the Tower shop comes to an end Aug 2019. Tim Martin, owner of the premises, has kindly agreed to enter into a new five year lease arrangement with the TIRC, renewable annually at the end of this period. The new lease offer reduces their accommodation to front shop only, with the re-provision of a toilet in part of the area currently used as a corridor between front and back shop. The TIRC is asking for consideration in the next round of precept funding allocation by the Council for a potential contribution to facilitate the necessary work and thus help to retain the facility for the wider community.

Agreed to ask the TIRC for copy of their audited Accounts for last year and more information regarding their shortfall, so that an informed decision can be made by the Town Council.

TIRC Xmas Closure - Noted the TIRC will be closed from 23 Dec 2018 to 4 Feb 2019.

Map on Wall in TIRC – Proposed by Cllr A Bufton and seconded by Clr J Lilly, all in favour, that we will locate the large map in the Town Hall if it will not fit into the downsized TIRC.

YSGOL Y MYNYDD DU –

Additional Community Governor on the governing body – Confirmation received from Sam Toone, Headteacher, that this vacancy is currently being dealt with by the Chair of Governors and will keep us informed.

Christmas Fayre – Noted the Christmas Fayre will be held at the school 5.30pm – 7.30pm on Friday 7 Dec.

FESTIVAL GROUP – Cllr R Reid circulated Minutes of 15 Oct meeting and that the next meeting will be the AGM, 7pm 19 Nov in the Town Hall.

Cllr R Reid reported that the Festival Group had held a very successful Christmas Market on Fri 9 Nov, with in excess of 20 stalls, in both the Town Hall and new Market Hall.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GROUP – Noted that the Xmas Lights Group wish to spend some of their precepted amount of approx. £800 on shelving to be fixed in the Market Hall to store lights equipment, which will make more room space in this location.

Proposed by Cllr A Bufton and seconded by Cllr P Lewis, all in favour, for this work to be undertaken.

PCC – Noted Road Closure fee £340 and Bunting Licence fee £105 had been paid.

Noted the ‘Switch-on’ event will be commence at 4pm Sat 1st Dec.

Xmas Lights Maintenance Items – **Agreed** to payment of Edmundson Electrical Ltd Invoices - £92.26 + £18.45 VAT = £110.71 and £81.90 + £16.38 VAT = £98.28.

TOWN HALL – V W Cleaning Services – **Agreed** to pay Oct invoice - Town Hall cleaning £199.80 - Gates Open/Close £68.12 – Total £267.92.

TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP – Received TDRG Agenda for 6 Nov, also minutes of 5 Sept and 3 Oct.

Christmas Markets – Noted that the Christmas Market will be held in the main Town Hall from 2pm – 4pm on Sat 1 Dec.

Wales in Bloom meeting – Mon 3 Dec 7pm at the Wye and Usk Foundation building – Invitation received from Rosie Williams on behalf of the Group.

WW1 ball - Sat 27 Oct 2018 – Noted the WW1 Ball was a highly successful event, held in both the Town Hall and Market Hall.

TOWN TWINNING – Noted invitation to contribute to evaluation of the EACEA – Noted Cllr Andy Lord has completed the survey.

WALKERS ARE WELCOME GROUP–Received Agenda for meeting Wed 7 Nov 2018 and draft minutes 18 Sept.

Noted next meeting 7pm Tues 4 Dec 2018 in Committee Room, Town Hall.

Noted the plans are well ahead for the 2019 WAW Festival, commencing Fri 3rd May, with County Councillor Roger Williams opening the event at Ysgol y Mynydd Du, followed by further events in the Town Hall.

18/272 BURIAL GROUND

St Gwendoline's Church - Tree of Light Service – Sunday 2 Dec 4pm – Agreed to light Candles - £2.50 each, in memory the late Lord Livsey of Talgarth and past Town Councillors, Michael Mullan, Vivian Davies and Derrick Eckley.

Howell Harris Tombchest – Update received from Easynet Contractors, confirming that due to their heavy workload, which they had not anticipated, since spring 2018, it is not anticipated that re-instating this conserved tomb-chest, will happen March/April 2019.

18/273 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

PCC - Expressions of Interest Invited for Healthy, Active & Outdoors Project – Note deadline for response 7 Dec 2018.

BBNPA - Destination Forum meeting 13 Nov 2018, 2pm at the National Park Visitor Centre, Libanus – Agenda etc received.

BBNPA - Audit and Scrutiny Committee - 1 Feb, 2019, 1.30pm

BBNPA - Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee - 26 Oct, 2018, 10.00 am

BBNPA - Agenda for National Park Authority - 23 Oct, 2018, 3.30 pm

BBNPA - Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way - 23 Oct 2018 – 10am

OVW - Tree Charter Day – Noted to celebrate the Tree Charter and the accomplishments from the past year, NALC is asking local councils to get involved in the very first Tree Charter Day, taking place on 24 Nov 2018. Tree Charter Day is an opportunity for local councils to celebrate the Tree Charter and how trees and woodland have made a positive impact on communities.

OVW - One Voice Wales Conferences for 2019-

- Innovative Practice and National Awards Conference – Thursday 28 March 2019 – information on circulation
- Innovative Practice Conference - Wednesday 10 July 2019
- National Conference & Annual General Meeting – Saturday 5 October 2019

PAVO - Annual Conference and General Meeting - 13 Nov at Newtown - 10.00– 3.30pm - “Resourceful Communities”

PAVO members ebriefing Nov 2018

Visit Brecon Service - Request for Financial Assistance – Received request for a financial contribution to this service. **Agreed** to discuss at Mar 2019 meeting with all other requests received during the year.

18/274 AMOUNTS RECEIVED

Hall Hire – Black Mountains Friends Group – 9/11	- £6.00
Hall Hire – Campaign for Protection of Rural Wales – 3/10	- £88.00
Hall Hire – Bronllys Well Being Par – 18/9	- £12.00
Hall Hire – Child’s Birthday Party – CP- 10/11	- £22.00
Hall Hire – TDRG – 27/10	- £70.00
Hall Hire – Perthyn	- £54.00
A V Griffiths & Son – Burial Plot – LG dec’d – F8	- £140.00
C C James – Burial Ashes – SMM dec’d	- £80.00
Josh Davies – Memorial Stone – MT dec’d	- £80.00

18/275 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Rumsey, Clerk – Nov Salary £1,110.63, Less Tax £222.20 = £888.43,	
Tel Rent £18.32 Broadband/Calls £24.00, Home Office £35, Travel £9.45	-£ 968.00
V W Cleaning Services – Oct - Gates Open/Close £68.12,	
Town Hall cleaning £199.80	- £267.92
OTM Groundscare – C’yard maintenance – Oct £287.50 + £57.50 VAT	- £345.00
Fire Protection – Panic Bolt - £39.64 + £8.73 VAT	- £52.34
KPCM Display – Market Hall – Fire Safety signage	- £13.74
PCC – Road Closure fee – 1 st Dec	- £340.00
PCC – Bunting Licence Xmas Lights fee	- £105.00
Edmundson Electrical – Xmas Lights maintenance items –	
£92.26 +£18,45 VAT	- £110.71
Edmundson Electrical – Xmas Lights maintenance items –	
£81.90 +£16.38 VAT	- £98.28
Booker – Xmas Lights – Sweets for Switch on - £44.91 + £8.98 VAT	- £53.89
Monmouthshire Housing Association – Fee re quote - £295 + £59 VAT	- £354.00
Blackwood Fire Ltd – King George V Pavilion - £41.11 + £14.22 VAT	- £85.33
Blackwood Fire Ltd – Town Hall £128.40 + £25.68 VAT	- £154.08
Blackwood Fire Ltd – Market Hall – Re-fit £232.35 + £46.47 VAT	- £278.82
Huws Gray – Market Hall – Screening materials £335.50 + £67.10 VAT	- £402.60
Amazon – 2 flags- £12.68	- £31.76
Amazon – Town Hall - black bags	- £14.99
Refreshments – Remembrance Sunday 11/11	- £35.00
Gwent/Powys Army Cadets – Donation attending Remembrance Day	- £30.00
British Legion – Poppy Wreath £18 – 8 x Poppy Crosses £8	- £26.00
David Day – Town Hall – Annual Piano Tuning	- £50.00
AJ Windows – Town Hall – Cleaning windows	- £30.00
St Gwendoline’s PCC – Tree of Lights Service Candles x 4	- £10.00
Skyrme Electrical – Town Hall – Document Box £30, ¼ ly fire alarm	
& emergency light testing 7/18 £30.00	
Public Conveniences- Tender 3 x Light fittings 24/8 £210 + £54 VAT	- £324.00
Skyrme Electrical – King George V Pavilion - ¼ ly fire alarm	
& emergency light testing 7/18 £30.00 + £6 VAT (Paid by TADSCA)	- £36.00

18/276 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Current Account - £1,556.60
 - High Interest Account - £55,535.13
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18/277 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS – 7pm Wednesday 12 December 2018.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:
