

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT 6PM, WEDNESDAY,
9 APRIL 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 A Bufton, Cllr M Dodds, Cllr B Dale, Cllr J Evans, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: No apologies

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

25/52 WELCOME: Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, welcomed Gareth Jones, BBNPA Director of Planning and Bridget Schofield, Planning Ecologist to the meeting to clarify on some issues of concern re Talgarth developments being blocked by BBNPA. Notes of the discussion on file.

RESOLVED: That a further meeting would be arranged between councillors and representatives of BBNP planning department within a few months in order to review the situation.

25/53 MONTHLY MEETING – It was noted that the main meeting commenced at 7.13pm.

25/54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There was one Declarations of Interest by Cllr W Powell, received in respect of Planning Application 25/23651/FUL – Proposal: “Planning application for a new Natural Swimming Pond” - Address: Lower Penybryn , Talgarth, LD3 0EE - Grid Ref: E:318756 N:232535, who took no part in the discussion or decision making.

25/55 RESIGNATION – The resignation of Cllr D Coleman was received on 7 April 2025, with regret, due to family commitments.

RESOLVED: To thank Cllr Coleman for his time as a Town Councillor and to commence the process for the filling of the vacancy.

25/56 TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCY – Noted the deadline for this previous vacancy will be 14 April, and PCC will confirm, after this date as to whether an election has been requested or if the Town Council can go ahead and advertise to co-opt a new member.

25/57 MINUTES:

- The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 March 2025, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

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25/58 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and training dates – on circulation.
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor Area Committee – 7pm Tues 1 April at the Strand, Builth Wells** – Received the Agenda and supporting papers. Noted we need to appoint a Town Councillor representative to attend future OVW meetings - next meeting 18 June.
- **OVW - National Awards Conference 2025 –Wed 30 April 2025 at Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground, Llanellwedd** - Information received.
- **OVW - Motions for the 2025 Annual General Meeting on 1 Oct 2025-** Noted OVW requesting Motions to be received by noon Fri 20 June 2025

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- **Inconsiderate Parking outside the Town Hall** – Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor, gave an update, on the position.
RESOLVED: To invite the complainant to lodge a formal complaint, as per the procedure.
- **Talgarth Town Centre issues/Liverpool House** – Received update from Hywel Richards, Aspects Developments – on circulation.
- **Digital Talgarth – Town Wifi** - Update received from Owen Davies Consultant, confirming that the Wi-Fi installations at the Rugby Club, Football Club and Town Hall had been planned to take place on 20 March. Cllr J Evans reported that this work at the Town Hall and the King George V Pavilion, could not take place, as planned, and a further date the following week would be arranged to try and sort the issues.
- **S6 Biodiversity** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave a brief update on the format of the Biodiversity Open Day, taking place in the Town Hall on Tues 22 April – World Earth Day, to look at how we can all make a difference in Talgarth and district.
RESOLVED: The sum of £293.35 be paid for expenses to assist the Open Day and the introduction of our Section 6 Biodiversity duties and the Town Council Report and Diversity Plan for Talgarth, will be shared prior to being submitted to Welsh Government.
- **Council Allotment project** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor reported she will be working on the allotment work, the following week and is requiring a supply of woodchip for the Allotment. **RESOLVED:** To seek the possibility of a free local supply of woodchip ASAP.
- **VE-Day 80th Anniversary 8 May** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave an update on the programme and noted that PCC has issued the Traffic Regulation Order and accompanying plan for the Road Closure on 10 May 2025, for information.
RESOLVED: To the purchase of some sundries etc for the street party from Amazon – cost £19.98 + £4.00 – Total: £23.98 and to arrange the 2 x gas cylinders for the gas beacon from Anorage Caravan site, Bronllys.
- **Youth Provision** – Cllr C Green gave an update, noting that some discussions are in hand with interested parties and a meeting is being held the following evening at The Castle Hotel, to seek the best way forward.
- **Cost of Living/Food bank** - News & Events from the OVW Cost of Living Crisis Support Team received and on circulation.
- **Keep Wales Tidy-`Funding** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor reported that she will be progressing funding for the Allotment.
- **Defibrillators in and around Talgarth & Training** – **RESOLVED:** To seek enquiries re the purchase of a defibrillator and case for Trefecca, as precepted for 2025/2026.
- **New Gurkha Inn Charity Dinner** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that £1,400 had been raised at the Charity event on the 13 March, endorsed by the Town Council, to be divided between Healthcare Centre in Dhampus and the Brecon Mountain Rescue Team.
RESOLVED: The Brecon Mountain Rescue Team had collected their £700 on the 2 April and invited members of the Council for a visit and tour of their new premises, in Brecon – date to be advised.
- **TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS 2025-2026 - RESOLVED:** To payment of the grants:
 - **Repair Café** – To payment of the £200 grant 2025/2026 awarded.
 - **Talgarth Community Hall** – To payment of the £200 grant 2025/2026 awarded.
 - **Gwernyfed High School Fund** - To payment of the £200 grant 2025/2026 awarded.

25/60 BBNPA UPDATES:**PLANNING – To consider:**

- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 25/23651/FUL** – Proposal: “Planning application for a new Natural Swimming Pond” - Address: Lower Penybryn , Talgarth, LD3 0EE - Grid Ref: E:318756 N:232535

RESOLVED: The Town Council was broadly in favour of the project, however it felt unable to fully consider the application, and to request further information, so the matter can be considered at our next meeting.

BBNPA – PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATES –

1. **Planning Application 24/22581/FUL – REFUSAL** - to grant planning permission for the following development - “5 Affordable Residential Dwellings” (Full Application) at Former Highways Depot, Hay Road, Talgarth, Brecon Powys. Full details on circulation.
2. **Planning application 21/19965/FUL - REFUSAL** - to grant planning permission for the following development: - Proposal: “Development of a non-residential teaching college (D1) involving the demolition of existing structures and construction of two new teaching barns, a replacement open sided hay barn and a bat roosting/storage barn and the conversion of two existing barns, landscaping works, new services, ecological enhancements, creation of passing places and associated development.”- Address: Troed Yr Harn Farm , Hospital Road, Talgarth LD30EF
3. **Planning Enforcement Case (ENF/24/02558/MCUP3) Unit 5, Talgarth Business Park, Talgarth, LD3 0PQ** – Update received for information.

- 25/61 CARETAKER’S ANNUAL REVIEW** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, expressed on behalf of the Town Council, the gratitude for the excellent standard of work, again this year, carried out by Emma Hayles, Caretaker, in the Town Hall and the Public Conveniences, receiving many compliments on this high standard of work by both residents and visitors.

RESOLVED: To forward thanks to Emma for all her dedicated service.

- 25/62 Town Council – Policies & Procedures – RESOLVED:** To hold a special full meeting of the Town Council at 6pm Wed 30 April in the Town Hall Committee Room to consider and approve the annual Policy and Procedure documents, previously circulated.

25/63 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**Amounts received since last meeting 12 Mar 2025:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
31/03/25BACS	Nat West Bank	Mar Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£55.46
28/03/25 BACS	BMC Students	Hall hire – 25/73	£96.00
28/03/25 BACS	J Evans	Hall hire – 25/17	£60.00
26/03/25 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 25/24	£111.25
26/03/25 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 25/25	£85.00
26/03/25 BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 25/22	£144.00
25/03/25 BACS	Tues Lunch Club	Hall hire – 25/23	£120.00
25/03/25 BACS	Dr V Lloyd	Hall hire – 25/21	£105.00
24/03/25 101973	D Gwynne	SGC Grazing fee 2024-25	£85.00
23/03/25 BACS	C Potter	Hall hire – 25/20	£38.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 12 Mar 2025:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
09/04/25 3998	Talgarth Community Hall	Donation 2025/2026	£200.00		£200.00
09/04/25 3997	Gwernyfed High School Fund	Donation 2025/2026	£200.00		£200.00
09/04/25 3996	Talgarth Repair Café	Donation 2025/2026	£200.00		£200.00
09/04/25 3995	Printerbase Ltd	Printer Cartridge	£40.50	£8.10	£48.60
09/04/25 3994	Printerbase Ltd	Printer Drum	£47.25	£9.45	£56.70
09/04/25 3993	Beacon Detection	King George V Pavilion – Replacement Fire Alarm Panel	£556.01	£111.20	£667.21
09/04/25 3992	Amazon	80 th VE Day – Street Party plates etc	£19.98	£4.00	£23.98
09/04/25 3991	Powys County Council	Town Hall Premises fee 2025/2026	£180.00		£180.00
09/04/25 3990	One Voice Wales	Annual Subscription 2025/2026	£352.00		£352.00
27/03/25 3989	Planning Aid Wales	Planning Aid Course fee – 27/3/2025 - Cllr A Brown	£50.00		£50.00
26/03/25	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£26.24	£5.24	£30.20
19/03/25 3988	J T Davies	SGC – Repair to damaged stone	£215.00		£215.00
18/03/25 3986	Kels Klean	Public Conveniences – Cleaning – Mar cleaning	£99.00		£99.00
17/03/25	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas –28/01 – 27/02/25	£238.49	£11.92	£250.41
17/03/25	Eon D/D	Town Hall Electric 28/01– 27/02/25	£94.05	£4.70	£98.75
17/03/25	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences – Electric - 28/01 – 27/02/25	£47.50	£2.38	£49.88

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 March 2025, as above.
RESOLVED: To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 12 March 2025.
- **To Approve** - 1 – 31 March 2025 Bank Reconciliation Statement
RESOLVED: To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 31 March 2025 - attached at the end of these minutes.
- **Caretaker** – Informed by PAVO payroll that minimum hourly rate will increase from £11.44 to £12.21 from 1 April 2025.
RESOLVED: For Caretaker's hourly rate to increase to £12.21 from 1 Apr 2025.
- **Wales Audit Office - 2024/2025 Annual Return** – Received the Annual return 2024-25 for completion and return.

25/64 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL – County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting and gave an update at the meeting of proposals on road surfaces which he will share with colleagues, when a response is received.

PCC Updates - Highway and other matters –

- **C0085 (Hospital road) reactive and planned maintenance 2025** – Noted County Councillor W Powell had copied the Town Council into his correspondence with PCC re a resident's highway complaint, for information.
- **Gabions on road to Park Wood** – Noted Cllr C Green had attended the area and forwarded photographic evidence of the damaged basket in this location, which had been forwarded to PCC for repair. A response has been received confirming that PCC is already aware of the defective gabion baskets along the C0083 and the repairs would come under a 'programmed' repair with the local works team when depot resource is available.
- **Speed monitoring strips at Trefecca** – It was noted that the speed monitoring strips had been removed, in this location, and it was hoped to receive the data, as soon as possible.
- **20 mph Review Consultation** – No new update.
- **Pedestrian Crossing, Hay Road, Talgarth - Approach Road to Ysgol y Mynydd du, Talgarth Medical Centre** – Noted reports received and forwarded to PCC, re this Pedestrian Crossing was not working, which has since been repaired.
- **Heolas Road** – Noted Town Council had been cc into local resident's e-mail exchanges with Powys County Councillor W Powell, who is investigating the matter.
- **Flood issues and flood warden role - Sewerage and Drainage issues Talgarth** – Noted that County Councillor W Powell is arranging a meeting with PCC regarding these matters.

25/65 GROUP UPDATES –

ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD –

- **Annual Review of Churchyard fees** – Received Church in Wales fees list from 1 Jan 2025.
RESOLVED: To increase the St Gwendoline's Churchyard fees from 1 April 2025 in line with the Church in Wales current fees.
- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – On going with checking records.
- **Dog Fouling signage** – Noted translation confirmed by OVW.
RESOLVED: Three Signs to be ordered with Sign Design, at the quoted sum of £100 each - in landscape style with wooden frames.
- **Asbestos Removal St Gwendoline's Church Talgarth** – No new update.

TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL/PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – RESOLVED:

Skyrme Electrical to undertake the works at the Town Hall, as agreed, as soon as possible.

- **Talgarth WAW group Meeting – 7pm Wed 23 Apr at The Castle Hotel, Talgarth** – Received Agenda for 23 April meeting and draft minutes of 25 March Meeting. Noted Cllr A Lord and Cllr W Powell, Town Council representatives planning to attend.
- **TDRG Meeting 7pm Wed 2 Apr at The Castle Hotel** – Agenda received. Noted Cllr C Green, Town Council representative attended and gave a short update at the meeting.
- **Festival Meeting - 7pm Mon 7 April** – Noted Cllr B Dale, Town Councillor representative, attended the meeting and gave a short update – on circulation.
- **Xmas Lights Group AGM – 6.30pm Tues 25 March in Committee Room** – Noted Cllr A Lord, Town Council representative attended the meeting and gave a short update. Noted that the Lights group have since reported that they wish Dave Price Solutions to make a further 40 lanterns made, to replace all the old ones, as a cost of £600 for the lanterns and approx 10 clips approx £7 - £10 each. **RESOLVED:** To pay for the order when made.

- **Talgarth Visitor Centre – AGM – 2.30pm Mon 7 Apr in Committee Room** – Received notification of the AGM, attended by Cllr W Powell, Town Council representative who gave a short update – noting the new officers elected: Brian Summerfield, Chair, Peter Rowson, Treasurer, Heather Summerfield, Secretary.
- **King George V Pavilion** –
 - **Meeting with Talgarth Football Club 11am Wed 26 Mar at the Football Club** – Noted Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, attended a meeting on 26 Mar at the Football Pavilion with Mark Bull from the Cymru Football re Foundation re grant funding. Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, gave a short update.
 - **Fire Alarm Panel** – Received a quote from Brecon Fire & Security for this urgent work - £556.01 + VAT @ 20 % £111.20 - to supply & install a replacement Fire Alarm Panel.
RESOLVED: This urgent necessary work be undertaken on the Town Council owned property.
- **Talgarth Bowls Club** – Cllr M Dodds reported that on Sat 12 April 2025, the Bowling Club will be re-opening for the season and the green is looking excellent. Also that the Club has an important match away on Sun 13 April.
RESOLVED: To wish the Bowling Club, the Town Council's good wishes for every success in both events.
- **Gwernyfed Rugby Club** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council reported Gwernyfed Rugby Club's achievement of reaching the final of the WRU cup at Division 4 to be played at Rodney Parade 10th May 2025.
RESOLVED: To forward the Town Council's congratulations to Gwernyfed Rugby Club for this excellent achievement.
- **Police/PCSOs** –
 - **PCSO Surgery in Town Hall Committee Room Thurs 27 March 6pm – 7pm** – Noted PCSO Emma Jackson, re-started the monthly PCSO Surgery in the Town Hall.
 - **Vandalism in Talgarth - DP - 20250315-055** – Noted J Wilding had reported recent vandalism incidences in Talgarth to Dyfed Powys and cc to the Town Council, for information
 - **Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner visit to Brecon, Wed 26th March 2025** – Information received. Noted Cllr Louise attended the meeting.
 - **PCSO Arts Council of Wales Grant** - Information received and on circulation.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** –
 - **Talgarth Sports Day 27 July** – Noted that, due to unforeseen circumstances, this proposed event has been cancelled.
 - **Bronllys Well Being Park Paper 3: Unlocking Potential in Communities -- Urgent Need for Community Asset Transfer Reform in Wales** – Received for information.
- **Public Toilets hire Agreement** - Noted two Mill Directors requested to speak to the Town Council regarding the Public Toilets hire charges during evening hirings, when public toilets are normally closed.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Lord, Deputy Mayor agreed to meet to The Mill Directors.

25/66 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **WG - Transfer of functions from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales to Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** – Noted that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel) has announced that it will be abolished as of 31 March 2025, as a result of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act being passed in July 2024. As such, the Panel's functions will transfer to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission) (formerly the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – LDBCW) on 1 April 2025. Community and Town Councils' Statements of Payments for 2024-2025 should be forwarded to remuneration@dbcc.gov.wales by 30 September
- **PCC Decision Notices 24.02.25 to 14.03.25 & 17.03.25 to 28.03.25** – On circulation
- **BBNPA** - Weekly List of Planning Applications & Agenda/BBNPA Access Forum, Thursday 3rd April 2025, 2pm.
- **Llais** - Newsletter –Mar 2025.

25/67 Date of the next meeting –

- **6pm Wed 30 Apr** – Annual Review of Policies and Procedures
- **7pm Wed 14 May** - AGM followed by monthly meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 Mar - 31 Mar 2025				
			Current	Cap Res
Opening Balances - 1 Mar 2025			£ 2,217.53	£ 55,623.08
Receipts 1 Mar - 31 Mar 2025				
04/03/2025	BACS	H Furnell - Hall hire 25/12 Jan & 25/13 Feb	324.00	
07/03/2025	BACS	Festival Group - Hall hire 25/15	45.00	
07/03/2025	CR101971	L Rees - Hall hire 25/14	20.00	
07/03/2025	CR101972	Black Mountains Friends - Hall hire 07/03	10.00	
10/03/2025	BACS	Perthyn - Hall hire 25/6 £66 & 25/11 £52	118.00	
17/03/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	7,500.00	
24/03/2025	BACS	C Potter - Hall hire 25/20	38.00	
24/03/2025	CR101973	D Gwynne - SGC Grazing fee 2024/25	85.00	
25/03/2025	BACS	Dr V Lloyd - Hall hire - 25/21	105.00	
25/03/2025	BACS	Lunch Club - Hall hire/energy 25/23	120.00	
26/03/2025	BACS	H Furnell - Hall hire 25/22 Mar	144.00	
26/03/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - 25/25	85.00	
26/03/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - 25/24	111.25	
28/03/2025	BACS	J Evans - Hall hire - 24/17	60.00	
31/03/2025	BACS	BMC Students - Hall hire - 25/73	96.00	
31/03/2025	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 31 Mar		55.46
Total Receipts:			£ 11,078.78	£ 55,678.54
Payments 1 Mar - 31 Mar 2025				
06/03/2025	CH3948	One Stop Promotions - 80th VE Day-Flags etc	97.07	
10/03/2025	CH3958	Welsh Water -Pub Conveniences 7/8/24 - 25/2/25	512.69	
10/03/2025	CH3959	Welsh Water -Town Hall 7/8/24 - 25/2/25	229.10	
11/03/2025	CH3962	Newhall Janitorial - Town Hall/Pub Cons sundries	134.05	
11/03/2025	CH3966	HMRC - Jan - Mar 2025	1,305.54	
12/03/2025	CH3956	B Williams - Mill Lease P'corn rent 1/4/25-31/3/26	1.00	
13/03/2025	CH3960	PPL PRS - Town Hall Royalties - Mar 2025 - Mar 26	81.00	
14/03/2025	CH3961	BOSS - Stationery/paper	39.48	
17/03/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		£ 7,500.00
17/03/2025	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric-28/01/25 -27/02/25	49.88	
17/03/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 28/01/25 - 27/02/25	98.75	
17/03/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas -28/01/25 -27/02/2025	250.41	
17/03/2025	CH3964	Seton - Pub Convs - Gents signage	21.58	
17/03/2025	CH3967	Cllr L Elston-Reeves - Mayor's Allowance	400.00	
17/03/2025	CH3968	Cllr L Elston-Reeves - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
18/03/2025	CH3969	Cllr A Lord - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
18/03/2025	CH3975	Cllr A Brown - Councillor Allowance pro rata	183.13	
19/03/2025	CH3976	Cllr A Briggs - Councillor Allowance - pro rata	183.58	
19/03/2025	CH3986	Kels Cleans - Town Hall - Mar cleaning	99.00	
20/03/2025	CH3973	Cllr G Jones - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
20/03/2025	CH3977	Cllr B Dale - Councillor Allowance pro rata	165.53	
20/03/2025	CH3979	TDRG - Donation to Library running costs 2024/25	500.00	
20/03/2025	CH3980	Amazon - Birthday Card 104 for oldest resident JG	5.99	
20/03/2025	CH3981	OTM - SGC - Churchyard Main - Feb	509.26	
20/03/2025	CH3982	OTM - SGC - Churchyard Main - Mar	509.14	
20/03/2025	CH3983	Clerk's Mar salary/expenses	1,291.03	
21/03/2025	CH3963	A Walters-Town Hall Annual Service 2 boilers etc	120.00	
21/03/2025	CH3970	Cllr D Coleman - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
21/03/2025	CH3972	Cllr C Green - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
21/03/2025	CH3985	Drew Barker-Wright Charity - Donation	200.00	
24/03/2025	CH3984	Caretaker's Mar salary	694.03	
24/03/2025	CH3988	J T Davies - SGC - Repair to Memorial	215.00	
25/03/2025	CH3957	Allotment Assoc - Allotment rent-Feb 25 - Feb 26	15.00	
25/03/2025	CH3965	PAVO - Jan - Mar Payroll fee	60.00	
25/03/2025	CH3971	Cllr M Dodds - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
26/03/2025	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	30.20	
27/03/2025	CH3974	Cllr W Powell - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
28/03/2025	CH3989	Planning Aid Wales-Course fee 27/3 Cllr A Brown	50.00	
Total Payments:			£ 9,507.44	£ 7,500.00
Closing Balances - 31 Mar 2025			£1,571.34	£48,178.54

