

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
9 MAY 2018, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH FOLLOWING THE AGM AT 7PM**

**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 (arrived 9 30pm), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr G Jones, Cllr J Lilly, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Reid, Cllr J Wilding

**APOLOGIES:**– Cllr Z Argent, Amy Argent – Youth Member

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Josephine Rumsey, Town Clerk

**18/121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No matters of interest declared. Noted Cllr N Bally when discussing the former Mid Wales Hospital issues.

**18/122 MINUTES:** Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> April meeting - Previously circulated, Cllr W Powell, Mayor, sought adoption.  
Proposed by Cllr P Lewis and seconded by Cllr R Reid, all in favour, that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April be signed as a correct record with amendments re attendance – Cllr N Bally, Cllr M Dodds and Cllr J Lilly absent and Cllr P Lewis present, at the meeting.  
Also 18/88 should read ‘Minutes of 18 April’.

**18/123 ERWOOD YFC – Agreed** to forward a letter of Congratulations to Erwood YFC on their gaining their recent National title for the best pantomime etc achievements.

**18/124 CLUSTER GROUP WITH NEIGHBOURING TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS** – Clerk reported e-mail received from Llangorse Community Council suggesting that an item for discussion at a cluster meeting could be the IRPW report and implementation of payment.

**18/125 DWR CYMRU – WELSH WATER – WORK ON THE WASTE WATER SYSTEM IN TALGARTH** - Noted a drop in Session re these works will be held in the Town Hall on 10 May - 2.30pm – 7pm re Welsh Water carrying out ground investigations with a road closure 21 – 25 May, on the A479 Bronllys Road between the junction with The Paddocks and the Castle Hotel. This essential work will enable them to plan for future work on the waste water system in Autumn 2018.

**18/126 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** –  
**Request for a Projector to view Planning Applications** – Response received from BBNPA confirming that they are unable to provide funding for a projector for Town & Community Councils.

**18/127 MEMBER’S ALLOWANCES** – Clerk previously circulated information re Member’s Allowances applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Noted £150 annual amounts will be made at end of the financial year unless the Clerk receives written confirmation that any Town Councillor does not wish to receive this payment.

**18/128 CLERK’S NEW SALARY SCALES 1/4/2018** – Noted Salary Increase information received from 1st April 2018 for Clerks. Noted Increase for Josephine Rumsey, Town Clerk, from £12.564 per hour to £12.815 per hour for 20 hour week. Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr A Lord, all in favour, that the Town Clerk be awarded this increase from 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2018, as precepted.

**18/129 NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)** – Noted the New Data Protection Regulations had been previously circulated and a GDPR Toolkit had been received from OVW for local Councils dated Feb 2018. Noted Cllr A Lord had circulated an easy to digest version – Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 12 steps to take now. Noted Cllr A Lord agreed at the AGM to lead on GDPR.

**18/130 EMPLOYMENT ISSUES – JOB DESCRIPTION** - Noted that Cllr W Powell, Mayor, Cllr Pip Turner (Deputy Mayor) and Cllr Phil Lewis (Deputy Mayor) agreed to review broadening this work role and job description for this proposed post.

### 18/131 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING ISSUES –

**Planning Application 18/15987/FUL – Change of material for window construction from painted hardwood to white PVC-u. Format of windows to remain as approved – Former Bryn Garage, Cwmdu – Town Council comments –** Proposed by Cllr A Lord and seconded by Cllr P Lewis, all in favour, not to support this Planning Application. Town Councillors were of the unanimous opinion that the appearance of the building would be compromised by the use of white PVC-u and would recommend that the original painted hardwood windows be retained. In addition, whilst it is acknowledged that this is not a material planning consideration the Town Council must again express its wish that no further projects should be undertaken at this site until the current building is substantially complete. This site has been in this unfinished state with no apparent progress for many years.

**Planning Application 18/15969/FUL – Proposed conversion of outbuilding to living accommodation and rebuilding of dog kennel section – Llanerch, Trefecca – Town Council comments –** Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr A Lord, all in favour, to support this Planning Application.

**Planning Application re Melin Homes –** Some concerns were raised about the boundary not being done as per planning approval. **Agreed** to report to the BBNPA.

### 18/132 PCC & PCC HIGHWAY/TRUNK ROAD AGENCY ISSUES –

**PCC Asset Disposal and other outstanding Highway issues in Talgarth –** Noted Cllr J Wilding had circulated detailed notes of the site meeting (*Appendix 1 attached*) which she had attended with County Cllr Phyl Davies, David Pritchard and County Councillor W Powell, on 16 Apr, regarding the surplus or soon to be declared surplus - PCC owned assets and other outstanding highway issues. **Agreed** that Cllr W Powell, Mayor, Cllr Pip Turner and Cllr Phil Lewis, Joint Deputy Mayor, initially prioritise the preferable order of works of which the Town Council would prefer them to be dealt with, as Cllr Phyl Davies highlights monies are limited and Powys County Council probably will not achieve all of our requests. The prioritised list would then be circulated to all Town Councillors to agree before forwarding to County Councillor Phyl Davies.

**PCC - CCTV - Talgarth Recycling facilities -** Cllr W Powell, Mayor reported that he and Cllr J Wilding had a site meeting on 4 May regarding the fly-tipping in this area. Noted Cllr Powell has written to ask if PCC is responsible for the 2 x CCTV cameras at the carpark in Talgarth.

**Toucan crossing at Ysgol y Mynydd Du –** County Cllr W Powell reported that the work on the Toucan crossing had now commenced and the Toucan crossing was to be delivered the following week.

**School/Bilingual Sign – Agreed** to ask Simon Kendrick, PCC, if there is a plan to have this type of sign in the area of Ysgol y Mynydd Du.

### 18/133 COUNTY CLLR WILLIAM POWELL –

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

**Inspectorate report into Adult Social Services –** The report from Care Inspectorate Wales would have to drive a three-year improvement programme across Powys County Council (PCC). Findings from the report, published on May 1, had been fully accepted by PCC and would form a key part of the Council's 2017-2020 Adult Services Improvement Programme, which had already been boosted by increased investment of £6.5m over the next 12 months.

Inspectors provided positive feedback about a number of areas, including urgent safeguarding work and staff morale and were particularly keen to emphasise the quality of much of the work undertaken by frontline carers. However, they also described significant concerns about the need for prompt responses to people in need of help to keep them safe and improve their quality of life. Particularly alarming was the rate of lost calls at the Powys People Direct - PPD –call centre, running in some cases at over 40%. In his own contribution at Full Council on Tuesday, 8 May –Cllr Powell urged the authority to work with Dyfed Powys Police, which has, over time, turned around failing telephony at the force HQ in Carmarthen, showing how it was possible to improve call handling, in a bilingual, deeply rural context.

Recommendations in the report to improve adult services would be implemented as soon as possible, with the new Acting Chief Executive, Dr Mohammed Mehmet and the new Social Services team playing key roles in the improvement programme.

While PCC Leader, Councillor Rosemarie Harris had commented that having a comprehensive improvement plan for adult services and providing significant resources would help make the necessary changes, opposition councillors were determined to ensure, by robust scrutiny, that the effectiveness of the spending is kept under review.

The necessary improvements to the service were extensive and work was now under way, with the help of an Improvement and Assurance Board, increased support from Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association. Alongside the scrutiny brought by members of the Council, these agencies would perform an independent role, monitoring progress in delivering reform and also providing new ideas about how to sustain the positive changes that were necessary.

The report followed a comprehensive and detailed inspection of front line services and safeguarding in January. The inspection also evaluated the quality of leadership, management and governance arrangements at the council. Coming so soon after the damning report of the Care Inspectorate into Children's Services in Powys, taken together, they constituted a major challenge for all officers and elected members in the authority.

**Site meeting re PCC owned assets in Talgarth – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Cllr W Powell reported that he and Cllr J Wilding and had a productive series of site visits to PCC owned assets in Talgarth on 16 Apr, with Cllr Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Property and Highways and David Pritchard. Noted Cllr Wilding had kindly made a comprehensive note of the items discussed, which had been circulated to Town Councillors.

**Recycling/Environmental Services** - Cllr Powell reported that the 'Route Optimisation' rollout by these Services continued to cause some concern, but that things were now progressing. Cllr W Powell reported that he and Cllr Wilding and spoke to Cllr Phyl Davies about the status of the CCTV equipment, overlooking the Talgarth Car Park recycling facilities and were awaiting confirmation from his officer colleagues. It was Cllr Powell's view that a functioning system had a part to play in deterring illegal fly tipping and anti-social practices at the site. He spoke highly of our front line PCC Recycling/Highways colleague Mack who deserved our continued thanks for going so far, so often beyond the call of duty.

**Other issues** – Cllr W Powell confirmed his main case work priorities during the past month had related to housing allocation; housing maintenance issues, notably heating issues, boiler safety checks and issues around the Government sponsored ECO scheme for boiler renewal. There had been reports of door to door promotion under this scheme and some callers had been referred to the police. PCC has a list of 'known contractors' on its website – and Cllr Powell urged residents to consult it, before entering dialogue with potential contractors.

Other matters, including the ongoing traffic calming measures at Ysgol y Mynydd Du and issues relating to the forthcoming closure of the A479, to allow Dwr Cymru upgrade works, were aired according to the agenda.

Cllr J Wilding expressed concern and said it was evident, recorded and reported by Talgarth Town Council in March 2014 prior to the decisions made re adult social services, that there were many flaws in the proposals PCC planned to implement. This unfortunately had led to numerous people suffering unnecessarily, in the main, because PCC did not listen to local residents or the communities they served.

**9.30pm Cllr N Bally arrived at the meeting.**

## **18/134 TALGARTH ISSUES**

### **POLICE -**

**Speedwatch Training Scheme** – Noted that Cllr P Lewis, Cllr R Reid and Cllr J Lilly and one more person from his area, wished to be included on the list of Town Councillors/Others for the Speedwatch Training Scheme. Awaiting completed forms from Cllr J Lilly.

Noted 2 further enquiries received from our recent advertisements.

**KING GEORGE V FIELDS/PAVILION/TADSCA** - Proposed by Cllr W Powell and seconded by Cllr J Wilding, all in favour, that the King George V Playing fields, Pavilion, Children's Play area, Tennis Courts etc again this year, be included in the Town Council Zurich Insurance Policy 1/6/18 – 31/5/19 and we recharge the cost to TADSCA £477.59. Noted we have completed the outstanding works at the Pavilion and Clerk will produce up-to-date balance sheet from original £5,026 grant monies from PCC.

**TALGARTH BOWLING CLUB – TRANSFER TO TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL** – Update received from Vickie Julian PCC on 1 May, with a further proposal with regards to the adjoining land vested in the PCC Council’s Housing service, between points A and B on the plan to the Transfer, suggesting PCC makes the following amendment to the Transfer

- grant the Town Council a right of way between points A-B which can be varied by PCC in the future in the event an alternative route is required.
- offer no compensation for varying the right of way.
- offer no guarantee that the right of way will be unhindered or unobstructed by third parties.
- seek a share of maintenance for its future upkeep of 10% of the costs of maintaining and repairing that defined route – such contribution is consistent with other freehold Community Asset Transfers which PCC have recently completed.

**Agreed** to ask Bowling Club their views and to discuss further at our next meeting before responding to PCC. Noted also Town Council accept the transfer of this asset to the Town Council until all outstanding works are completed and certificates in place.

**Bowling Club meeting** – Received Agenda for meeting 17 Apr and Minutes of 20 Mar meeting. Noted Cllr R Reid agreed to attend the meeting. Also received information re Talgarth Bowling Club setting up a CIO

**TELEPHONE BOX, THE SQUARE 01874 711234** – **Agreed** to forward a letter of grateful thanks to BT for the repaint and re-glazing of this red phone box, which has made such a difference especially as it is in the conservation area of the town.

**OLD POST OFFICE, TALGARTH** – No new update.

**GP BIOTEC – GP Liaison meeting** - Next Liaison Group meeting to be held at 6pm 16 May at Great Porthamel. Noted Cllr J Lilly and Cllr R Reid will be attending and Cllr J Wilding had been invited to attend.

**DOG FOULING –Video** – Cllr J Wilding reported that this is being arranged in June.

**BRECON-HAY RAILWAY- STEERING GROUP MEETING 23 JAN** –

Cllr P Lewis reported that there was a meeting held on 3 May but he was unable to attend and awaiting an update from the meeting which he will share with Town Councillors.

**CLASSIC CAR EVENT – 1<sup>st</sup> JULY** – Request for Mayor’s presence at the Event in Talgarth on 1 July. Cllr W Powell, Mayor is planning to attend.

**Black Mountains College (BMC)** – Update received from Ben Rawlence on 27 Apr, confirming that the BMC was awarded seed funding by the Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNPA) in Jan 2018 to pursue a feasibility study and options appraisal looking at potential sites for the venture. This funding was conditional on match funding from Powys County Council (PCC) which had been pledged at the end of 2017. They had hoped to begin our feasibility work in Feb but due to budget constraints the match funding from PCC has not been forthcoming. They are now working to apply for an Arwain grant for the match funding instead and as soon as this is in place, the feasibility work will begin. In the meantime they conducted a search for a Project Manager and have found an excellent candidate whom they hope to appoint as soon as possible, funding permitting. They will be holding a public meeting in Talgarth Town Hall on 12th May at 10am to update residents on progress, and inform them about the idea further and to solicit suggestions about questions their feasibility work should look into.

Ben Rawlence and Owen Sheers have continued to push the project forward on a voluntary basis, meeting with Swansea University, Gwernyfed School, Black Mountains Land Use Partnership, various Welsh Government officers and the Well Being and Future Generations Commissioner. Enthusiasm nationally is high for the project and the hope that they can deliver the planned work soon and get our funding secured. Note Ben will send us a regular updates in the future.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN** – Cllr J Wilding reported that when Ysgol y Mynydd has settled in, they are planning on doing a briefing as a dementia friendly town.

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** – Cllr R Reid had received reports of some unpleasant smells coming in this location and he would check out if urinals/toilets are all flushing correctly and if not, for the matter to be checked out by Skyrme Electricians.

**YOUTH INTERESTS** – **Agreed** to forward ‘Good Luck’ wishes to Amy on her forthcoming GCSE examinations.

**18/135 GROUP UPDATES –**

**ONE VOICE WALES – Brecon & Radnor group meeting 7pm 18<sup>th</sup> May at Builth Wells –**

Noted Cllr Pip Turner and Cllr P Lewis, Joint Deputy Mayor, have agreed to attend.

**AGM on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Noted OVW AGM to be held on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sept at Royal Welsh Showground. Any Motions to be submitted by 31 May.

**Training Session** - Noted Cllr J Wilding, Mayor to attend Module 17 - Making Effective Grant Applications on 30<sup>th</sup> May at Builth Wells.

**YSGOL Y MYNYDD DU – Official Opening Ceremony - 11am – 12 noon 11 May** – Invitation received for the Town Clerk and Town Councillors to attend.

**FESTIVAL GROUP** – No new update.

**XMAS LIGHTS GROUP** – Cllr R Reid reported that the Band event on 28<sup>th</sup> Apr had been a great success with profits divided between the Xmas Lights, Bowling Club and the local Refugees groups. Also the ‘Boat Race’ during the Walkers are Welcome weekend Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May, was a great success.

**TOURIST INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE (TIRC)** – Cllr W Powell reported the AGM was held at 7pm 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Town Hall and the subject of change of management and downsizing was discussed.

**TOWN HALL –**

**Tender for Works in Town Hall** – Noted only 1 Tender received. **Agreed** to re-tender to include more out-standing jobs, so that work can take place over the Summer break period.

**Stage Curtaining** – Noted Black Mountains Interiors to put together costings for next meeting.

**Zurich Insurance Policy** – 1 June 2018 – 31 May 2019 – **Agreed** to renew Insurance Policy in the sum of £2,831.39.

**V W Cleaning Services** – Noted that the minimum wage for daily Open/Lock Public Conveniences gates had increased to £7.83 per hour from 1Apr 2018.

**Agreed** to - April Gates Open/Close £76.65, Town Hall cleaning £172.80 - £249.45

**Agreed** to forward Veronica a letter of thanks for maintaining such a high cleaning standard.

**TALGARTH & DISTRICT REGENERATION GROUP** – Received TDRG Agenda for AGM on 1 May and draft minutes 10 Apr. Cllr J Wilding reported that she was re-elected as Chair, Rosie Williams, Deputy Chair, Valmai Davies, Secretary and Gilly Glastonbury, Treasurer.

**Remembrance Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018** – Noted event in Town Hall.

**WW1 ball on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018** – Noted event in Town Hall.

**Sports Event – 27/28 July** – Cllr J Wilding reported that the Event preparations were well in hand.

**Town Plan** – Cllr J Wilding reported that the Town Plan Questionnaires are being delivered to households for completion for the eight weeks between Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 for return by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Also she is planning on organising a couple of days for open sessions in the Town Hall or at various other locations to encourage questionnaire completion. A date will be programmed for the results analysis after 25<sup>th</sup> June – noted the BBNPA Sustainable Fund to cover these costs.

Cllr Wilding confirmed that the web version of the Questionnaire will be put on both the Talgarth & District Regeneration and the Town Council web sites.

**Litter Pick** – Noted a recent litter pick had taken place.

**WALKERS ARE WELCOME GROUP**– Received Agenda for AGM 15 May and draft Minutes 17 Apr and AGM minutes 3 May 2017.

Noted Vaughan Evans, Chairman and Havard Prosser, Secretary.

Noted WAW Festival Fri 4 May – Mon 7 May went very well again this year and also the Mill Run.

Noted Cllr J Wilding, Mayor, had been invited to speak at the WAW Opening event on Fri 4 May.

**Agreed** to forward a letter of congratulations to both the WAW group on such a successful event and also a letter of thanks to Sarah Andrews, The Mill, for organising such an excellent Mill Run.

Cllr M Dodds had noted at the 17<sup>th</sup>Apr WAW meeting that a meeting is to be held at 10am 14<sup>th</sup> May at Royston Hall Bronllys to support the installation of a safe footpath for children from Bronllys to get to Talgarth School. Cllr W Powell confirmed that he had been invited to the meeting, convened by Kirsty Williams AM, following a request from a constituent from Bronllys. Kirsty has since invited representation from the Town Council. Noted that Cllr R Reid agreed to attend the meeting.

**18/136 TOWN HALL – MARKET HALL/RAMP ONTO THE MILL YARD –**

**Talgarth Town Hall Basement Electrical work Plans** - Cllr R Reid agreed to chase up Glyn Smith Architect for the plans for the electrical work.

**Town Hall Outstanding works** – Received final Invoice £1,593.09 + £318.62 VAT – Total £1,911.71 for Window repair and decoration. Labour & materials.

Cllr R Reid confirmed that all the works had been completed.

Proposed by Cllr R Reid and seconded by Cllr N Bally, all in favour, that payment of this final invoice £1,593.09 + £318.62 VAT – Total £1,911.71 be paid.

**18/137 TREFECCA ISSUES –**

**Proposed Footpath – Trefecca – Talgarth** – Cllr A Lord previously agreed to resurrect this topic.

**Telephone Box Trefecca – Agreed** that the Mayor signs up the Contract for the Town Council to take over ownership of this phone box from BT. Noted the Police will need to be informed.

**Concern re Open Culvert - running through the garden of Trefecca** –Cllr A Lord agreed to seek any further information from Andrew Jones, owner of the land, so that we can respond to PCC.

**Drain tops (2) broken in Trefecca** – **Agreed** to report to Simon Crowther, PCC.

**18/138 POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD/POWYS LHB SERVICES, BRONLLYS WELL-BEING PARK, POWYS CHC –**

**Radnorshire and Brecknock Local Committee Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Cllr J Wilding gave a brief update on the meeting. Noted minutes to follow.

**Powys Teaching Health Board - Powys OOH and 111 Stakeholder Bulletin** – Information received and on circulation.

**Powys Teaching Health Board - Invest in Your Health - Bronllys Hospital-** Information received and on circulation from Máire McAvinchey, Health & Wellbeing Facilitator.

**18/139 BURIAL GROUND**

**Additional Works in Churchyard** – Cllr A Bufton reported that these additional works had been completed by Martin Leighton to a very high standard.

**Agreed** to forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to Martin Leighton.

**State of Churchyard** – Noted a complaint received regarding the grass cutting causing a problem during the wet weather

**Missing flowers from a grave** – Noted concern received. **Agreed** to ask the local PCSO to look around the Churchyard from time to time.

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

**Woodland Davies Solicitors** - It was noted that the Legal Ombudsman is the organisation to deal with our complaint after a full 8 weeks have elapsed. **Agreed** to pursue this matter after 14 May if the matter of the outstanding £276 due from Woodland Davies Solicitor is not resolved by then.

**18/140 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH (NOT ON AGENDA) & DISCUSSED – FOR ACTION/INFORMATION/ON CIRCULATION-**

**WAG - CTC Review - “pop-in” sessions across Wales** – Information received.

**PCC- Youth Representatives on your Town/Community Councils** – Received e-mail from PCC who is undertaking some work around youth engagement with the Youth Services  
Noted Clerk informed PCC that we recruited a Youth representative in Dec 2017 and hoping to recruit a further one.

**PCC** – Update received regarding HAGS: Welsh Government Announce £1.7m Grant to fund new play areas in Wales

**BBNPA** - Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Friday, 27th April, 2018, 10.00 am

**BBNPA** - Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way, Tuesday, 15th May, 2018, 10.00 am

**OVW-** A Guide to One Voice Wales Services

**OVW** - One Voice Wales’ Innovative Practice Conference 4 July 2018 - Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground

**HM Revenue & Customs** – Noted important changes to VAT126 claims from 1 Feb 2018.

**Mid & West Wales Fire Authority** – Public Health Network Cymru Sustainability Showcase on 23rd May in Abergavenny.

**Requests for Financial Assistance** – Requests received from:

- Bobath Request for Financial Assistance –

- Brecon & District Dial a Ride

**Agreed** to consider with all other requests at end of financial year.

**18/141 AMOUNTS RECEIVED**

Hall Hire- Art Class – 2/5,9/5, 26/5	£36.00
Hall Hire - TIRC - AGM 4/5	£5.00
Hall Hire - Lights Group – 28/4 £22 + £5 use of Town Hall Licence	£45.00
Hall Hire - Cliff Arnold – Hall Hire for Table Tennis	£5.00
Hall Hire – Chris Blake for 8/6	£24.00
Talgarth Town Football Club – Reimbursement of PAT testing Pavilion	£54.00

**18/142 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

J Rumsey, Clerk – May Salary £1,110.63, Apr back pay £21.75, Less Tax £226.60 = £905.78, Tel Rent £17.40, Broadband £22.25, Post £4.17, Home Office £35, Travel £2.25 -	£986.85
V W Cleaning Services – April Gates Open/Close £76.65, Town Hall cleaning £172.80	£249.45
OVW – 2 x Training Fees – Cllr Z Argent, Cllr P Lewis, Amy Argent (free)	£240.00
Smith Builders – Final payment - £1,592.09 + £318.62 VAT	£1,911.71
Talgarth Town Football Club – Reimbursement of £465.20 from PCC for 2 new basins in Pavilion toilet area. Monies previously paid to the Town Council for onward transmission to the FC.	£465.20
Zurich Insurance – 1/6/18 – 31/5/19	£2,831.39
Co-op – Cleaning materials – Town Hall	£5.39
Healthmatic – Public Conveniences – Cleaning 1/4/18 – 30/6/18 – £1,687.50 + VAT £337.50	£2,025.00
Skyrme Electrical – Half-yearly Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Tests – Town Hall - £45 + £9 VAT	£54.00
King George V Pavilion – Half-yearly Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Test - £45 + £9 VAT	£54.00
Planning Aid Wales – Seminar Fee 18 June – Cllr J Wilding	£10.00

**18/143 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Current Account	- £1,870.87
High Interest Account	- £65,513.65 (includes £18,000 third precept on 30/4/2018)

**18/144 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS – 7pm Wed 13 June 2018.**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **MEETING WITH POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHYL DAVIES**

The following notes with regard to the site meeting with County Councillor Phyl Davies, County Councillor William Powell and Cllr Jacqui Wilding, Mayor, held on Monday 16th April 2018. David Pritchard PCC also joined the meeting.

Having discussed all the issues below, CC Phyl Davies asked that we record all these points and prioritise them in order of which the Town Council would prefer them to be dealt with, as he highlights monies are limited and the County Council probably won't achieve all of our requests.

We can discuss listing them in order of our priority at the next meeting and send to the list to CC P. Davies.

### **THIS LIST IS IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER & NEEDS DISCUSSION:**

**Ysgol Y Mynydd Du - Road Safety** - We discussed the ongoing team covering the safety issues at the school and how difficult the problem continues to be and the work being undertaken to introduce calming measures and the slow process considering we noted the problem in the planning application Oct 2016! They will continue to fund the extra monies until the work is complete however I feel we should highlight this could have been avoided had the CC listened to our concerns.

We also discussed adding bollards by the turn coming into Talgarth (near Market end) which apparently isn't under CC Davies remit albeit he said to add to our list and it will be forwarded to the appropriate office.

**High Street Safety** - We walked the High Street, discussed safety re cars going onto pavements and reviewing the difficulties, in particular the kerbs and possibly being raised, in order to prevent the cars mounting them. It is something that we need to discuss and determine what we wish to make as our request.

### **Bollards Heol Las Lane**

As we strolled along the lane to highlight the bollards being damaged (on a regular basis) a local resident actually informed CC P Davies of the history of the access, signage and bollards and how the continued damage has impacted detrimentally on residents.

### **Former PCC Highways Yard**

We discussed this asset and its future use, albeit Mr P Collins has been given the opportunity to take this asset in conjunction with his planning brief for the old Mid Wales Hospital site he hasn't committed by signing it off therefore the CC are determining to review and offer the site for lease to other businesses. It will be determined in next few weeks as they noted Mr P Collins has had information and sufficient time to make decision.

### **Former Library**

PCC are going to retain this building and let it as obviously this is an asset which they can realise monies. As we met in the Library, I had the opportunity to comment and show how sites that are left empty gather rubbish and quickly become dumping grounds and noted that the CC have an obligation not to leave their sites without grass cutting, rubbish gathering and generally looking after them to ensure they are not damaged or vandalised.

### **Former Primary School and Sports Field**

These assets were discussed at length, again highlighting the PCC obligation not to leave their sites without management eg grass cutting, rubbish gathering and generally looking after them to ensure they are not damaged or vandalised or left without review.

It will be at least two years before any decision are realised and we discussed either the building being raised to the ground or being boarded up (just the windows access area's)

The intention is to build council houses on the school site (obviously subject to planning) and to review the sports playing field, albeit (at this time) they are of the same opinion as we are, that the sports fields remain a green area.

#### **Former Victorian School (Old Youth Club)**

This was discussed with our thoughts from the last TC meeting being discussed that we would prefer this being flats and William noted he thought the Swansea church diocese may be interested in the asset. However we were under the impression the building was listed and apparently it is not and PCC need to review what they do with this in conjunction with the building of council houses on the primary school site.

#### **Cadet Hut**

PCC have a long term agreement with the Army Cadets which ensures the Hut is a protected base for the Cadets. The Army have been asked if they are going to continue with the arrangement and have indicated in the affirmative. This is good news in regard to the fact the Cadets are planning to return to Talgarth and develop the troop further.

#### **Bollards for on the road exit near Market**

These were discussed to ensure safety of pedestrians and school children to prevent unacceptable parking on the turning - this is not actually under Cllr P Davies remit albeit he highlighted that we inform him by adding to our list and he will direct to the appropriate PCC department with acknowledgement he has seen the problem for himself.

#### **Bowls Club**

We discussed the access that is now being noted as not available in perpetuity as per our original agreement and the difficulties this causes TC in signing or taking over the Bowls asset. It was noted that this was never the case (according to PCC) however I explained that TC were given to believe this was and would expect this to be the case in the lease documentation before TC would be willing to accept or sign any agreement.

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