

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr A Lord (Deputy Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr A Brown, Cllr A Bufton, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr B Dale, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr J Evans, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Mayor), Cllr C Briggs

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

24/108 WELCOME: Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor (In the Chair) welcomed Cllr B Dale to her first meeting of the Town Council and to all Members to the meeting.

24/109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no Declarations of Interest.

24/110 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 June 2024, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 June 2024, be accepted as a correct record.

24/111 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and training dates - June – Sept, on circulation.
 - **New Councillor training** – Noted Cllr B Dale has attended the on-line Code of Conduct Module 9 training and will be attending the New Councillor Induction on-line course on 23 July – fee £20 fee. **RESOLVED:** To pay Course fee of £20.
 - **Launch of New Resources for Biodiversity. (Zoom event)** – Received Launch event video on ‘You Tube’ – link on circulation.
Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor and Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor are booked onto OVW training Modules 25 (10 Sept) and 26 (26 Sept) biodiversity basic modules.
- **Town Councillor - Training Survey** - Cllr A Lord, Mayor, confirmed that he would be circulating to Town Councillors, the survey for completion so that an accurate assessment of Town Councillors training can be collated.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor, to circulate the training survey to all Town Councillors for completion.
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor 2 July meeting** – Noted Cllr D Coleman had attended the meeting in Builth Wells and circulated notes of the meeting and the document - Digital Confidence Powys - Creating a digitally confident Powys through support for skills, access and motivation, training menu that was supplied by Ian Smith (the digital Powys Tsar).
RESOLVED: Cllr J Evans to take a lead on this Digital training.
- **OVW Innovative Practice Conference on Wed 3 July** – Noted Cllr A Brown, who attended the Conference, had circulated an update in advance of the meeting.
RESOLVED: To pay OVW Conference fee of £65.
Some points raised and discussed from Cllr Brown’s update.
 - **Social Media** – Cllr A Brown reported that there was a big emphasis on community engagement and that social media was the main source, setting up a Town Council Facebook page for example so that the community is aware of the work that the Town Council is doing and the events that they organise. Discussion took place and agreed that a proposal be put together for a future meeting.
RESOLVED: That a proposal be put forward to discuss at a future meeting.

- **Logo** – Cllr Brown reported that a Town Council Logo or Crest was recommended. Noted that we do have some logos, designed by the BBNPA Rural Alliances group.
RESOLVED: To look into the usage and a proposal be put forward to a future meeting.
- **Risk Assessments** – Cllr Brown reported that at the Risk Assessment presentation, emphasis was put on the sharing of risk assessments to as many parties as possible.
RESOLVED: Agreed this to be a useful way forward.
- **Cost of Living Crisis** – Cllr Brown reported that emphasis was put on setting up food Banks and suggesting that foodbanks could hold a section for a 'school uniform swap' and a clothes bank inside the foodbank. Noted this is something the Town Council has previously discussed.
- **WG - 20 mph** – Noted that the letter dated 6 June received at the 12 June meeting from Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for North Wales, was discussed.
RESOLVED: Clerk to forward to all Town Councillors, the previous letters forwarded to WG re this matter, which had been received and supported by the Town Council.

24/112 TALGARTH /TREFECCA UPDATES

- **Inconsiderate Parking – Re H bar - adjacent Talgarth Town Hall** – Noted PCC has confirmed the work is on order and will be undertaken as soon as possible.
- **Talgarth Placemaking Plan – Re Basement Project** – Noted that an informal meeting of the Town Council with Peter Weavers, Project Manager, was held on 19 June in the Committee Room to look at the Draft plans and decide what our residents would like to see in the Market Hall. Awaiting further information
- **Talgarth Post Office group** – Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, attended the 17 June meeting organised by Virginia Brown – no new update.
- **Liverpool House** – No new update.
- **Town Centre Wi fi project** – Received information from Mike Lewis, PCC who has recently obtained SPF for a project to install Town Centre WiFi in Powys Town Centres and would like for Talgath to be involved in the project and would welcome a discussion to go through the project and what it means.
RESOLVED: Cllr J Evans, who has agreed to take a lead, has been in contact with PCC and gave a short update and awaiting dates for a further meeting.
- **Coop** – Noted the sad news about the recent break-in but pleased that the Coop is up and running so quickly afterwards.
- **King George V Pavilion and Castle Hotel – Break in** – Noted it is understood that the court cases are coming up regarding these incidents and the Police have made contact.
- **BMC -**
 - **Further Education Graduation Day – 5 July** – Noted that Cllr A Lord had attended the BMC Further Educational Graduation Day event on 5 July at Troed yr Harn, in the Mayor's absence, and gave a brief update.
 - **Talgarth Talks** – Noted the next BMC Talgarth Talks will commence in Oct 2024.
- **S6 Biodiversity-** Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor, reported that he had met with the Chair of Grow for Talgarth re their contribution to the Section 6.
Noted GfT reps will attend the Sept meeting of the Town Council re this topic.
Noted Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor, reported that he is to commence a What's app group for all the gardening groups in Talgarth, in order that all the groups can all communicate.
- **Allotment project - Community Allotment at Woodlands** – No new update.
- **On the Verge** – Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor, attended the Tiny Veg Growers launch at Woodlands Play Park on the 15 June and pleased to see so many children involved.
- **VE-Day 80th Anniversary – 8 May 2025** – Information received re this event - 8 May 2025, which the Town Council has expressed an interest to support.
- **Sports Event 15 Sept** – Updates received and noted the arrangements are well in hand for this event.

- **Mound of Earth/overgrowth adjacent to Church View (Melin Homes)** – Melin Homes has confirmed that the ground in this location, is in their ownership, and it will be added to the contract for the site ground maintenance. Noted the Melin Homes’ surveyor will be inspecting the site later this week and will arrange any necessary works.
- **Speed Watch** – Cllr A Lord, Speed Watch Co-ordinator gave an update on the current position of the Talgarth Speed Watch team, who have all just gone through the annual vetting. Training to be arranged for the two new Talgarth team members together with the Three Cocks Speedwatch members, as soon as possible. Noted we have offered the Town Hall for the training session which will be undertaken by John (Go Safe).
Cllr A Lord reported that he will be assisting the Police Open Day in Brecon on Sat 13 July, sharing the speed watch stand with Go Safe.

7.30pm Cllr G Jones joined the meeting

24/113 TOWN COUNCIL REPS ON OTHER GROUPS – Noted the Clerk had circulated to Town Councillors, a list of groups/sub groups for 2024-2025, to update with Town Councillor representation.

Cllr A Bufton reported that due to his current health condition, he will be stepping down from all groups/responsibilities with which he is involved.

Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor, went through the list and Town Councillors expressed their wish to represent the Town Council, on groups of interest.

RESOLVED: The 2024-2025 list of reps on other groups will be finalised as soon as possible.

24/114 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration -

- **Planning Application 24/22961/FUL** - Proposal: “The change of use of the Site to teaching space (D1 use) for Black Mountains College”, Address: Unit 5 , Talgarth Business Park, Talgarth LD3 0PQ - Grid Reference: E:315169 N:233755

RESOLVED: The Town Council is unable to currently support this Planning Application due to a loss of a B1 use property. The Town Council would like to see evidence that an appropriate exercise has been carried out to determine that the building is not suitable for B1 use; including open marketing of the property at a fair market rate for a period of 12 months.

- **Planning Application 24/ 22996/OUT** - Proposal: “Outline application for 4 new dwellings on brownfield land in the heart of the settlement. The application includes the demolition of an existing workshop attached to a dwelling house.”- Address: The Green , Bronllys Road, Talgarth LD3 0HH - Grid Reference: E:315286 N:234185 –

RESOLVED: The Town Council would prefer to keep this site developed for industrial or retail use which could employ people in preference to housing.

- **Planning Application 24/22998/LBC** - Proposal: “Modifications (internal only) to undercroft/ basement to offer a hub for entertainment, food and drink, exhibitions, conferences and meetings” - Address: Town Hall , The Square, Talgarth LD3 0BW - Grid Reference: E:315505 N:233745 – Noted this is a Town Council Planning Application.
- **Planning Application 22/21649 – Addition to Reception Facility at GP Biotec** – Noted the Town Council was copied into a response from BBNPA, confirming that this Planning Application, of some 18 months old, has been taken off the BBNPA website, and deemed to be invalid. Concerns received that we are no nearer to getting some much-needed relief from these foul odours.
- **Odours in Talgarth** - Noted that the Town Council had received from a resident, a copy of logged information re odours which had been submitted to PCC.

24/115 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Amounts received since last meeting 12 June 2024:

Date	From	Item	Amount
05/07/24 101961	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for meeting- 05/07/24	£7.00

01/07/24BAC	HMRC	VAT reclaim – 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024	£4,416.04
28/06/24BAC	Nat West Bank	June interest on Business Reserve A/c	£39.12
28/06/24BAC	Tai Chi	Hall hire – 24/40	£72.00
27/06/24BAC	Community Choir	Hall hire – 24/41	£108.00
27/06/24BAC	James Tech Services Ltd	Hall hire – 24/42	£20.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 12 June 2024:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
05/07/24	PCC D/D	Town Hall Council Tax	£298.00		£298.00
01/07/24 3871	PCC	Annual Festival of Black Mountains – 23-26 Aug Road Closure fee	£415.00		£415.00
01/07/24 3870	K R Saunders-Jones	Internal Audit fee – 2023/2024	£150.00		£150.00
26/06/24	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£26.24	£5.24	£30.20
25/06/24 3869	Kels Klean	Cleaning Public toilets – June	£82.50		£82.50
13/06/24	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas – 01/05-26/05/24	£174.45	£8.72	£183.17
13/06/24	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 01/5 – 26/05/24	£137.11	£6.86	£143.97
13/06/24	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences – Electric - 01/05 – 26/05/24	£34.34	£1.72	£36.06
12/06/24 3868	OVW	Innovative Practice Conference fee 5/7/24	£65.00		£65.00
12/06/24 3867	HMRC	Apr, May, June 24 –PAYE	£1,151.11		£1,151.11
12/06/24 3866	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses June 24	£1,241.09		£1,241.09
12/06/24 3865	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary June 24	£694.03		£694.03
12/06/24 3864	Parrys Icecream	80 th D-Day – Refreshments/prizes	£61.40		£61.40
12/06/24 3863	Dave Price Solution	Xmas Lights budget – 75% balance – 100 x lanterns - £1,500.00	£1,125.00		£1,125.00
12/06/24 3862	PAVO	Payroll fee – April, May, June	£54.00		£54.00
12/06/24 3861	Newall Janitorial Ltd	Town Hall – Cleaning Materials	£188.39	£37.68	£226.07
12/06/24 3860	Zurich Municipal	80 th D-day – Temporary Insurance re insurance	£56.00		£56.00
12/06/24 3858	Historical Promotions	80 th D-Day events fee – 8/6/24	£995.00	£199.00	£1,194.00
12/06/24 3857	OVW	Councillor Training – Cllr A Brown	£20.00		£20.00
12/06/24 3856	OTM Goundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2024/2025 - June invoice	£424.38	£84.88	£509.26

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 June 2024, as above.
RESOLVED: To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 June 2024.
- **To Approve** - 1 – 30 June 2024 - Bank Reconciliation Statement.
RESOLVED: To approve the Bank Reconciliation – 1 – 30 June 2024, attached at the end of these minutes.
- **VAT RETURN 2023-2024** – VAT amount of £4,416.04 has been reclaimed and received.
- **POSTAGE COSTS – RESOLVED:** Reimbursement of £27.70 to the Clerk re postages totalling £27.70.

24/116 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL – County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting.

PCC MATTERS -

- **Highway & Street Lighting updates** – County Councillor W Powell reported on some ongoing highways updates and lighting issues in the Car Park.
- **Woodlands Play area** – County Councillor reported that permission has been granted for a community art mural to be created on the back of the garages in this location, and that funding has been secured by the TDRG, to support the project.
- **Fly tipping** – Noted the Town Council had been copied into correspondence, for information, with County Councillor W Powell and a local resident re fly tipping on the property adjacent to the resident’s home. Cllr Powell had no new update.
- **Local bus network 2025 retendering** – Acknowledgement received from PCC re Town Council’s response.
- **PCC & Town & Community Council remote meeting** – Noted next meeting 6pm 4 Sept.
- **Powys Fostering Banner** - Noted a Powys Fostering Banner will be displayed on the Town Hall and the railings on Bronllys Road, rotating with the present Fire Service banner.

9pm Move of Standing Orders - Cllr G Jones asked for a move of Standing Orders for 15 minutes

24/117 GROUP UPDATES –

ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD –

- **Churchyard Maintenance – RESOLVED:** To payment of OTM July 2024 Churchyard maintenance Invoice - £424.38 + £84.88 VAT £509.25

TOWN HALL –

- **Town Hall fees** review – Noted in progress of reviewing and to finalise as soon as possible.
- **Town Hall Emergency Exit onto Mill Yard – RESOLVED:** To order replacement signage.
- **Town Hall – Maintenance works required** – Cllr A Bufton gave an update of the current statutory tests due for renewal with relevant costs for the work. Awaiting confirmation cost of automatic flush system for gents urinals in main hall, previously accepted.
RESOLVED: To accept quotes received from Skyrme Electrical for the 5 year Fixed Electrical test, the Annual Fire alarm and Emergency test and the PAT testing.
- **Public Conveniences** – Noted Alan Evans Builder planning to tend to the work, as soon as possible, to investigate the leak in the unisex toilet area.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park - Death of Lydia Powell** – Received notification of the death of Lydia Powell, who was the leader and president of the Bronllys Well Being Park.
RESOLVED: To forward a letter of condolences to the BWBP group.
- **Festival group** – Noted the Clerk had submitted an application to PCC for the Road Closure for the Festival 24/25 Aug – fee £416. **RESOLVED:** To pay PCC application fee of £416.
- **King George V Pavilion Clock** – Cllr W Powell reported that the replacement clock is to be installed as soon as possible.

- **WAW** — Noted next meeting dates: 24 Sept 7pm and 22 Oct 7pm, both at Talgarth Football Club and 10 Dec 7pm and 21 Jan 2025pm (venues tbc)
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre** - Received notes of the informal meeting held on 3 June - date of the July meeting, to be confirmed.
- **Grow for Talgarth** – Noted that the GfT Wheelbarrow Community event held on the 29 & 30 June had been successful and well attended.
- **Xmas Lights - New Lanterns for over the river** – Noted the Xmas Lights Group has confirmed that the first 5 lanterns have been completed.
RESOLVED: That the balance payment of £1,125 be paid to Dave Price Solutions.
- **PCSO – Surgery in Committee Room – 11 July 6pm – 7pm** by PCSP Emma Jackson.
- **Site security at the former Mid Wales Hospital** – Noted update received from PCSO Trudy Davies re this matter.

24/118 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **Powys Town and Community Councils Climate Event** – Invitation received for Town Councillors - To help shape a Powys Town and Community Councils climate event and requested that a short questionnaire to help gauge interest, be completed by 7 Aug.
- **PCC** - Planning Decision Notices – 10 to 21 June
- **BBNPA – Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 66A Withdrawal of local development plan in the absence of direction - The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 Regulation 26 Withdrawal of an LDP** – Received notification that on the 7 June 2024 the BBNPA withdrew the First Replacement BBNPA LDP (2018 – 2033) and aims to agree a Delivery Agreement with the WG for a replacement LDP by the end of this financial year (2024/2025).
- **BBNPA** - Weekly List of Planning Applications
- **BBNPA - Brecon Beacons National Park Local Access Forum** – Noted the BBNPA is currently advertising for suitable persons to apply for membership of the BBNPA Local Access Forum (LAF) - closing dates 26 July.
- **BBNPA - Brecknock Access Group – News Bulletin – June Events:** Received News Bulletin – June events.
- **OVW - New consultation: Draft priorities for Culture 2024-2030** – Noted WG is currently consulting on draft priorities for Culture 2024-2030. Responses by 4 Sept.
- **Powys Citizen Advice - Latest Impact Report** – Received update re Living Standards - Citizens Advice Powys work with people, to help address the key living standard issues that affect them. Their Report highlights what they have achieved and how they can help.
- **JCC Commissioning – Ambulance Services** - Update received from the Joint Commissioning Committee on the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service.
- **Requests for Financial Assistance/Mayor’s Charity** – Requests from Marie Curie & Cerebral Palsy received. Noted after Mar 2024 donations, the Town Council agreed there would be one charity in 2024/2025 of the Mayor’s choice and a local charity.
- **Clerks & Councils Direct** – Received Clerks & Councils – July 2024.

24/119 Date of the next meetings – 7pm Wed 4 September 2024 Monthly meeting
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 June - 30 June 2024					
				Current	Cap Res
Opening Balances - 1 June 2024				£ 3,129.60	£ 36,167.66
Receipts 1 June - 30 June 2024					
05/06/2024	BACS	BMC - Town Hall hire - 24/36		87.86	
05/06/2024	BACS	Maria Pritchett - Town Hall hire -24/34		72.00	
05/06/2024	BACS	PCC - Town Hall hire		300.00	
10/06/2024	BACS	Perthyn - Town Hall hire - 24/14		35.00	
13/06/2024	CR101960	Black Mountains Friends - Town Hall hire 7/6		7.00	
21/06/2024	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		4,000.00	
27/06/2024	BACS	James Tech Serv Ltd - Town Hall hire - TC/39		20.00	
27/06/2024	BACS	C Rahdes - Town Hall hire - 24/41		108.00	
28/05/2024	BACS	Dr V Lloyd- Town Hall hire - 24/40		72.00	
28/06/2024	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		2,000.00	
28/06/2024	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 30 June			39.12
		Total Receipts:		£ 9,831.46	£ 36,206.78
Payments 1 June - 30 June 2024					
03/06/2024	BACS	ICO - Annual GDPR fee		35.00	
05/06/2024	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax		298.00	
06/06/2024	CH3853	PCC - 80th D Day - Music Licence fee		£21.00	
06/06/2024	CH3854	PCC - H bar fee		175.00	
10/06/2024	CH3846	OTM - SGC - Churchyard Main - May		509.26	
13/06/2024	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric - 1/5-26/5		36.06	
13/06/2024	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 1-26/5		143.97	
13/06/2024	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas - 1/5-26/5		183.17	
20/06/2024	CH3851	Parish on Line - Annual fee		54.00	
20/06/2024	CH3861	Newhall - Town Hall cleaning materials		226.07	
20/06/2024	CH3863	Dave Price Solutions - Balance of new lanterns		1,125.00	
20/06/2024	CH3864	Parrys Ice Cream - 80th D Day - Refreshments		£61.40	
21/06/2024	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account			4,000.00
21/06/2024	CH3866	Clerk's June salary/expenses		1,241.09	
24/06/2024	CH3856	OTM - SGC - Churchyard Main - June		509.26	
26/06/2024	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental		30.20	
26/06/2024	CH3860	Zurich - Insurance premium - 80th D Day		56.00	
26/06/2024	CH3865	Caretaker's June salary		694.03	
26/06/2024	CH3867	HMRC - Apr, May, June		1,151.11	
26/06/2024	CH3869	Kels Cleans - Town Hall -June		82.50	
28/06/2024	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account			2,000.00
28/06/2024	CH3858	80th D Day Historical Promotions fee		1,194.00	
28/06/2024	CH3862	PAVO - Payroll fee - Apr, May, June		54.00	
		Total Payments:		£7,880.12	
Closing Balances - 30 June 2024				£ 1,951.34	£ 30,206.78