

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY,  
18 JANUARY 2023, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Mayor – in the Chair), Cllr R Reid (Deputy Mayor), Cllr J Bond, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr K Burns, Cllr C Bufton-Davies, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Parry

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Coleman, Cllr M Dodds

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk), County Councillor W Powell

**WELCOME:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, welcomed Town Councillors to the meeting.

**23/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest.

**23/07 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 14 December 2022 and Precept minutes 11 January 2023 had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 14 December 2022 and Precept minutes held on 11 January 2023, be accepted as correct records.

**22/08 PLANNING MATTERS –**

**BBNPA – To consider the following Planning Applications**

**(a) BBNPA - Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/21649/FUL** - Proposal: “Erection of reception building for incoming waste”- Address: Land At GP Biotec, Great Porthamel Farm, Talgarth Brecon Powys.

**RESOLVED:** To request from the BBNPA, the outstanding information re hazardous waste, previously omitted from the application form so that the application can be considered. Cllr A Lord reminded members that at the last meeting of the GP Liaison group meeting, Town Councillors had been invited to attend a site visit of GP Biotec.

**(b) Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/21607** - Proposal: “Single-storey extension to rear elevation”- Address: Penbryn House, Hospital Road, Talgarth LD3 ODT.

**RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application, as long as materials are in keeping with the location.

**(c) Planning Application Consultation Letter 23/21678/FUL** - Proposal: “Install a replica tiled roof extension and new frames” Address: Pen-y-wern, Pengeffordd, Talgarth Brecon Powys.

**RESOLVED:** To support this Planning Application, as long as the roof was in keeping with the location.

**BBNPA PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT – Planning Application 21/20619/FUL** - “Full conservation repairs to schedule monument gate tower structure including extensive roof works” (Full Application) at Gate Tower, Great Porthamel, Talgarth, Brecon, Powys.

**BBNPA LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – Planning Application 17/ /15112/LBC** - “Display of Howell Harris Tomb Head stone on raised plinth within grounds of Coleg Trefeca. Related to 16/13531/LBC” (Listed Building Consent) at Coleg Trefeca, College Lane, Trefeca, LD3 0PP

**BBNPA PLANNING DECISION REFUSAL OF PERMISSION - Planning Permission 21/20353/FUL** - Caravan At Neuadd Fach Barn, Pengeffordd.

**BBNPA - Planning Application 22/21625/TRCA** - Proposal: "Removal of Damson tree - in the way of proposed construction works"- Address: Joes Lodge, Hay Road, Talgarth LD3 0AL – Noted BBNPA had confirmed that, as the Local Planning Authority, they have no power to condition these types of notifications but any informative will be added to the decision letter suggesting the replanting of a damson tree within the site as suggested.

**23/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- **OVW /PAVO** – Updates and training dates on circulation.
- **OVW - Brecon & Radnor Area Committee remote meeting - 7pm 9 Jan 2023** – Noted Cllr D Coleman attended the meeting and since circulated a summary of the meeting.
- **WG Finance and Governance toolkit** – No new update.
- **Skills review and training plan** – Noted Cllr K Burns offered to help Cllr A Lord with the Training Plan.
- **Town Council representatives on other groups** – Noted some discussion took place re Town Councillor reps on other groups and a revised list to be circulated so that all Town Councillors can express any groups of interest and a final list can be agreed.
- **Residents Survey** – Noted Cllr Kerry Burns offered to investigate the possibility of carrying out another residents’ survey.
- **Mayor’s Parlour** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that a Mayor’s Parlour has been arranged in the Town Hall, 7pm – 9pm Wed 22 Feb 2023 and Voluntary groups to be invited.

**23/10 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL** – Noted County Councillor W Powell, had circulated his report, in advance of the meeting and spoke to the points raised, at the meeting.

**23/11 PCC highway issues –**

- **Talgarth Carpark** - Noted that part of the wall, around the island in this location, has again been damaged and reported to PCC and an order has been raised for its repair.
- **State of the highway - going from Talgarth up to the Park Woods** – Cllr A Bufton again expressed concern re the terrible breaking-up state of the highway and the bad state of repair of the gabion baskets holding up the bank, quite early in the climb up of this road from Talgarth to the Park Woods. Also fly-tipping again occurring near the entrance to the Park Woods. **RESOLVED:** To report to these issues to PCC to check out for safety.
- **Old Pengenffordd Road, Talgarth** – Cllr A Bufton raised security issues regarding the previously locked gate at the top of Regent Street, these being permanently open, allowing un-authorized access, which has, in turn coincided with fly tipping, theft of firewood etc. **RESOLVED:** To report to PCC to repair the security of this gate for authorised people.

**23/12 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

- **To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 14 December 2022 meeting:**

**Amounts received since last meeting 14 December 2022:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
12/01/2022	M D Pritchett	Hall hire	£108.00
11/01/23BAC	Talgarth Transport	Hall hire – 14/1/23	£79.00
10/01/22 101934	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for small group- 6/01/2023	£7.00
31/12/22BAC	Nat West Bank	Dec Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£5.07
31/12/22 BAC	PCC	Final third precept payment 2022/2023	£20,666.00
20/12/22 BAC	C C James Ltd	SGC – Interment of Ashes SG dec’d	£165.00
19/12/22 BAC	S Williams	Hall hire – 28/12/22	£31.00

15/12/22BAC	Velindre NHS Trust	Hall hire – 10/10/22	£65.00
14/12/22BAC	Mel Barker	Hall hire – 31/12/22	£24.00
12/12/22 101933	Country & Western Club Free Spirit	Hall hire – 02/12/22 £55 + Kitchen £15, Use of Licence £5.50	£75.50
12/12/22 101932	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for small group- 4/12/2022	£7.00

**Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 14 Dec 2022:**

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
16/01/23 3638	Sanders Cleaning	7 days cleaning Public Conveniences	£105.00		£105.00
16/01/23 3637	Mrs S Coles	Xmas Lights – Reimbursement of Electricity	£30.00		£30.00
16/01/23 3636	OVW	Training Fees x 4 Councillors	£105.00		£105.00
16/01/23 3635	A G Evans Builder	Town Hall repairs £101.10 Public Conveniences repairs £35.00	£139.10		£139.10
16/01/23 3634	Blackwood Fire	Town Hall Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	£72.75	£14.55	£87.30
16/01/23 3633	Vision ICT Ltd	Annual e-mail hosting x 1	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60
16/01/23 3632	Vision ICT Ltd	Web hosting Mar 23 – Feb 24 £125 + VAT & 2 x annual email hosting £36 + VAT	£161.00	£32.20	£193.20
16/01/23 3631	Skyrme Electrical	Bowling Club – Emergency Lights - Inspection test	£130.00	£26.00	£156.00
05/01/23 DD	PCC	Town Hall/Public Conveniences - Monthly Council Tax	£116.00		£116.00
28/12/22	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B <sup>n</sup> Band	£27.31	£5.46	£32.77
22/12/22	Eon	Town Hall - Gas	£250.67	£12.53	£263.20
22/12/22	Eon	Town Hall – Electric	£80.68	£4.03	£84.71
22/12/22	Eon	Public Conveniences – Electric	£25.18	£1.26	£26.44
20/12/22 3630	PAVO	Payroll fee – Oct – Dec 2022 – Clerk & Caretaker salaries	£45.00		£45.00
20/12/22 3629	HMRC	Oct - Dec 2022 –Clerk’s Income Tax £918.80, Employee NI for Clerk £326.61- £1,245.41 + Caretaker’s Income Tax £141.40.			£1,386.81
20/12/22 3628	Skyrme Electrical	Public Conveniences – Replace light in Ladies WC £70,Timer as per quote £180 + £50 VAT	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
20/12/22 3627	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary Dec 2022	£553.40		£553.40
20/12/22 3626	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Dec 2022	£1,183.13		£1,183.13

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Schedule of Accounts since 14 December 2022 meeting.

- **To approve Bank Reconciliation – 1 – 31 December 2022 – RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation – 1 – 31 December 2022, which is attached at the end of these minutes.

### 23/13 TALGARTH/TREFECCA UPDATES –

- **Coleg Trefecca** - Cllr A Lord reported, for information, that the new manager of Coleg Trefecca is Wayne Adams.
- **Defibrillator Awareness Training** – Noted Defibrillator Awareness training sessions had taken place by St John’s Ambulance in the Town Hall, during January and more sessions to be arranged, when required.
- **Defibrillator on Town Hall** – noted the Defibrillator is now back in service, after use.
- **Defibrillator** – A suggestion was made for a defibrillator to be located in Trefecca.  
**RESOLVED:** To consider a defibrillator to be located in Trefecca in 2023/2024.
- **On the Verge** – Updates and event notifications received for information on circulation.
- **Xmas Lights** – Received Invoices - HCL Invoice £700 + £140 VAT & I Bowen £260 + £32 VAT for vehicle hire for the 5 year Anchor point test undertaken on 14 Nov 2022.  
**RESOLVED:** To pay invoices of HCL £700 + £140 VAT – Total £840 and I Bowen for £160 + £32 VAT = £192.  
**RESOLVED:** To forward thanks and appreciation to the Xmas Lights group for their work again this year.  
**RESOLVED:** To forward thanks and appreciation to Mrs S Coles for supplying the electricity for the Xmas lights in Bell Street and a payment of £30 reimbursement for the cost of the electricity and thanks to the owners of Glanenig Nursing Home, Great House and George, Butchers for supplying the electricity for the Xmas lights in their areas, over the Xmas period 2022.  
Noted the Xmas Lights AGM will be held 6.30pm 15 Feb in the Committee Room.
- **Talgarth Community Library** – Received a letter of thanks from the Chair of the Talgarth and District Regeneration Group (TDRG), who have the Talgarth Community Library under their auspices, for the Town Council’s commitment of making £500 available after 1/4/23, to be spent to support the provision of the Talgarth Community Library and confirm they fully agree with the action of the Town Council.
- **PCSO Emma Jackson** – Received for information Dec 2022 Crime Report for the area.
- **Speeding in location of the Ysgol y Mynydd du** – Speeding issues were again raised  
Noted the Headteacher had confirmed that they will also report their concerns re speeding near the school, direct to the Police.  
**RESOLVED:** The speedwatch team will undertake some sessions as soon as possible.
- **Walkers are Welcome** – Received meeting agenda for 17 Jan meeting & draft minutes of 6 Dec meeting, for information. Cllr K Burns gave a brief update from the meeting.
- **Town Hall – ‘Tuesday Lunch Club’** - Noted Cllr A Bufton had met with the Gas Range Engineer and suggestions made.  
**RESOLVED:** For the gas range to be serviced by Gavenny Catering Service and Maintenance Company and gas safety certified, together with a new cooker hood - cost approx. £3,000. Cllr A Bufton and Cllr K Burns to meet with reps of the Lunch Club to identify items for future use. Noted the dishwasher to be serviced, costing approx. £200.  
**Town Hall – Broken glass in Prep room**–**RESOLVED:** To pursue repair/replacement through insurance claim.

- **Gritting in Inclement weather** – Received an enquiry about gritting the Churchyard paths for the Xmas services at the Church during the inclement weather. Noted the advice of the Town Council’s Insurance company, was sought and agreed not appropriate action.
- **H & S Audit of Memorial Stones Oct 2021 – RESOLVED:** To complete the issue of the failed stones, when weather permits.
- **St Gwendoline’s Churchyard – Boundary Hedge** – Cllr A Bufton reported that the laying of the hedge adjacent Churchfields would be commencing in the near future and may require some stakes for stability.
- **Proposed Skatepark** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, confirmed she has made contact with the student concerned and will meet up as soon as possible and also refer him to TADSCA.

**23/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

**Talgarth Football Club** – Received a request for financial support re a new CCTV system at the King George V Pavilion. **RESOLVED:** To discuss at the 8 Feb meeting.

**PCC - PCC & Town/Community Council Chairs & Clerks/Quarterly meeting with Town & Community Councils – 19 Jan at 6pm on TEAMS** – Received agenda for the meeting.

**PCC - Powys Planning Decision Notices - 12 Dec 2022 to 6 Jan 2023**

**BBNPA - Planning Committee – 10am 24 Jan** – Agenda received.

**BBNPA - Local Access Forum - 2pm 19 Jan** – Agenda received.

**BBNPA - Ministerial visit - 12 Jan in Town Hall, Talgarth** – Noted the BBNPA hosted an official visit from the Minister for Climate Change, Julie James MS. On the afternoon of her visit, a session was hosted at Talgarth Town Hall where she will witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Park and Black Mountains College. Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, Cllr R Reid, Deputy Mayor, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr A Lord from the Town Council and Cllr C Green attended from The Mill.

**BBNPA - Historic Environment Partnership Network - Winter update received.**

**BBNPA - Weekly Planning Applications** – Received

**BBNPA Planning - River Wall at rear of 10 Bronant** – Received some further information, from the resident of the location.

**BBNPA Planning - Demolition of several buildings:** Joe's lodge, Talgarth – Noted a local resident had cc the Town Council into her concerns re this matter and that BBNPA had since confirmed to the resident that planning permission had been granted.

**Powys CHC** – Received - Notice of Powys CHC Executive Committee Meeting 10 Jan.

- Services Planning Committee Meeting 17 Jan at 1.00pm. Agenda received – on TEAMS

- What is your experience of the NHS 111 Service? – On-line Survey

**Marie Curie** - Request for financial assistance – to be considered at 8 Mar meeting with other applications received during the year.

**Wales Air Ambulance** - Request for financial assistance – to be considered at 8 Mar meeting with other applications received during the year.

**Clerks & Councils Direct** - Jan edition received

**EMRTS Cymru** - Update 15 Dec 22 from the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee on the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS Cymru)

**23/15 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

7pm Wed 8 Feb 2023 Monthly meeting in the Town Hall in the Town Hall  
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

**Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 December - 31 December 2022**

			<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Cap Res Account</b>
<b>Opening Balances - 1 December 2022</b>			<b>£ 1,218.30</b>	<b>£ 9,041.70</b>
<b>Receipts 1 Dec - 31 Dec 2022</b>				
02/12/2022	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - M D Pritchett - Step Aerobics	156.00	
08/12/2022	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - Grow for Talgarth - 3/12	24.00	
14/12/2022	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - Mel Barker - 31/12	24.00	
15/12/2022	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - Velindre NHS Trust - 14/10	65.00	
19/12/2022	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - S Williams - 28/12	31.00	
20/12/2022	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	4,000.00	
20/12/2022	Aut Credit	SGC - Interment of Ashes fee - SG dec'd 17/12	165.00	
20/12/2022	CR101932	Town Hall hire - Black Mountains Friends 2/12	7.00	
20/12/2022	CR101933	Town Hall hire - C & W Club event 2/12	75.50	
30/12/2022	BAC	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 31 Dec		5.07
31/12/2022	BAC	PCC - One third Precept		20,666.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>£ 5,765.80</b>	<b>£29,712.77</b>
<b>Payments 1 Dec - 31 Dec 2022</b>				
05/12/2022	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	116.00	
06/12/2022	CQ3619	Amazon - Xmas Lights Maintenance items	97.93	
05/12/2022	CQ3620	Llangorse CC/OVW - 8 x H & S Training@ £16 ea	128.00	
06/12/2022	CQ3622	MEMSAFE - H & S Audit - Repairs	399.00	
09/12/2022	CQ3613	PCC - Uncontested Election Fee 5/5	676.76	
10/12/2022	CQ3625	Ann Davies - 8 Holly wreaths for War Graves	48.00	
14/12/2022	CQ3611	Gwent & Powys Army Cadets - Donation 13/11	30.00	
20/12/2022	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		4,000.00
21/12/2022	CQ3626	Clerk's Dec salary/expenses	1,183.13	
21/12/2022	CQ3629	HMRC-July, Aug, Sept -Tax & NI Clerk/Caretaker	1,386.81	
22/12/2022	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric	26.44	
22/12/2022	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric	84.71	
22/12/2022	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas	263.20	
22/12/2022	CQ3627	Town Hall Caretaker - Dec salary	553.40	
22/12/2022	CQ3628	Public Conveniences - Skyrme Electrical - Replace faulty light in ladies WC & Timer as per Quote + VAT	300.00	
23/12/2022	CQ3630	PAVO Payroll fee - July, Aug, Sept - Clerk/Caretaker	45.00	
28/12/2022	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly Phone/B'band Rental	32.77	
28/12/2022	CQ3621	OVW -Training fees Cllrs D Coleman/C Green	35.00	
28/12/2022	CQ3623	OVW -Training fees Cllrs Coleman/Bufton-Davies	75.00	
28/12/2022	CQ3624	OVW - Conference fee - Cllr Burns	45.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>£ 5,526.15</b>	
Less Unpresented cheque 3625			£ 48.00	
<b>Closing Balances - 31 Dec 2022</b>			<b>£ 287.65</b>	<b>£25,712.77</b>

