

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr L Elston-Reeves (Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr A Lord (Deputy Mayor) Cllr A Brown, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr B Dale, Cllr J Evans, Cllr C Green,

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr G Jones, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

25/33 WELCOME: Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, welcomed members to the meeting.

25/34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no Declarations of Interest.

25/35 RESIGNATION – The resignation of Cllr C Briggs was received on 19 Feb 2025.
RESOLVED: To thank Cllr Briggs for her time as a Town Councillor and to commence the filling of the vacancy.

25/36 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 February 2025, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 February 2025, be accepted as a correct record.

25/37 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and training dates – on circulation.
- **Joint event One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales** – Thurs 27 March from 10:00am to 1:30pm, remote via Zoom - “Understanding the Planning System – your questions answered” – information on circulation.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Brown to attend this on-line training on 27 March – fee £50.
- **OVW - Postponing the Annual General Meeting-** Noted the remote AGM, due to be held on 11 March 2025 had been postponed, due to not have enough councillors booked on to make the meeting quorate and proposing to hold it later in the year.
- **OVW - Digital Guidance** – Noted the Digital Health of Community and Town Councils project team forwarded digital guidance and requesting feedback or suggestions for improvements or changes to the documentation.
- **Town Council Domain Enquiry** – Noted Cllr A Lord had obtained and circulated information from Vision ICT, in this respect, and agreed to seek more information for future discussion.
- **OVW - Membership 2025-2026** – Information/Invoice received for Membership renewal 2025-2026 - £352 payable after 1/4/2025.
RESOLVED: To renew Membership 2025-2026 and to pay Invoice 352 after 1/4/2025.
- **PAVO – Funding and governance roadshow - 10.30am – 12 noon Wed 26 March in the Town Hall, Talgarth** – Noted Steve Woodward PAVO had circulated information re this event.

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- **Inconsiderate Parking outside Town Hall** – Noted this matter is ongoing.
- **Talgarth Town Centre issues/Liverpool House** – No new update.

- **Digital Talgarth – Town Wifi** –Update received from Cllr J Evans that Antur Cymru Enterprise is planning the install work at the relevant locations in Talgarth, on the 20 March. Cllr J Evans and Cllr A Lord to be present re the Town Hall work.
- **S6 Biodiversity** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that the Biodiversity Open Day will be held on Tues 22 April in the Town Hall and a meeting of the planning group, has been arranged for 25 March in the Committee Room.
- **Council Allotment project** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that the AGM of the Allotment Group had recently taken place, attended by Cllr W Powell. Clerk reported that the £15 annual rental fee for 2025/26 has been paid and on the Finance Report for ratification.
- **VE-Day 80th Anniversary 8 May** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave a brief update on the plans to date and full details to be circulated as soon as possible. Noted the PCC Road Closure application for The Square, on Sat 10 May, has been submitted.
- **Dark Skies** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave an update on the interesting Presentation by Leigh Harling-Bowen, Presteigne and Norton International Dark Sky Community coordinator, held in the Committee Room on 6 March. Noted that Slides of the Presentation will follow.
RESOLVED: To forward a letter of thanks to Leigh Harling-Brown, for such an informative presentation and for supplying the slides of the Presentation.
- **Youth Provision** – Noted that the PCC Youth officer who had been dealing with our enquiries, has left his post at PCC and awaiting a replacement.
- **Cost of Living/Food bank** - News & Events from the OVW Cost of Living Crisis Support Team – Information on circulation
- **Keep Wales Tidy-`Funding** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that she will be applying for Allotment funding.
- **Repair Café** – Noted a further successful Repair Café event had been held.
- **Defibrillators in and around Talgarth & Training** – Noted a Defibrillator to be purchased for Trefecca, in the new financial year and Defibrillator Awareness training to be arranged by St John Ambulance.
- **New Gurkha Inn Charity Dinner** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that the Charity Dinner, supported by the Town Council, was being held the following evening Thurs 13 March at the Gurkha Inn – proceeds for a health centre in Nepal and Brecon Mountain Rescue Team.

25/39 **BBNPA UPDATES:**

Talgarth developments being blocked by BBNPA – RESOLVED: Gareth Jones, Director of Planning, to attend the meeting 6pm 9 April, prior to the monthly meeting at 7pm, to clarify on some of the issues of concern to our residents.

PLANNING – TO o consider Planning Applications -

- **Planning Application 25/23586/CON** - Proposal: “Renewal of Condition 1 pursuant to application 19/17972/FUL to extend the time limit for implementing the development to 7 years.” Address: Trefecca College , College Lane, Trefecca Brecon LD3 0PP - Grid Reference: E:314397 N:232142
RESOLVED: The above Planning Application was considered and no objections raised.
- **Planning Application 25/23589/LBC** - Proposal: “Variation of Condition 1 pursuant to application 19/17973/LBC (The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission)to extend the time limit for implementing the development to 7 years.” Address: Trefecca College , College Lane, Trefecca Brecon LD3 0PP - Grid Reference: E:314397 N:232142
RESOLVED: The above Planning Application was considered and no objections raised.

- **PLANNING APPLICATION WITHDRAWN** – Noted - **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 OHH - Grid Reference: E:315286 N:234185, had been withdrawn.

25/40 ANNUAL DONATION – Noted the Town Council had previously agreed to make a single donation this year to a local Charity of the Mayor’s choice.

RESOLVED: To donate £200 to the Drew Barker-Wright Charity this year.

25/41 COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES - 2024-2025 – **RESOLVED:** To pay Councillor Allowances as per the Finance Report.

25/42 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2025 – 2026 – Noted the document received and on circulation for discussion at a future meeting.

25/43 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Amounts received since last meeting 12 Feb 2025:

Date	From	Item	Amount
10/03/25BACS	Perthyn	Hall hire – 25/06- £66 + 25/11 - £52	£118.00
07/03/25 101972	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for meeting- 07/3/25	£10.00
07/03/25 101971	Luke Rees	Hall hire – 25/14	£20.00
07/03/25BACS	Festival Group	Hall hire – 25/15	£45.00
04/03/25BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 25/13 - Feb A/C	£144.00
04/03/25BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 25/12 - Jan A/C	£180.00
28/02/25BACS	Nat West Bank	Feb Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£55.34
27/02/25BACS	R W Evans & Son	SGC – 2 nd inscription fee – MEM dec’d	£52.00
27/02/2025 101970	E Cherritt	Hall hire – 25/10	£85.00
24/02/25BACS	Triggs Mill Cafe	Public Toilet hire 14/02/25 – 25/09	£45.00
24/02/25BACS	Dr V Lloyd	Hall hire – 25/14	£126.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification since last meeting 12 Feb 2025:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
12/03/2025 3985	The Drew Barker -Wright Charity	Donation	£200.00		£200.00
12/03/2025 3984	Caretaker – Town Hall	Salary Mar 25	£694.03		£694.03
12/03/2025 3983	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Mar 25	£1,291.03		£1,284.03
12/03/2025 3982	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2024/2025 - Mar invoice	£424.38	£84.88	£509.26
12/03/2025 3981	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2024/2025 - Feb invoice	£424.28	£84.86	£509.14

12/03/2025 3980	Amazon	Card 104 th for oldest Resident JG	£5.99		£5.99
12/03/2025 3979	TDRG – Library	Donation for Talgarth Library running costs	£500.00		£500.00
12/03/2025 3977	Cllr B Dale	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52 Pro rata 14/6/24 – 31/3/25	£165.53		£165.53
12/03/2025 3976	Cllr C Briggs – Resigned 19/2/25	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52 Pro rata 1/4/24 – 19/2/25	£165.53		£165.53
12/03/2025 3975	Cllr A Brown	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52 Pro rata 15/5/24 – 31/3/25	£183.13		£183.13
12/03/2025 3974	Cllr W Powell	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3973	Cllr G Jones	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3972	Cllr C Green	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3971	Cllr M Dodds	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3970	Cllr D Coleman	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3969	Cllr A Lord	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3968	Cllr L Elston-Reeves	Councillors Allowance £156 & £52	£208.00		£208.00
12/03/2025 3967	Cllr L Elston-Reeves	Mayor's Allowance	£400.00		£400.00
06/03/25 3966	HMRC	PAYE – Jan – Mar 2025	£1,305.54		£1,305.54
06/03/25 3965	PAVO	Payroll fee – Jan – Mar 2025	£60.00		£60.00
06/03/25 3964	Seton	Public Conveniences – Gents toilet sign	£17.98	£3.60	£21.58
06/03/25 3963	Alun Walters	Town Hall – Annual Service Gas 2 boilers	£120.00		£120.00
06/03/25 3962	Newhall Janitorial Ltd	Town Hall/Pub Conveniences Sundries	£111.71	£22.34	£134.05
06/03/25 3961	BOSS	Stationery – Paper	£32.90	£6.58	£39.48
06/03/25 3960	PPL/PRS Ltd	Town Hall Royalties – Mar – 25 – Mar 26	£67.50	£13.50	£81.00
06/03/25 3959	Welsh Water	Town Hall – 7/8/24 – 25/2/25	£229.10		£229.10
06/03/25 3958	Welsh Water	Public Conveniences – 7/8/24 – 25/2/25	£512.69		£512.69
06/03/25 3957	Talgarth Allotment Assoc.	Allotment rental – Feb 25 – Feb 26.	£15.00		£15.00

06/03/25 3956	Bruce Williams	Town Hall – Mill Lease – 1/4/25- 31/3/26	£1.00		£1.00
24/02/25 3955	Kels Klean	Public Conveniences – Cleaning – Feb cleaning	£66.00		£66.00
26/02/25	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£26.24	£5.24	£30.20

To Approve - Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 February 2025, as above.

RESOLVED: To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 February 2025.

To Approve - 1 – 28 February 2025 Bank Reconciliation Statement

RESOLVED: To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 28 February 2025 - attached at the end of these minutes.

25/44 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL – County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting and, in his absence, Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, briefly went through the report at the meeting.

PCC Updates - Highway and other matters –

- **20 mph Review Consultation** – Received from Tony Caine, PCC, information re PCC review detailing the proposed changes, where considered appropriate when compared to Welsh Government guidance. **RESOLVED:** To state the Town Council's disappointment at the PCC findings and to forward comments agreed at the meeting.
- **Highway/Car Park issues** – Noted some highway concerns from County Councillor W Powell to PCC, had been copied to the Town Council, for information.
- **Flood issues and flood warden role - Sewerage and Drainage issues Talgarth** – Noted the Town Council has been copied into a resident's correspondence with PCC re this matter. Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that the Town Council needs to be involved with further meetings on this subject.
Noted County Councillor W Powell is awaiting a date for a review site meeting on Talgarth flooding issues, with the relevant stakeholders, to identify the best way forward, in coordinating efforts.
- **Flood Volunteer Events 2025 – 6 March 2025 event in Merthyr** - Noted Cllr A Lord was not able to attend the meeting. NRW had sent a link to the latest NRW Newsletters, which advertise any upcoming events and share information from the recent events.
- **PCC Household Recycling Centre Changes information from 1 April 2025** – Information received and on circulation.
- **Gabions on road to Park Wood** – Reports received that some of the gabions, in this location, have been damaged again. Cllr C Green offered to investigate the area, the following day, and supply photographic evidence to forward to PCC for action.

25/45 GROUP UPDATES –

- **ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD** –
- **Churchyard Maintenance** – Received OTM – Feb 2025 invoice - £424.38 + £84.88 VAT = £509.25, Mar invoice - £424.38 + £84.88 VAT = £509.25
RESOLVED: To pay OTM – Feb 2025 invoice - £424.38 + £84.88 VAT = £509.25, Mar Invoice - £424.38 + £84.88 VAT = £509.25 payments
- **Memorial Stone** – **RESOLVED:** To payment of £215 to J T Davies, Monumental Mason, as quoted, to repair the damaged headstone.
- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – On going with checking records.

- **Dog Fouling signage** – Received Welsh translation via OVW, for the proposed signage.
RESOLVED: To finalise the signage order so that Andrew Meredith, Sign Design, can proceed, at the quoted sum of £100 each for 3 signs with wooden frames/spikes.
- **SGC Site meeting 24 Feb – Churchyard Maintenance Contract – 2025 – 2028** – Noted that suggested biodiversity areas had been identified to be included in the new specification for tender. **RESOLVED:** To obtain quotes by for Churchyard maintenance, from 1 April 2025 - 31 Mar 2028, with the agreed amendments, and to arrange a special meeting of the Town Council to open the Tenders, as soon as possible.
- **Asbestos Removal St Gwendoline’s Church Talgarth** – Update received from Canon Rowland Edwards, hoping all permissions will be in place soon, so that the work can commence.

TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL/PUBLIC CONVENIENCES –

- **PPL PRS Town Hall Music Licence** – Received invoice for annual fee for the Music Licence due 31/3/2025 - £67.50 + £13.50 – Total £81.00.
RESOLVED: To pay PPL PRS Invoice £67.50 + £13.50 – Total £81.00.
- **Town Hall Boilers** – **RESOLVED:** To pay Alun Walters Invoice £120 for recent annual service of 2 boilers etc.
- **Public Toilets hire** – Communications received by Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, regarding the public toilet hire. **RESOLVED:** To forward a response as discussed.
RESOLVED: Hire charge £10 per hour for Public Conveniences hire, out of normal hours.
- **Town Hall** – **RESOLVED:** To review the Town Hall works previously identified for attention, to be undertaken in the new financial year.
- **Talgarth WAW group** – Received Agenda for the Committee Meeting on Tues 25 Mar at 7pm at the Castle Hotel, Talgarth, and Draft Minutes of the 20 Jan Committee Meeting.
- **TDRG meeting 19 Feb** – Update received from Cllr A Brown, Chair of the group – full detail, on circulation. Noted next meeting Wed 2 Apr, 7 30pm start at the Castle Hotel
 - **Audited Accounts 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024** – Received TDRG audited accounts 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, in order to support the £500 requested by TDRG to help fund Talgarth Community Library 2024-2025.
RESOLVED: To forward the £500 requested by the TDRG, to help fund Talgarth Community Library 2024/2025.
- **Festival** – Noted Cllr J Evans, Town Councillor representative, attended the Festival Group on 3 Feb – details on circulation.
- **Grow for Talgarth – AGM – Tues 25 Feb 7pm in the Community Hall** – Noted Cllr M Dodds, Town Council representative, attended the AGM on 25 Feb in the Community Hall. Officers appointed - Rosie Williams Chair, Helen Colbert, Vice Chair, Pete Rowson, Treasurer.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre Meeting 3 March** – Noted Cllr D Coleman, Town Council representative, attended and circulated an update from the meeting. Noted the AGM will be held on 7 April at the Strand Cafe.
- **Police/PCSOs – Speedwatch** – Noted John Williams Go Safe is forwarding the agreed locations for Speedwatch in the Talgarth/Trefecca area so that Cllr A Lord, Co-ordinator, can start up sessions again.
- **Breon Motor Club** – Cllr B Dale reported that she had received a notification that the Motor Club had an event on 10 May and are travelling through Talgarth.
RESOLVED: To inform the Club of the Road Closure details in Talgarth on 10 May.

25/46 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **WG - Senedd Review Final Determinations.**
- **WG - Senedd Report** – Received a link to the Senedd Report Published 5 Mar 2025 on the Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector.
- **PCC - Planning Decision Notices 20 Jan - 21 Feb 25**
- **BBNPA - Weekly List of Planning Applications**
- **OVW – Child Poverty Innovation and Supporting Communities grant fund**
- **Brecon & Radnor Express Official re-opening** – Received invitation from the Brecon & Radnor Express to the Official Re-opening event on Wed 5 Mar at 11am.
- **Llais - Newsletter – Feb 2025.**
- **Requests for Financial Assistance** – Received from: SSAFA Wales Community Council appeal 2025, Brecon & District Dial a Ride, Marie Curie – Noted agreed to donate to one local Charity this year.
- **Hay & District Dial a Ride - New Minibus** – Received update of their recently purchased minibus and invitation to the unveiling ceremony.

25/47 Date of the next meeting –

- **6pm Wed 9 Apr – Gareth Jones, BBNPA present, following by main meeting at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 Feb - 28 Feb 2025				
			Current	Cap Res
Opening Balances - 1 Feb 2025			£ 1,473.50	£ 58,567.74
Receipts 1 Feb - 28 Feb 2025				
05/02/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - 25/05	79.50	
07/02/2025	BACS	Llandefalle YFC - Hall hire - 25/04	75.00	
07/02/2025	BACS	CC James - SGC Burial 25/07 - Burial Plot - DL dec'd	581.00	
07/02/2025	BACS	CC James - SGC Burial 25/08 - Crem Plot - NT dec'd	194.00	
19/02/2025	CR10196	Black Mountains Friends - Hall hire 07/02	7.00	
20/02/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	3,000.00	
24/02/2025	BACS	Dr V Lloyd - Hall hire - 25/14	126.00	
24/02/2025	BACS	Triggs, The Mill - Public Toilets hire 14/02 - 14/09	45.00	
27/02/2025	BACS	R W Evans & Son - SGC - 2nd Inscription-MEMJ decd	52.00	
27/02/2025	CR10197	E Cherritt - Hall hire - 25/10 - 14/02	85.00	
28/02/2025	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 28 Feb		55.34
		Total Receipts:	£ 5,718.00	£ 58,623.08
Payments 1 Feb - 28 Feb 2025				
05/02/2025	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	298.00	
06/02/2025	CH3948	One Stop Promotions - 80th VE Day-Flags etc	97.07	
12/02/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 27/12/24 - 27/01/25	115.99	
12/02/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas -27/12/24 -27/01/2025	261.42	
13/02/2025	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric-27/12/24 -27/0	106.85	
17/02/2025	CH3954	Cllr W Powell - Travel claim to OVW Conf-16/10/24	22.00	
18/02/2025	CH3950	OTM - SGC - Churchyard Main - Jan	509.26	
18/02/2025	CH3953	P D Evans Builder - Supply fit - Town Hall guttering	64.10	
20/02/2025	CH3947	Lady Haig - 80th VE Day - Poppy Wreath	39.60	
20/02/2025	CH3949	Amazon - 80th VE Day - T lights for lanterns	8.99	
20/02/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		3,000
20/02/2025	CH3952	Clerk's Feb salary/expenses	1,284.03	
24/02/2025	CH3951	Caretaker's Feb salary	694.03	
26/02/2025	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	30.20	
27/02/2025	CH3955	Kels Cleans - Town Hall - Feb cleaning	66.00	
		Total Payments:	£ 3,597.54	
		Unpresented cheque 3948 £97.07	97.07	
			£2,217.53	£55,623.08
Closing Balances - 28 Feb 2025				