

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr L Elston-Reeves (In the Chair), Cllr A Lord (Deputy Mayor), Cllr C Briggs, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr K Burns, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr J Evans, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Bond, Cllr C Bufton-Davies, Cllr M Dodds, County Councillor W Powell

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

23/97 WELCOME: Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, welcomed the two new Members – Cllr C Briggs and Cllr J Evans and all Members to the meeting.

23/98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest

23/99 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14 June 2023, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council held on the 14 June 2023, be accepted as a correct record.

23/100 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and training dates on circulation.
- **OVW - Brecon & Radnor Area Committee 7pm 14 June** – Received draft minutes 14 June meeting. Note next meeting - 7pm Mon 9 Oct 2023 at the Strand, Builth Wells.
- **OVW – Innovative Practice Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground on Wed 5th July** – Noted Cllr Kerry Burns attended the Conference and gave a brief update and at the meeting.

23/101 BBNPA - PLANNING ISSUES – To consider the following Planning Application:

- (a) **Planning Application 23/22066/FUL** - Proposal: “Planning application for a rear two storey extension additional dormer window and a front porch” - Address: Lower Penybryn , Talgarth, LD3 0EE

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed not to support this Planning Application.

It is felt that the design and materials of the proposed extension to the property are non-traditional and not in keeping with the existing buildings on the site, and there is concern about this application setting precedent for non-vernacular additions to otherwise traditional buildings.

PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT – Permissions granted:

1. **Planning Application 22/21241/FUL** - Proposal: “Creating a wildlife pond in the garden and installing a small domestic ground-mounted solar PV (photovoltaic) array to provide green energy to the property.” - Address: Oak Cottage, Regent Street, Talgarth Brecon LD3 0DD
Grid Reference: E:315502 N:233479
2. **Planning Application: 23/21780/FUL** - Proposal: First Floor extension over an existing kitchen and attached garage. Conversion of garage space to a home office space has some minor internal remodelling and fenestration changes - Address: Greenways, Heol Las, Talgarth, LD3 0PH – Approval Granted at BBNPA Planning Committee on 4 July.

23/102 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**Amounts received since last meeting 14 June 2023:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
30/06/23BAC	Nat West Bank	June Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£25.95
27/06/23BAC	R W Evans & Son	SGC fee – paid in error – to be refunded	£47.00
17/06/23BAC	O Sheers	Hall hire – Child’s party 17/06	£39.00
15/06/23 BAC	M Pritchett	Hall hire – Exercise class	£132.00
13/06/23 BAC	R W Evans & Son	SGC – Fees 2 x 2 nd Inscriptions – IBL & MD dec’d	£94.00
12/06/2023 101944	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for small group- 02/06/23	£7.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 14 June 2023:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
01/07/23 3712	R W Evans	Refund of SGC fee paid in error	£47.00		£47.00
26/06/23 3711	PAVO	PAVO payroll fee Apr, May, June – Clerk & Caretaker salaries	£54.00		£54.00
26/06/23	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B’Band	£21.66	£4.33	£25.99
26/06/23 3710	HMRC	Apr, May, June 2023 –Clerk’s Income Tax £814.80, Employee NI for Clerk £248.432+ Caretaker’s Income Tax £286.80.	£1,350.03		£1,350.03
22/06/23 3709	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary June 2023	£536.55		£536.55
22/06/23 3708	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses June 2023	£1,168.32		£1,168.32
21/06/23 3707	Printerbase	2 x laser printer cartridges - £45 each 20% £18 discount + VAT	£72.00	£14.40	£86.40
21/06/23 3706	Smith of Derby	Town Hall Clock – New Motor	£1,437.00	£287.40	£1,724.40
21/06/23 3705	OVW	OVW Conference fee 5/7/23 – Cllr K Burns	£60.00		£60.00
21/06/23 3704	HMS Scaffolding	Town Hall – Scaffolding for Installation Gas Interlock and Extraction system	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00
20/06/23	Eon	Town Hall - Gas	£209.82.	£10.49	£220.31
20/06/23	Eon	Town Hall – Electric	£166.16	£8.31	£174.47
20/06/23	Eon	Public Conveniences – Electric	£62.18	£3.11	£65.29
14/06/23 3703	Gavenny Catering	Town Hall – Installation Gas Interlock and Extraction system	£3,940.00	£788.00	£4,728.00
14/06/2023 3702	Zurich Municipal	Town Council Policy - 01/06/23 – 31/05/2024	£5,574.26		£5,574.26

- **To Approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 14 June 2023 meeting – RESOLVED:** To approve the Schedule of monthly accounts since 14 June 2023.
- **To Approve - 1 – 30 June 2023 - Bank Reconciliation Statement – RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation – 1 – 30 June 2023, attached at the end of these minutes.

23/103 CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT FOR POWYS – ON BEHALF OF POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – Received notification of the consultation which ends 10 July 2023. Noted PCC has started to prepare its local housing market assessment and now seeking feedback. The assessment includes evidence of existing housing needs in Powys and an estimate of new housing needs arising in the next fifteen years. Discussion took place regarding the 4 questions in the survey.

RESOLVED: To respond to the 4 questions in the survey as discussed.

23/104 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL – County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting.

PCC Highways & Other Matters -

- **School Transport from Talgarth To Gwernyfed High School** – Noted the concerns had been raised by Cllr W Powell re the vexed School Transport situation from Talgarth to Gwernyfed High School. Noted the long term problem with the provision of an adequate school transport service continues.
- **Recycling Centre Fencing (Car Park)** – Noted County Councillor W Powell had reported the damaged fencing/post, in this location and that PCC is dealing with the matter.
- **Inconsiderate Parking on Hay Road** – Noted the Mayor had received complaints on 23 June re the inconsiderate parking, in this location, on double yellow lines – these complaints were referred to PCC parking and to the PCSOs.
- **Talgarth placemaking plan** – Received from Owen Davies Consulting Ltd, a copy of their stakeholder presentation held in Talgarth on 27 June and noted they are drafting their baseline research document with initial findings, to be completed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: All members of the Town Council to be kept fully informed of the progress of the Talgarth Placemaking plans.

- **Appointment of Town/Community Councillor to the PCC Breconshire Standards Community Sub-Committee** – Noted that Cllr Karen Mary Coldrick, Llangammarch Community Council has been appointed.
- **Quarterly PCC/Town and Community Council Meeting** – Noted the zoom meeting due to take place on 6 July, has been cancelled and awaiting a revised date.

23/105 TOWN COUNCIL REPS ON OTHER GROUPS – Noted the 2023-2024 list has been circulated, still showing some gaps on groups. The Mayor asked that all Councillors have some role/s on groups - to be finalised as soon as possible.

23/106 S6 BIODIVERSITY REPORT – Noted Cllr A Lord is currently working on the report for the Town Council. Cllr Lord explained that a tenant of any Town Council land has a responsibility in this respect.

RESOLVED: Cllr A Lord, liaison officer to discuss this matter with TADSCA.

23/107 TALGARTH/TREFECCA UPDATES –

- **Tuesday Lunch Club 4 July** – Cllr M Dodds had reported that he was present at the well-attended event with approx 47 guests served. Cllr K Burns, who had called in at the event, gave a brief update on a few small issues that needed attention.
RESOLVED: Agreed to address these requests asap.
- **Grow for Talgarth - 24/25 June Wheelbarrow event** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave an update on the well-attended event with the heart of Talgarth present.
- **TIRC** – It was reported that the rolling calendar for community advertising, has been installed in the TIRC, kindly set up by our new Town Councillor Jon Evans.

- **Festival Group** – Noted a letter of thanks had been received from the Chair of the Festival Group, for the free Town Hall hire with payment only for the energy costs, for their Community Easter Fundraising event.
- **WAW Group** – Cllr K Burns reported that the WAW grant application to the ‘Brilliant Basics Fund’ had been successful, in respect of upgrading signage and information boards.
- **BMC** – Cllr K Burns, as Town Council liaison, confirmed that he and Ben Rawlence have agreed to meet up on a regular basis and that the BMC are interested in finding placements for their students in voluntary groups in the area.
- **‘Tommy silhouette ‘ at the War Memorial** – Cllr Louise Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported her sadness to find the ‘Tommy silhouette’ had been recently broken but pleased to say a replacement was now in place.
- **On the Verge** – Martin Draper OTV reported that he has received thanks from the PCC Climate team, for presenting and being part of the Q&A panel, at the Powys Town & Community Council Environment & Nature Event on 14 June 2023. Noted PCC is now in the process of collating the Resource Pack which will be shared when received.
- **Powys Teaching Health Board – Celebrating Powys Local NHS Heroes for the NHS 75th birthday** – Noted nomination of Cllr Malcolm Dodds had been put forward and awaiting further information.
- **D Day 80 – 6 June 2024** – Noted that Cllr Louise Elston-Reeves, Mayor, had shared the Invitation from Bruno Peek, Pageant master, with fellow councillors and will be pursuing this with the various groups in Talgarth and calling a meeting, as soon as possible.
- **Refugee Week Awards' Evening at St Mary's Church, Brecon - Friday 16 June** – Noted a letter of thanks had been received from the Refugees group, for Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor’s attendance at this event, which was to celebrate the work that all the schools in the catchment area had undertaken. Noted Ysgol y Mynydd Du pupils had won in several categories and a certificate was awarded to them for its involvement in the project.
- **PCSO Surgeries** - Noted that 3 trial dates for PCSO Surgeries in the Town Hall Committee Room, have been arranged: 6pm – 7pm - on Thurs 10 Aug, Thurs 7 Sept and Thurs 5 Oct and the PCSOs are arranging the advertising.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** – Noted Bronllys Well Being Park AGM was held on 29 June in the Town Hall Talgarth.
- **TOWN HALL – Broadband** – Cllr A Bufton reported that the Town Hall broadband service is not now adequate in this location.
RESOLVED: To investigate more adequate facilities and costs, as soon as possible.

Town Hall Clock –

- Received Invoice from Smith of Derby, for fitting new Motor for Clock – as per quote - £1,437.00 + £287.40 VAT - £1,724.40 - on the Finance report.
RESOLVED: To pay Smith of Derby Invoice of £1,437.00 + £287.40 VAT - £1,724.40.
- **Town Hall Clock** - Received a request from a resident, for the Clock chimes to be switched off overnight. **RESOLVED:** Matter to be held in abeyance for the time being.

Town Hall 2 strip lights – Noted it is not possible to replace the broken diffusers on the 2 old kitchen florescent tube lights – Estimate received from Skyrme Electrical, to replace the 2 Kitchen Light Fittings with enclosed led battens - £ 115.00 + VAT – Total £ 138.00.

RESOLVED: To accept estimate to replace the 2 Kitchen Light Fittings with enclosed led battens - £ 115.00 + VAT – Total £ 138.00.

Public Conveniences –

- Noted on 1 July, graffiti was reported in the Gent’s public toilet cubicle and reported to the relevant authority.
- Noted on 3 July, a couple of urgent repairs were reported in this location - a broken flush handle in Gents and the water pressure needed adjusting in the ladies public Toilet.
RESOLVED: To order Alan Evans, Builder, to undertake these urgent repairs.

ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD – Churchyard Maintenance – Received OTM
June Invoice £424.38 + £84.88 - Invoice Total: £509.26.
RESOLVED: To pay OTM invoice of £424.38 + £84.88 - Invoice Total: £509.26.

23/108 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **Speeding issues in Trefecca** – Cllr A Lord expressed concern re the continuing problems of speeding in Trefecca. Residents had contacted PCC on the issue but had not received any satisfactory response.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Lord on behalf of the Town Council to liaise with PCC, relaying the concerns of the Town Council, requesting they consider the problem and formulate plans as to what may be implemented at low cost.
- **Bronllys Road – Speed Reduction signage** – Concern was again expressed that the A479 Bronllys Road has been excluded from the 20mph speed limit particularly as this is a main route for children walking to school. Cllr A Lord said that he would be again writing to the relevant authorities regarding this.
Cllr A Bufton noted that although we had been told speed reduction signs/roundels could not be positioned along the Bronllys Road, they had recently been installed in Brecon.
Cllr A Lord added that the positioning of a new street light by the Bronllys Road bridge reduced the footpath to an unacceptable width for prams/wheelchair users etc.
RESOLVED: To report the problem of the positioning of the street light to the relevant authority.
- **WG – Get ready for 20mph** – Invitation received to attend their 'Get ready for 20mph' virtual summit via Microsoft Teams on Mon 3 July 13:00 – 14:30.
- **PCC - National; 20mph Restricted road Scheme** – Update received from Tony Caine PCC.
RESOLVED: Noted a letter of concern to be forwarded from the Town Council re the A479 Bronllys Road has not been included in the 20mph reduction.
- **PCC - Planning Decision Notices** - 12 to 30 June 2023
- **PCC - Climate Stakeholder Group invitation**
- **PCC National Licensing Week 2023 - Positive Partnerships**
- **PCC – Public Leisure Review** - Note closing date for responses 28 Aug 2023.
RESOLVED: Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, to complete the survey.
- **BBNPA Planning Applications** – Weekly list of Planning Applications received.
- **BBNPA – Newsletter – June 2023**
- **BBNPA** - Meeting agenda for various committees
- **OVW - Amended Standing Orders and Welshpool Air Ambulance Service** – Updates
- **Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner – Policing Accountability Board meeting – 10.00am Mon 17 July 2023 at Gwernyfed High School** – Invitation received to attend this public meeting. Noted Cllr M Dodds will be attending.
- **Wales Audit Wales** - Notification of 2022/2023 Audit and various documentation received.
- **Wales NHS and Powys CHC & PTHB** - updates received.
- **Requests for Financial Assistance** – Received from:
Kids Cancer Charity – Swansea, Hay Dial a Ride, Brecon & District Dial a Ride
To consider at end of financial year Feb/Mar 24.

23/109 Date of the next meeting –Wed 6 September 2023 – Monthly meeting.

Note – no meeting in August unless an urgent meeting is required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 June - 30 June 2023			Current	Cap Res
Opening Balances - 1 June 2023			£ 1,653.56	£32,123.37
Receipts 1 June - 30 June 2023				
05/06/2023	BAC	A V Griffiths& Son - Hall hire 31/5	59.00	
12/06/2023	CR101944	Town Hall hire - Black Mountains Friends 2/6	7.00	
13/06/2023	BAC	R W Evans -SGC – 2 nd Inscriptions IBL & MD dec'd	94.00	
15/06/2023	BAC	Town Hall hire - Aerobics	132.00	
19/06/2023	BAC	Town Hall hire - 17/6	39.00	
20/06/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	6,000.00	
22/06/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	10,000.00	
27/06/2023	BAC	R W Evans - Fee paid in error - to be refunded	47.00	
30/06/2023	BAC	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 30 June		25.95
		Total Receipts	£18,031.56	£32,149.32
Payments 1 June - 30 June 2023				
02/06/2023	DD	ICO - GDPR Annual fee	35.00	
05/06/2023	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	198.00	
07/06/2023	CH3698	Black Mountains Botanicals - 2 Sanitiser Units	60.00	
08/06/2023	CH3700	OTM Groundscare Ltd - May	509.26	
20/06/2023	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric	65.29	
20/06/2023	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric	174.47	
20/06/2023	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas	220.31	
20/06/2023	CH3703	Gavenny Catering - Gas interlock/extraction sys	4,728.00	
20/06/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		6,000.00
20/06/2023	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		10,000.00
21/06/2023	CH3705	One Voice Wales - Conference fee	60.00	
22/06/2023	CH3697	Coronation group - Donation to Tea	181.87	
22/06/2023	CH3701	PCC - Festival 26/27 Aug Road Closure fee	385.00	
23/06/2023	CH3699	Parish on line - Annual subscripton	54.00	
23/06/2023	CH3702	Zurich Municipal - Annual Council Insurance	5,574.26	
26/06/2023	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly Phone/B'band Rental	25.99	
27/06/2023	CH3707	Printerbase - 2 cartridges	86.40	
29/06/2023	CH3704	HMS Scaffolding - Town Hall works	576.00	
29/06/2023	CH3706	Smith of Derby - motor for Town Hall clock	1,724.40	
29/06/2023	CH3708	Clerk's June salary/expenses	1,168.32	
29/06/2023	CH3710	HMRC - April, May, June	1,350.03	
29/06/2023	CH3709	Caretaker's June salary	536.55	
30/06/2023	CH3711	PAVO - Payroll fee - April, May, June	54.00	
		Total Payments	£17,767.15	16,000.00
		Unpresented cheque 3698	60.00	
		Unpresented cheque 3700	509.26	
		Unpresented cheque 3705	60.00	
Closing Balances - 30 June 2023			£ 893.67	£16,149.32

