

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves (In the Chair), Cllr A Bufton, Cllr K Burns, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Lord (Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Bond, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr C Bufton-Davies

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

**23/68 WELCOME:** Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, welcomed Members to the meeting and read out a 'Thank You' card from the family of the late Cllr R Reid, re the use of the Town Hall, for the 'Celebration of Life Get Together' to remember Richard, on 14 April.

**23/69 RESIGNATION** – Received the resignation of Cllr Rachel Parry, due to her current work commitments. **RESOLVED:** To thank Cllr Parry for all her valued work as a Town Councillor.

**23/70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest

**23/71 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 April 2023 had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 April 2023, be accepted as a correct record.

**23/72 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and training dates on circulation.
- **OVW – Motions for 2023 Annual General Meeting** – OVW has invited Member Councils to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on 30 Sept, to be submitted by 23 June 2023 for consideration by the Conference Motions Committee. **RESOLVED:** To prepare a motion on the new identification requirements for elections, for our 14 June meeting, for onward submission to OVW by 23 June, for consideration.
- **OVW - Brecon & Radnor Area Committee 29 March 2023** – Received draft minutes of the meeting held on 29 March. Noted the next meeting will be held at 7pm 14 June and that OVW is requesting a Town/Community Council to host this meeting – same date as our next Town Council meeting.
- **OVW - Practice Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground on Wed 5 July** – Received notification of this forthcoming Conference. Cllr K Burns expressed an interest in attending and would check his availability.
- **PAVO membership** – Noted free bi-annual Membership of PAVO is due for renewal. **RESOLVED:** To renew Town Council Membership.
- **Mayor's Parlour follow up meeting 5.30pm Tues 18 April** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave an update on the well-attended, informal follow-up meeting held on 18 April, which discussed forward planning of all groups.
- **Talgarth Funding Fair –Wed 17 May 4pm – 6pm** - Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that information of an open event for all groups, had been circulated re the 'Funding Fair' to be held in the Town Hall.

**23/73 TOWN COUNCIL 2 VACANCIES:** Clerk reported that PCC had confirmed that there had been no call for an Election to date and would confirm final position as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED:** If no call for an Election received by deadline date, to advertise the two vacancies for co-option for our 14 June meeting.

**23/74 BBNPA - PLANNING ISSUES –**

To consider following two Applications -

1. **RETROSPECTIVE Planning Application Consultation Letter 23/21906/ADV - Proposal: “Signage indicating a place of worship fixed to facade of building” - Address: Former Talgarth Library, New Street, Talgarth LD3 0AH . RESOLVED:** To support Planning Application 23/21906/ADV.
2. **Planning Application Consultation Letter 23/21917/FUL - Proposal: “Resubmission of a proposal for change of use and an extension to the existing joinery to be used as B8 storage” - Address: Colin Lewis Joinery , Bowling Green Lane, Talgarth LD3 0AA. RESOLVED:** To support Planning Application 23/21917/FUL.

**PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT –**

1. **Planning Application 23/21678/FUL - “Install a replica tiled roof extension and new frames” (Full Application) at Pen-y-wern, Pengenffordd, Talgarth, Brecon Powys**
2. **Planning Application 23/21810/TPO - Proposal: “Crown reduction by 25% to oak tree, crown is very dead and falling branches are a safety hazard” - Address: 30 Bryn Derwen, Talgarth, Brecon Powys LD3 0DH.**

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS –**

**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (Public Footpath No. 11 at Great Porthamel in the Town of Talgarth) Public Path Diversion Order 2017.**

**23/75 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL –** Noted County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting.

**Security of the Access Gate – Upper Section of Regent Street and Fly Tipping in the area –** Noted fly tipping occurring again in this location.

**RESOLVED:** To request PCSO presence in this location, when patrolling/visiting in Talgarth.

**PCC Matters -**

- **Appointment of Town/Community Councillor to the PCC Breconshire Standards Community Sub-Committee –** Noted Ballot sheet to be returned to PCC by 19 June.  
**RESOLVED:** To seek more information re the 2 applicants - Karen Mary Coldrick, Llangammarch Community Council and Evan Paul Silk – Cwmdu & District Community Council, for our 14 June meeting.
- **PCC - Powys Town Placemaking Plans Initiative –** Noted a first meeting has been arranged by Owen Davies Consulting Ltd – to meet at the Town Hall, 11am Fri 12 May.
- **PCC & Town & Community Council remote meeting 27 Apr 2023 –** Awaiting minutes of the meeting. Noted future quarterly meeting dates will rotate on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of the month – dates to be announced

**23/76 TO APPROVE TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 1/4/2022 – 31/3/2023 -**

Noted the Clerk/RFO had prepared and distributed the annual accounts prior to the meeting, noting the accounts had been internally audited and met with the approval of the internal auditor.

**RESOLVED:** The Town Council unanimously approved:

- Annual Return - Accounting Statements and completed the Annual Governance Statement and the official copy was duly signed by Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor having been previously signed by Josephine Rumsey, Clerk/RFO.
- The Assets Register 2022-2023

**23/77 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

- **To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 Apr 2023 meeting:**

**Amounts received since last meeting 12 Apr 2023:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
05/05/2023	Georgia Wickham	Hall hire 06/05/23	£48.00
05/05/2023 101943	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for small group-5/523	£7.00
05/05/2023 101942	C Bufton-Davies	Hall hire 27/04/23	£36.00
28/04/22BAC	Nat West Bank	Apr Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£4.78
28/04/22 BAC	PCC	First third precept payment 2023/2024	£24,334.00
26/04/2023	M D Pritchett	Hall hire	£132.00
21/04/2023	HMRC	VAT Refund 2022/2023	£8,787.36
13/04/2023 101941	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for small group-6/4/2023	£7.00

**Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 12 Apr 2023:**

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
08/05/2023 3689	One Stop Promotions	1 x Union Jack & 1 Welsh Flags – 6' x 3'.	£75.90	£15.18	£91.08
08/05/2023 3688	Newhall Janitorial Ltd	Town Hall/Public Conveniences – Cleaning materials	£96.84	£19.37	£116.21
08/05/23 3687	PHS Group	Public Conveniences – Sanitary bins collection 24/05/23 – 23/5/24.	£60.63	£12.13	£72.76
05/05/23 DD	PCC	Town Hall/Public Conveniences - Monthly Council Tax	£198.17		£198.17
25/04/23	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£21.66	£4.33	£25.99
20/04/23 3686	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Apr 2023	£1,174.59		£1,174.59
20/04/23 3685	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary Apr 2023	£536.55		£536.55
20/04/23 3684	PCC	Town Hall – Alcohol Licence fee	£180.00		£180.00
13/04/23 3683	E S	Overpayment of fee	£165.00		£165.00
13/04/23 3682	C C James Ltd	Overpayment of fee	£493.00		£493.00
13/04/23 3681	C C James Ltd	Overpayment of fee	£493.00		£493.00
12/04/23	Eon	Town Hall - Gas	£444.57	£22.23	£466.80
12/04/23	Eon	Town Hall – Electric	£82.37	£4.12	£86.49
12/04/23	Eon	Public Conveniences – Electric	£59.25	£2.96	£62.21

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Schedule of Accounts since 12 April 2023 meeting.

- **To receive 1 April 2022 – 31 Mar 2023 - Budget Statements** – Successfully Audited by Internal Auditor.
- **To Approve - 1 – 30 April 2023 - Bank Reconciliation Statement** – **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation – 1 – 30 April 2023, attached at the end of these minutes.

## 23/78 TALGARTH/TREFECCA UPDATES –

- **HRH King Charles III Coronation events Update** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that she had attended the Presentation of the Coronation Mugs to the Ysgol y Mynydd Du children, at the school on 5 May and the well-attended Coronation Tea in Town Hall on 8 April. She also reported other successful Coronation events that took place over the Coronation weekend - at the Castle Hotel and the King George V Playing fields which had been well attended.
- **Union Jack & Welsh Flags** – Noted a new Union Jack and a Welsh Flag – 6' x 3' size had been purchased from One Stop Promotions Ltd - £75.00 + £15.18 VAT – Total £91.08, for the Town Hall, in readiness for the Coronation.  
**RESOLVED:** To payment of One Stop Promotions Ltd Invoice £91.08.
- **WAW Committee Meeting** – Received AGM Agenda for meeting on 16 May and draft Minutes of the 4 Apr meeting. Noted that the WAW Festival 2023 had been a great success.
- **On the Verge** – Received notification of forthcoming events:
  - **Woodlands Ave - Open Day** - 11am Sun 14 May.
  - **AGM – 6.30pm 30 May** - at the Football Club.
  - **PCC Environment and Nature event on 14th June 2023 at the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells** – Noted Martin Draper, as Chair of OTV will be taking part and will report back to the Town Council.
- **TDRG** – Received draft minutes of the meeting held on 5 Apr and notification of a further meeting at 7pm 2 May. Cllr C Bufton-Davies gave a brief update on the 2 May meeting regarding the forthcoming Coronation tea.
- **Festival Group** – Noted that the Festival arrangements are in hand for 26/27 Aug. Clerk to arrange the PCC road closure as previously agreed – fee £385.
- **Powys Teaching Health Board – Celebrating Powys Local NHS Heroes for the NHS 75th birthday** – Information received from PtHB, noting they are offering Town/Community Councils across Powys the opportunity to celebrate a Powys Local NHS Hero in their community – to apply by 30 June 2023 at [powys.engagement@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:powys.engagement@wales.nhs.uk) .  
**RESOLVED:** To consider at 14 June meeting.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** – Received invitation to the Bronllys Well Being Park AGM, to be held on Thurs 29 June 6pm - 9pm in the Town Hall Talgarth.
- **Swift boxes on rear of Town Hall** – Noted permission has been granted from Felin Talgarth Mill Ltd re this project and awaiting the installation of the Swift boxes in this location.
- **Cricket Pavilion at former MWH** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves gave an update on the recent fire in this location and that a request had been made to the owner to instigate some security fencing to the affected area. Also that an offer had been made for the flag poles to be relocated to the War Memorial in the Town, for use.

## TOWN HALL -

**Town Hall - Repairs to Gas Range/Scaffolding** – Noted the cheapest quote of HMS Scaffolding – £480.00 + VAT £96.00 – Total £576 had been accepted and Cllr A Bufton reported that the target dates for this work will be around 7,8,9,June.

**Dishwasher** – Noted Gavenny Services had repaired the leak.  
**Town Clock** – Awaiting a quote from Smith of Derby for a replacement motor.  
**Public Conveniences** – Noted Alan Evans Builder was still trying to locate the leak problem.  
**MIND – Hire of Town Hall** – Request received from MIND for their group to temporarily meet in the Committee Room on a Thurs morning 9am – 12 noon at a charge of £20 per session.  
**RESOLVED:** To agree to this arrangement at £20 per session.

**ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD** – Noted OTM has reported a problem of having to remove mole hills before undertaking the regular ground maintenance and asking the Town Council if they wished the matter to be addressed/ treated.

A proposal was made and seconded, to treat the problem – three members were against and one abstained to this proposal.

Received April monthly Invoice for Churchyard Maintenance from OTM - £424.38 + £84.88 VAT – Total £509.26 – noting cuts, so far had been undertaken on 27/03/23, 20/04/23, 4/05/23.

**RESOLVED:** Not to do anything about the issue of the moles at the moment.

To pay OTM April invoice £509.26.

**23/79 S6 BIODIVERSITY REPORT** – Noted Cllr A Lord is currently working on the report, on behalf of the Town Council.

**23/80 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

**WG - Draft Order - Permanent Order** – Received information in respect of the A40, A44, A458, A470, A479, A483, A487 and A489 Trunk Roads (Powys and Ceredigion) (20mph, 30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limits and De-Restriction) Order 202).

**PCC - High Sheriff of Powys** – Update received from the newly appointed High Sheriff of Powys, Reg Cawthorne.

**Powys Roads Winter Service Review** – information received.

**Powys Planning Decision Notices** - 3 - 14 April 2023 & 17.04.23 to 28.04.23.

**Local Promotion of Public Engagement - Air Ambulance service in Wales** - Media Release for website/Internal Bulletin for intranet: Have Your Say on EMRTS Service Review Engagement – Information received.

**BBNPA Planning Applications** – Weekly list of Planning Applications received.

**23/81 Date of the next meeting** - Wed 14 June 2023 – Monthly meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

<b>Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2023</b>			<b>Current Act</b>	<b>Cap Res Act</b>
<b>Opening Balances - 1 Apr 2023</b>			<b>£ 1,497.88</b>	<b>£ 6,751.55</b>
<b>Receipts 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2023</b>				
13/04/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	1,500.00	
13/04/2023	CR101941	Town Hall hire - Black Mountains Friends 3/3	7.00	
21/04/2023	BAC	HMRC - VAT Reclaim - 2022-2023	8,787.36	
26/04/2023	BAC	Town Hall hire - Exercise class	132.00	
27/04/2023	TRS	Transfer Current Account to Capital Reserve Ac		5,000.00
28/04/2023	BAC	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 30 Apr		4.78
28/04/2023	BAC	PCC - One third Precept		24,334.00
		Total Receipts	£11,924.24	£36,090.33
<b>Payments 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2023</b>				
12/04/2023	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric	62.21	
12/04/2023	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric	86.49	
12/04/2023	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas	466.80	
13/04/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		1,500.00
13/04/2023	CH3681	Refund of overpayment of Burial fee	493.00	
13/04/2023	CH3682	Refund of overpayment of Burial fee	493.00	
18/04/2023	CH3679	OVW - Annual Subscription - 2023-2024	314.00	
20/04/2023	CH3683	Refund of overpayment of Burial Fee	165.00	
26/04/2023	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly Phone/B'band Rental	25.99	
27/04/2023	TRS	Transfer Current Account to Capital Reserve Ac	5,000.00	
27/04/2023	CH3684	PCC-Town Hall Alcohol Licence fee - 2023-2024	180.00	
27/04/2023	CH3685	Caretaker's Apr salary	536.55	
27/04/2023	CH3686	Clerk's Apr salary/expenses	1,174.59	
		Total Payments	£8,997.63	£1,500.00
<b>Closing Balances - 30 April 2023</b>			<b>£2,926.61</b>	<b>34,590.33</b>