

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Mayor – in the Chair), Cllr A Lord, (Deputy Mayor), Cllr J Bond, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr K Burns, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr R Parry

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Reid, Cllr C Bufton-Davies, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, County Councillor W Powell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Rawlence, Black Mountains College
Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

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

23/29 BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE - Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor welcomed Ben Rawlence to the meeting to clarify his revised transport plan for Phase 1 in respect of Planning Application 21/19965/FUL, which he had submitted to the BBNPA in the Summer of 2022, in response to Highways concerns.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to support this revised transport plan, at this stage, in respect of Planning Application 21/19965/FUL.

23/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest

23/31 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 8 February 2023 had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 8 February 2023, be accepted as a correct record.

23/32 PLANNING MATTERS –

BBNPA – To consider the following Planning Applications

(a) Planning Application Consultation Letter 23/21780/FUL - Proposal: “First Floor extension over an existing kitchen and attached garage. Conversion of garage space to a home office space. Minor internal remodelling and fenestration changes.”- Address: Greenways , Heol Las, Talgarth LD3 0PH

RESOLVED: To support this Planning Application.

(b) Retrospective Planning Application - Consultation Letter 23/21760/FUL Proposal: “Retention of digestate stores (retrospective planning application)”- Address: Land At GP Biotec, Great Porthamel Farm, Talgarth Brecon LD3 0DL

RESOLVED: To support this Retrospective Planning Application.

BBNPA PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT –

- 1. Planning Application 22/20725/FUL -** “Replacement of existing sheds on the same footprint at top of bank” (Full Application) at Old Rectory , Talgarth, LD3 0DW
- 2. Planning Application 22/21326/FUL -** “Application for the replacement of a side extension” (Full Application) at Arosfa, Talgarth, Powys, LD3 0EF.

23/33 LIVERPOOL HOUSE, THE SQUARE, TALGARTH – CO-OPERATIVE STORE –
Noted a conversation was held with a representative from Coop HQ and they promised to forward a timeline of developments.

23/34 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
OVW /PAVO – Updates and training dates on circulation.

- **OVW Membership 1/4/23 – 31/3/24** – Received the renewal fee of £314.
RESOLVED: To pay renewal fee £314 for OVW Membership 2023-2024 .
- **Planning Aid Wales/One Voice Wales Online Event - 22 Mar - ‘The Value of Planning and how it positively impacts our Welsh Communities’ – Fee £40.**
RESOLVED: Cllr Glyn Jones to attend this online event and share the information with Town Councillors.
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor Area Committee 7.00pm 29 March 2023** – Received notification that the next meeting will be held at 7pm Wed 29 Mar at Builth Wells. Noted ‘Understanding the sources of phosphorus in our rivers’ will be a topic at a future meeting, with NRW rep present. Noted Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor and Cllr K Burns expressed an interest to attend the meeting when this topic is discussed.
RESOLVED: Cllr D Coleman to attend this OVW meeting on 29 Mar at Builth Wells.
- **PAVO - Hay and Talgarth & Surrounding Areas Community Connectors Network Meeting** – Received invitation to the meeting on 15 Mar - 10am at Bronllys Hospital.
- **WG Finance and Governance toolkit** – No new update.
- **Skills review and training plan** – Noted Cllr A Lord is currently updating the training plan and agreed to respond to the OVW survey on the Training Plan by 28 Mar 2023
- **Town Council representatives on other groups** – Noted the current list is being updated for finalisation at a future meeting.
- **Communications group** - Cllr J Bond agreed to co-ordinate and take forward the Communications Group and gave a brief update on her ambitions.
- **Equality, diversity & inclusion** – Cllr J Bond gave a brief update.
- **Mayor’s Parlour 7pm – 9pm Wed 22 Feb 2022 in Town Hall** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave an update from the Mayor’s Parlour - noting that the purpose of the event was for the Town Council to facilitate partnership working for the community. Noted the successful event was well-attended with 57 present, representing approx 24 groups.
RESOLVED: Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, to forward some of the salient points discussed, to all groups present.

23/35 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - 2022-2023 –

RESOLVED: To donate the final £90 of the £250 budget, to Wales Air Ambulance.

23/36 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL – Noted County Councillor W Powell had circulated the following, in advance of the meeting, for information:

- PCC highway updates
- Final version of our three centre Play Sufficiency Report by the Ludicology consultancy
- Recording of the Deputy Minister's 20mph Briefing on 6 Mar – instructions and contact details to enable interested colleagues to view the Ministerial Briefing received.

RESOLVED: To request a copy of the recording of the Deputy Minister's 20mph Briefing for interested colleagues to view.

PCC Standards Community Sub-Committee for Brecon & Radnor – Noted nominations invited to this sub-Committee by 28 Apr with final voting in July.

RESOLVED: No nomination made and to take part in final voting in July.

PCC & Town & Community Council REMOTE Meeting 6pm – 7.30pm 27 Apr 2023 – Received notification of the date for next meeting.

37/37 PCC Trunk Road Agency updates – Bronllys Road A479 - 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads – Received WG correspondence via Richard Walker, Resident Bronllys Road re ‘Setting exceptions to the 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads’ together with a copy of his daft submission to the WG.

Also received an update from Rod King MBE, Founder and Campaign Director of ‘20’s Plenty for Us’. **RESOLVED:** To support Richard Walker’s letter.

23/38 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 8 February 2023 meeting:

Amounts received since last meeting 8 Feb 2023:

Date	From	Item	Amount
04/03/2023 101937	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for small group- 3/3/2023	£7.00
28/02/2023BAC	Nat West Bank	Feb Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£13.49
24/02/2023BAC	C C James Ltd	SGC – EM dec’d Burial Plot	£493.00
23/02/2023BA	Grow for Talgarth	Hall Hire – Committee Room	£14.00
18/02/2023BAC	Llandefalle YFC	Hall Hire - 24/02/23 Concert	£70.00
10/02/2023BAC	Zurich Insurance	Claim re TH window	£295.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 8 Feb 2023:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
08/03/23	Public Loan Board	Half-year repayment due 8/3/23 of £4,506.46 (incl interest)	£4,506.46		£4,506.46
08/03/23 3668	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Mar 2023	£1,176.07		£1,176.07
08/03/23 3667	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary Mar 2023	£553.40		£553.40
08/03/23 3666	Cllr R Reid	£150 Councillor Allowance 2022/23 less deductions	£120.00		£120.00
08/03/23 3665	Cllr R Parry	£150 Councillor Allowance 2022/23	£150.00		£150.00
08/03/23 3664	Cllr L Elston-Reeves	£150 Councillor Allowance + £500 Mayor’s allowance less deductions	£300.99		£300.99
08/03/23 3663	Cllr D Coleman	Pro Rata payment of £150 Councillor Allowance 2022/23 less deductions	£88.12		£88.12
08/03/23 3662	Cllr C Bufton-Davies	Pro Rata payment of £150 2022/23 Councillor Allowance	£76.70		£76.70
02/03/23 3661	Eric Pugh Computers	New Battery for Council Laptop	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00

02/03/23 3660	SLCC	SLCC Annual Subscription – 1/2/23 – 31/1/2024	£187.00		£187.00
02/03/23 3659	Sanders Housekeeping	Public Conveniences cleaning – 24/2 – 2/3/23	£105.00		£105.00
02/03/23 3658	Dwr Cymru	Town Hall Water Rates – 4/8/22- 16/2/23	£102.95		£102.95
02/03/23 3657	Dwr Cymru	Public Conveniences Water Rates – 4/8/22- 16/2/23	£455.99		£455.99
02/03/23 3656	Newhall Janitorial Ltd	Town Hall – Cleaning materials	£60.09	£12.02	£72.11
02/03/23 3655	Skyrme Electrical	Install Emergency Light in Bowling Club Disabled Toilet	£124.82	£24.96	£149.78
02/03/23 3654	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC - Churchyard maintenance – Balance of Annual Contract 1/4/22 – 31/3/23	£1,039.27	£207.85	£1,247.12
27/02/23	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£27.31	£5.46	£32.77
21/02/23 3653	Bruce Williams	Lease – Town Hall onto Mill Yard – Peppercorn rent	£1.00		£1.00
20/02/23 3652	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Jan 2023	£1,173.77		£1,173.77
20/02/23 3651	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary Feb 2023	£553.40		£553.40
20/02/23 3650	Savers	Batteries for IT equipment	£6.58		£6.58
20/02/23 3649	PPLPRS Ltd	Town Hall – Music Licence – Royalties 4/3/23 – 5/3/24 – Reduced fee - Includes credits for closure during COVID	£1.25	£0.25	£1.50
20/02/23 3648	OVW	Training fee – Jan – Cllr J Bond	£35.00		£35.00
19/02/23 3647	A G Evans Builder	Town Hall – Urgent repairs as per quote	£1,063.60		£1,063.60
16/02/23	Eon Next	Town Hall - Gas	£563.162	£28.16	£591.32
16/02/23	Eon Next	Town Hall – Electric	£94.61	£4.74	£99.35
16/02/23	Eon Next	Public Conveniences – Electric	£62.06	£3.10	£65.16
09/03/23 3646	Printerbase Ltd	Laser printer cartridge	42.75	8.55	£51.30
09/02/23 3645	Gavenny Catering Ser & Maint	Town Hall – Service Dishwasher	200.00	40.00	£240.00
09/02/23 3644	BOSS Ltd	Stationery – A4 paper & Highlighters	41.46	8.29	£49.75
09/02/23 3643	BOSS Ltd	2 Wallace Cameron Med First Aid Kits 1 Wallace Cameron Eye Wash Disp	86.49	17.30	£103.79

RESOLVED: To approve the Schedule of Accounts since 8 February 2023 meeting.

- **To Approve - 1 – 28 February 2023 - Bank Reconciliation Statement – RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation – 1 – 28 February 2023, attached at the end of these minutes.

23/39 TALGARTH/TREFECCA UPDATES –

- **Talgarth Town Football Club – King George V Pavilion** – Noted the representative of the Football Club was not able to attend this evening’s meeting.
RESOLVED: Reps of the Town Council to meet reps of the Football Club for an update.
- **HRH King Charles III Coronation** – Noted information had been received re the Coronation mugs for the pupils of Ysgol y Mynydd Du. **RESOLVED:** To order 108 Coronation China Mugs from Tristar Media Ltd, Swansea - £4.33 each + £10 Del + VAT.

Grow for Talgarth – Updates/March Newsletter received and on circulation. Noted the AGM had taken place on 21 Feb, attended by Cllr M Dodds who gave a brief update.
- **Tuesday Lunch Club** -- Update received and on circulation, noting that the Tuesday Lunch Club and Coffee Morning events are all going well.
- **WAW Committee Meeting** – Noted the next meeting was held at 7pm Tues 28 Feb at Talgarth Football Club - Agenda and minutes received and on circulation.
- **On the Verge** – Noted the next meeting will be 6pm Mon 17 Apr in the Committee Room.
- **TIRC** – Draft minutes of their 6 Mar meeting received and on circulation
- **Xmas Lights** – Noted AGM will be held at 6pm, followed by the General meeting on Mon 27 March in the Town Hall Committee Room.
- **G P Biotec** – Noted further smells had been received on 13/14 Feb and reported to the relevant bodies.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park – Public Meeting** - 7pm 23 March in the Town Hall, Talgarth - Received invitation to attend the meeting.
- **Swift boxes on town hall** – Noted more information re sizes and proposed location of the 2 swift boxes to be forwarded to the BBNPA, for their consideration, in respect of any possible permissions that may be required.

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- **Repairs to Gas Range** – Repair works to be undertaken in the new financial year. Noted that scaffolding is now required to be erected for this vent work.
RESOLVED: To obtain quotes for scaffolding as soon as possible.
- **Blood Session in Town Hall** – Received letter dated 15 Feb cancelling the Town Hall, Talgarth for further blood donations sessions, due to venue access suitability.
- **Public Conveniences** – Noted again, a water leak from this location into the Market Hall.
RESOLVED: To ask Alan Evans Builder to try and locate this problem urgently.
- **Town Hall hire fees** – **RESOLVED:** Fees to be considered at 12 Apr meeting.

St Gwendoline’s Churchyard - Boundary Hedge laying, adjacent Churchfields - Noted the Black Mountains College has confirmed that they have completed part of the hedge laying in this location and the remainder will be completed this coming winter. Noted Cllr A Bufton verbally thanked Ben Rawlence earlier this evening for this good work.

The Mill Café – Noted a request was received by The Mill Cafe for the Public Conveniences to be left open until approx 10pm to accommodate their Quiz evening of 4 March, which was arranged.

Brilliant Basics Tourism Fund – Cllr L Elston-Reeves thanked Cllr K Burns for forwarding to the Town Council, the link re this funding bid.

Cllr Burns gave an update confirming that, at the meeting of the Talgarth Walkers are Welcome Group meeting held on 28 Feb, the objective was to enhance Tourism in Talgarth and it had been agreed that an initial Application should be made to PCC.

Proposed Skatepark – Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves had been in communication with the local student, Nye and no new update.

- **Market Hall** – Noted Cllr K Burns wished this area to be looked at with the possibility of using it for events. **RESOLVED:** To locate historic plans.

23/40 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

PCC - Climate and Nature Action Forum – Survey by 11 Apr – noted Town and Community Council Climate and Nature Action Forum 14th June 2023.

PCC - WG Green Business Loan Scheme

PCC – Powys Regional Partnership Board – news

PCC - Powys Service Board Cllr Hugh Patrick update and position with T&CC’s

BBNPA - National Park Authority, 10am Fri, 10 Mar - Agenda

BBNPA - Historic Environment Action Plan: Consultation for 6 weeks – ends 10 Apr

BBNPA - Local Access Forum, 2pm 2 Mar at BBNPA HQ – Agenda

BBNPA - Planning Applications – list of weekly Planning Applications received

Wales Air ambulance Service - Noted it is confirmed that the service will continue to operate out of Welshpool Airport until at least 2026

Powys CHC - Newsletter - Issue 10 - February 2023

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - Feb 2023 – On circulation.

Safer route - Clyro to Hay – Received Clyro Community Council’s plans, for information.

23/41 Date of the next meeting - Wed 12 April 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 Feb - 28 Feb 2023			Current Account	Cap Res Account
Opening Balances - 1 Feb 2023			£ 1,318.40	£20,229.43
Receipts 1 Feb - 28 Feb 2023				
06/02/2023	Aut Credit	C C James Ltd Burial Plot	493.00	
06/02/2023	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - C C James Ltd	59.00	
10/02/2023	Aut Credit	Zurich Insurance - Claim re Town Hall window	295.00	
10/02/2023	CR101935	Town Hall hire - Child's Party	24.00	
10/02/2023	CR101936	Town Hall hire - Black Mountains Friends 3/2	7.00	
20/02/2023	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - Llandefalle YFC	70.00	
23/02/2023	Aut Credit	Town Hall hire - Grow for Talgarth	14.00	
23/02/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	3,500.00	
24/02/2023	Aut Credit	C C James Ltd Burial Plot	493.00	
28/02/2023	BAC	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 28 Feb		13.49
			£ 6,273.40	£20,242.92
Total Receipts				
Payments 1 Feb - 28 Feb 2023				
06/02/2023	CQ3636	Sanders Housekeeping - Cleaning	105.00	
02/02/2023	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	116.00	
10/02/2023	CQ3646	Printerbase - Printer Cartridge	51.30	
16/02/2023	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric	65.16	
16/02/2023	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric	99.35	
16/02/2023	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas	591.32	
17/02/2023	CQ3645	Gavenny Catering Services-Service Dishwasher	240.00	
20/02/2023	CH3648	OVW - Training Fee	35.00	
21/02/2023	CQ3643	BOSS - First Aid Kits x 3	103.79	
21/02/2023	CQ3644	BOSS - Stationery	49.75	
21/02/2023	CH3653	Town Hall/Mill Lease rent- 1/4/23-31/3/24	1.00	
23/02/2023	3650	Batteries for Town Hall IT equipment	6.58	
23/02/2023	CQ3651	Caretaker's Feb salary	553.40	
23/02/2021	CQ3652	Clerk's Feb salary/expenses	1,173.77	
23/02/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		3,500.00
24/02/2023	CQ3649	Town Hall-PPL PRS 4/3/23 -5/3/24-incls credits	1.50	
27/02/2023	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly Phone/B'band Rental	32.77	
28/02/2023	CQ3647	A G Evans Builder - Town Hall repairs	1,063.60	
Total Payments			£ 1,213.40	
		Unpresented cheque 3648	£ 35.00	
		Unpresented cheque 3653	£ 1.00	
Closing Balances - 28 Feb 2023			£ 2,020.11	£16,742.92

