

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, FOLLOWING THE AGM, HELD AT 6PM, WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Bufton

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

25/79` DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations of Interest by Cllr W Powell, received in respect of the following two planning applications, who left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

- **Consultation due to amendment - Planning Applications 25/23651/FUL** – Proposal: “Planning application for a new Natural Swimming Pond” – Address: Lower Penybryn, Talgarth, LD3 0EE – Grid Reference: E:318756 N:232535 .
- **APPEAL –Planning Application 24/22581/FUL** – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 78(1) - Appellant: Aspect Developments Ltd - Proposal: 5 Affordable Residential Dwellings – Address: Former Highways Depot, Hay Road, Talgarth, Brecon. Grounds: Against Refusal of Permission.

25/80 TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – Noted the two vacancies are now advertised.

25/81 MINUTES:

- The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 9 April & 30 April 2025, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 9 April 2025, be accepted as a correct record.
- The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 30 April 2025, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 30 April 2025, be accepted as a correct record.

25/82 THANKS TO FORMER MAYOR: Cllr A Lord, Mayor thanked Cllr L Elston-Reeves, former Mayor for her leadership over the last 2.5 years.

25/83 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and training dates - Apr - June - on circulation.
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor Area Committee – 7pm Tues 1 April at the Strand, Builth Wells** – Received Draft Minutes of the Brecon & Radnorshire Area Committee meeting of 1 April. Noted the next meeting 7pm Wed 18 June at Llywen Village Hall.
- **OVW – Cost of Living Crisis Project** - Information received and on circulation
- **Microsoft Teams** - Noted due to Skype ceasing, Microsoft Teams has been set up to assist with meetings - Invoice £37.20 + VAT £7.44 - Total £44.64.
RESOLVED: To reimburse the payment of the Microsoft Teams Invoice £37.20 + VAT £7.44 - Total £44.64 for the annual fee.
- **SSL Certificate – RESOLVED:** To order from Vision ICT the SSL certificate at the quoted annual cost of £50 + VAT per year.

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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** – Update received - on circulation.
- **Digital Talgarth – Town Wifi** - Update received from Cllr J Evans noting that the Town Wifi has now been physically installed at the Town Hall, Rugby Club and Football Pavilion and waiting for finalisation of the setup so we can start advertising and using it.
- **S6 Biodiversity** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, gave an update on the successful Biodiversity Open Day 22 April and that the Town Council adopted the Town Council Biodiversity report at its 30 April meeting.

RESOLVED: To payment of £38.74 for sundries & items for activities to assist the event and the sum of £293.35 be paid for expenses to assist the Open Day.

- **Council Allotment project** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor reported work is progressing in this area with the assistance of Muddy Care.
- **VE-Day 80th Commemoration** – Cllr M Dodds wished it to be noted, the excellent efforts made by Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor and members of the Town Council, in respect of the anniversary events that took place around the 80th VE commemoration. Cllr A Lord, Mayor, also wished to thank Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, for organising the excellent events in respect of the 80th D Day and VE day commemorations. Cllr L Elston-Reeves acknowledged the help from Council colleagues and members of the Community.

RESOLVED: Items to be reimbursed for food/sundries for the event - to Cllr L Elston-Reeve - £40.24, to Ms C Briggs £70.28 and to pay invoice of the Ice Cream Parlour – £124.20 for refreshments for the event.

- **Youth Provision** – Cllr C Green reported that the PCC Youth Team would be contacting the relevant interested parties, to seek the way forward.
- **Cost of Living/Food bank** - Cllr L Elston-Reeves confirmed that she will now commence with this Food Bank project, on behalf of the Town Council, at the Market Hall, and will be liaising with the Co-op.
- **Keep Wales Tidy-`Funding** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor reported that she will be progressing funding for the Allotment.
- **Defibrillator for Trefecca** – **RESOLVED:** To purchase the quoted Zoll AED Defib £905 + 20% VAT and the unlocked cabinet £406 + 20% VAT at these quoted costs, from The Defib Store, for location in the disused red phone box at Trefecca, to be fitted by an electrician. Noted training to be arranged for Talgarth and Trefecca residents in both the Town Hall and at Trefecca, by St John Ambulance group, as arranged.

War Memorial Gardens work – Received notification that Bryan Evans is not able to continue maintaining the War Memorial wall gardens. Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves has volunteered carry on this role, on behalf of the Town Council, and has planted up the wall gardens for the 80th VE celebrations.

RESOLVED: To accept Cllr L Elston-Reeves offer to maintain the War Memorial gardens and to forward a letter of thanks to Bryan Evans for his long service in maintaining the War Memorial Garden Walls.

Agreed to pay the Garden Centre Invoice £24.48 for the plants in readiness for VE Day commemorations.

25/85 BBNPA UPDATES:

- 1. **Re-consultation due to amendment - Planning Application 25/23651/FUL** - Proposal: "Planning application for a new Natural Swimming Pond" – Address: Lower Penybryn, Talgarth, LD3 0EE . **RESOLVED:** The Town Council raised no objections.
- 2. **APPEAL Refusal of Permission – Planning Application 24/22581/FUL** – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 78(1) - Appellant: Aspect Developments Ltd - Proposal: 5 Affordable Residential Dwellings – Address: Former Highways Depot, Hay Road, Talgarth, Brecon. **RESOLVED:** Town Council has nothing further to add than previously submitted.

25/86 POLICY - Public Conveniences Risk Assessment – Due to the issue of no disposal of sharps arrangements in the Risk Assessment document, a quote has been obtained from PHS Group to supply 3 x lockable safe and sound container bins, to be secured on the wall, in the gents, ladies toilet and unisex/disabled toilet areas at a total cost of £208.44 + VAT per year – (*this cost was quoted for a 3-year contract*).

RESOLVED: To initially take on a 1-year contract and to obtain costs and to update the Public Conveniences Risk Assessment at our 11 June meeting.

25/87 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**Amounts received since last meeting 9 April 2025:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
06/05/25 101976	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for meeting- 02/5/25	£10.00
06/05/25 101975	Talgarth Visitor Centre	Hall hire 7/4 – 25/30	£10.00
30/04/25BACS	Nat West Bank	Apr Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£47.45
30/04/25BACS	Powys County Council	One third Precept 2025/26	£26,000.00
22/04/25 BACS	Triggs Café The Mill	Public Toilet hire- 25/29	£40.00
16/04/25 101974	Black Mountains Friends Group	Committee Room hire for meeting- 07/4/25	£10.00
15/04/25BACS	PAVO	Hall hire 25/26	£35.00
10/04/25BACS	PCC	Hall hire – 25/18	£95.00
10/04/25BACS	Free Spirit	Hall hire – 25/19	£68.00
07/04/25BACS	The Mill	Public Toilet hire- 25/28	£30.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 9 April 2025:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
14/05/25	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas –28/03 – 28/04/25	£73.05	£3.65	£76.70
14/05/25	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 28/03/25 – 28/04/25	£81.86	£4.09	£85.95
14/05/25	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences – Electric - 28/03/25 – 28/04/25	£33.93	£1.70	£35.63
12/05/25 4014	Ice Cream Parlour	80 th VE Day – Food/Sundries – Street Party	£124.20		£124.20
12/05/25 4013	Ms C Briggs	80 th VE Day – Food/Sundries – Street Party	£70.28		£70.28
12/05/25 4012	Cllr L Elston-Reeves Mayor	80 th VE Day – Food/Sundries – Street Party	£40.24		£40.24
12/05/25 4011	Newhall Janitorial Ltd	Town Hall/Public Conveniences – Toilet Rolls	126.70	£25.34	£152.04

01/05/25 4009	Talgarth Building Supplies	Biodiversity event 22 Apr – Sundries – Ply wood	£38.26	£7.65	£45.91
06/05/25	PCC D/D	Town Hall Council Tax	£388.40		£388.40
01/05/25 4008	PHS Group	Public Conveniences – Sanitary bins collection	£73.20	£14.64	£87.84
01/05/25 4007	Old Railway Nurseries	War Memorial – Plants for gardens	£22.06	£2.42	£24.48
01/05/25 4006	Microsoft Ltd	Annual fee for Microsoft Teams	£37.20	£7.44	£44.64
01/05/25 4005	Cllr L Elston-Reeves	Biodiversity event 22 Apr – Sundries & items for activities.	£38.74		£38.74
01/05/25 4004	Keltic Design Print Ltd	Biodiversity event 22 Apr – Posters for event	£24.00	£4.80	£28.80
30/04/25	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£27.71	£5.54	£33.25
16/04/25 4003	Kels Klean	Public Conveniences – Cleaning – April cleaning	£82.50		£82.50
16/04/25 4002	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses April	£1,284.23		£1,284.23
16/04/25 4001	Caretaker – Town Hall	April Salary	£740.74		£740.74
14/04/25	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas –28/02/25 – 27/03/25	£187.72	£9.39	£197.11
14/04/25	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 28/02/25 – 27/03/25	£87.74	£4.39	£92.13
14/04/25	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences – Electric - 28/02/25 – 27/03/25	£30.12	£1.51	£31.63
09/04/25 4000	Blackthorn Trust	Biodiversity event 22 Apr – Blackthorn Trust	£150.55		£150.55
09/04/25 3999	Skyrme Electrical	Town Hall – Electrical fault – replace motorised valve	£138.00	£27.00	£165.00

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 9 April 2025, as above.
RESOLVED: To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 9 April 2025.
- **To Approve** - 1 – 30 April 2025 Bank Reconciliation Statement
RESOLVED: To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 30 April 2025 - attached at the end of these minutes.

25/88 PCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR W POWELL – County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting, and spoke to some of the issues.

PCC Updates - Highway and other matters –

- **Ysgol y Mynydd du – Notice Boards x 5 borrowed from the Town Council** - County Councillor W Powell had been asked by the school for these Notice Boards to be returned to the Town Hall. The Clerk reported that this request had also been received by the Librarian.
RESOLVED: To arrange for the return of the 5 x Notice Boards to the Town Hall.
- **Heol las road bollards** – Noted County Cllr W Powell gave an update on the recent visit to this area re these problems and to await the result of the recent investigations.
- **Smelly Drains around The Square and in Public Conveniences** – Due to these recent problems which the Clerk had reported - PCC had flushed the drains on The Square and Dwr Cymru had rodded the drains in the public convenience urinals.
Noted, if there is any further problems with smelly drains on The Square, the drain needs to be noted and reported to the relevant organisation.

- **RESOLVED:** The Town Council to arrange to investigate and discover where all our drains are located. Also to note and report, any further blocked/smelly drains to the relevant Organisations.
- **Basement Town Hall/Market Hall Improvements** – Concern was raised re the need for a possible bid for funding in respect of this location, as soon as possible - one suggestion again being raised, was for soundproofing, in this area. .
- **PCC Highway Trees** – Received email update dated 2 May from HGSS Tree Officer, PCC regarding Highway Trees, informing us as stakeholders of Powys Highways Strategy of Managing Risk from Trees – on circulation.
- **Flooding issues in Talgarth** – Noted the Town Council was cc into County Councillor W Powell's correspondence re this matter and awaiting a date for a stakeholders meeting.
- **Presentation by PCC waste and recycling, hosted by PACE** - Information about an online presentation at 8pm 20 May by PCC's waste and recycling manager, was received.
- **PCC Sustainable Powys** – Invitation received to a PCC Sustainable Powys meeting to take place on 15 May – 7pm – 9pm at Ty Brycheiniog (Unit 1B, Brecon Enterprise Park).
- **20mph** – Noted the Town Council was cc into Ysgol y Mynydd du email concerns to PCC about the proposal to return part of the A4078, from the junction with the A479 to after the school to a 30mph zone. Noted that Ysgol y Mynydd du will be provided with the opportunity to make comment, if this suggestion is approved to take forward.

25/89 TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL 1 JUNE 2025 – 31 MAY 2026

Received from Zurich Insurance, an Invoice for the Renewal Premium of £5,060.76, for the final year of the 5 - year contract. **RESOLVED:** To payment of Zurich invoice of the £5,060.76 due.

25/90 PARISH ON LINE – RESOLVED: To renew annual subscription May 25 – May 26 - £54.

25/91 GROUP UPDATES –

ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD

- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – On going with checking records.
- **Dog Fouling signage** – Signage boards to be ordered from Sign Design, as per quote.
- **Asbestos Removal St Gwendoline's Church Talgarth** – No new update.

TALGARTH ISSUES/TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL/PUBLIC CONVENIENCES –

- **Death of John Gwynne** – Noted the death of the late John Gwynne, eldest resident, aged 104 years old occurred on 11 May 2025, and that the funeral wake will be held in the Town Hall on 7 June 2025.
RESOLVED: To forward a Sympathy Card to the family of the late John Gwynne, former Town Councillor. Also agreed the usual hall hire fee.
- **Public Conveniences – RESOLVED:** To pay PHS – Annual Invoice for collection of the monthly 3 sanitary bins £73.20 + £14.64 VAT – Total £87.84.
- **Public Conveniences** – Noted, for information, a problem occurred last weekend with the urinals not automatically flushing at times and the plumber is monitoring the situation.
Grants for Public Conveniences Improvement – Information about a possible source of grant funding had been received from a local resident.
- **Talgarth WAW group** – Agenda and draft minutes of 23 April meeting received.
Noted the Group's AGM is scheduled for Wed 25 June 2025 7pm the Talgarth Rugby Club.
RESOLVED: To forward a letter of congratulations and thanks to Dr Havard Prosser, Chair of the group, conveying the grateful thanks of the Town Council, for the excellent successful Walkers are Welcome Festival 2025.
- **TDRG** - No new update.

- **Festival Group Meeting 7pm Mon 12 May** – Noted Cllr B Dale and Cllr J Evans, Town Councillor representatives, had attended the Festival Group on 12 May.
Cllr B Dale circulated an update on the successful Easter Sat 19 April events and the forthcoming annual Festival of the Black Mountains on 23/24 Aug and that the next fund raising event of a Medium evening in the Town Hall on 13 June
- **Xmas Lights Group** – No new update.
- **Grow for Talgarth** – Noted the ‘Gardens on Wheels’ Community event will be held on Sat 28 & Sun 29 June.
- **On the Verge AGM Tues 29 April 6.30pm – 7.30pm** – Noted AGM had taken place and attended by Cllr A Lord, Mayor, who gave an update on the meeting.
Updates received from OTV and on circulation.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre – 12 May meeting – 2.30pm at The Strand Café** - Received Agenda for the meeting and minutes of the 7 April AGM. Noted Cllr W Powell, Town Council representative, attended the meeting and gave an update of the meeting.
- **King George V Play Area** –
Dogs in Children’s Play area – Noted a visitor to the area had reported to TADSCA concern that a dog with its owner was in the Children’s Play area. Noted TADSCA had responded and more signage had been put in place.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Lord, Liaison Officer, meet with TADSCA , with a view to resolving the issue of the signage and to request a TADSCA update and meeting, as soon as possible.
Replacement Fire Alarm Panel – Noted work had been completed as per quote from Brecon Fire & Security for the urgent work.
RESOLVED: That the Invoice of Brecon Fires & Security be paid - £556.01 + VAT £111.20 - Total £667.21.
- **Bowling Club** – Cllr M Dodds gave an update confirming the Bowling Club is going well.
- **Talgarth Ladies Football Club** – Cllr M Dodds gave an update on the success of the Talgarth Ladies Football Club, confirming they had second in their league.
- **Talgarth Junior Football Club** – Update received from the Chair of Talgarth Town Juniors Football Club, confirming they have recently submitted an application for an FAW Fit for Future Equipment Grant, which includes funding for new goal post equipment and a secure storage container for their football kit.
Cllr A Lord, Mayor, gave a short update, stating this had received the support of TADSCA.
- **TADSCA: RESOLVED:** Cllr A Lord, Liaison officer, to meet with Peter Weavers for an update on the TADSCA group and request a date for an early meeting of TADSCA.
- **Police/PCSOs** – Updates on both the Sceptre Campaign 19-25 May 2025 and local Policing received from PCSO Trudy Davies - on circulation.
Noted Town Councillor concerns raised on the lack of the response from the police.
RESOLVED: That the views of the Town Council be made known to the Police Authority.
- **Vandalism in Talgarth** - Noted a local resident had reported further vandalism incidences which have occurred in the same area along Trefecca Road, Talgarth which had been reported by a passer-by.
- **GP Biotec** – Notification received on 30 Apr from GP Biotec, informing the Town Council that they will be spreading liquid digestate imminently on fields within the Talgarth vicinity. Received further reports of smells and noise issues which have been reported.
Noted that the Community Liaison Meeting due to be held on 5 Feb 2025 was postponed.
RESOLVED: That all smells/noise issues be reported to the relevant bodies. Also that Cllr A Lord, Town Council representative on the Community Liaison Group, request a meeting with GP Biotec and pursue their long-standing invite to the Town Council to visit the site.

- **Talgarth Community Library** – Update received from Jan Shivel re events taking place at the Community Library between 26– 31 May – on circulation.

25/92 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **WG - Transfer of functions from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales to Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** – Information received, noting that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel) has announced that it will be abolished as of today, 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.
- **DBCC - Electoral Review Programme 2025 (ERP 2025)** - The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru today has published its Policy and Practice document in preparation for the 2025 Electoral Review Programme. Full details on circulation.
- **BBNPA** - Weekly List of Planning Applications
- **OVW – E Bulletin**
- **Powys Teaching Health Board – Better Together: Shaping the future of safe, quality health services for Powys** – Information on circulation. Note Comments by 25 May.
- **Bwyd Powys Food Sign Our Food Charter Today** - Information received from Bywd Powys Food - the Sustainable Food Partnership for Powys re Sign Our Food Charter Today – on circulation.
- **NSA Welsh Sheep 2025 – 21 May** – Noted Cllr A Brown received an invite to this lunch at Tregoyd. Invite extended to Town Councillors.
- **Hay Dial a Ride** – Spring 2025 Newsletter
- **David Chadwick MP** – Letter and poster with contact details received for our Notice Board. Also offering to assist the Town Council with any issues they wish to raise.

25/93 Date of the next meeting –

- **7pm Wed 11 June 2025**

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

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2025

			Current Act	Cap Res Act
Opening Balances - 1 April 2025			£1,571.34	£48,178.54
<u>Receipts 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2025</u>				
07/04/2025	BACS	Felin Talgath Mill - Publi Toilet hire 25/28	30.00	
10/04/2025	BACS	FreeSpirit - 25/19	68.00	
10/04/2025	BACS	PCC - Hall hire - 25/18	95.00	
15/05/2025	BACS	PAVO - Hall hire - 25/26	35.00	
16/04/2025	CR101974	Black Mountains Friends - Hall hire 04/04	10.00	
22/04/2025	BACS	Triggs The Mill - Public Toilet hire - 25/29	40.00	
23/04/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	4,000.00	
30/04/2025	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 30 Apr		47.45
30/04/2025	BACS	PCC - one third precept		26,000.00
Total Receipts:			£5,849.34	£74,225.99
<u>Payments 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2025</u>				
09/04/2025	CH3991	PCC - Town Hall Alcohol Licence Apr 2025-2026	180.00	
09/04/2025	CH3997	Gwernyfed High School Fund - Grant 2025/2026	200.00	
14/04/2025	DD	E-on - Public Conveners Electric-28/02/25 -27/03/25	31.63	
14/04/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 28/02/25 - 27/03/25	92.13	
14/04/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas -28/02/25 -27/03/2025	197.11	
16/04/2025	CH3998	Talgarth Community Hall - Grant 2025-2026	200.00	
17/04/2025	CH3992	80th VE Day - Street party sundries	23.98	
22/04/2025	CH3994	Printerbase - Printer Drum	56.70	
22/04/2025	CH3995	Printerbase - Printer Cartridge	48.60	
23/04/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		4,000.00
23/04/2025	CH3990	OVW - Annual subscription 2025/2026	352.00	
23/04/2025	CH3996	Talgarth Repair Cafe - Grant 2025/2026	200.00	
23/04/2025	CH9999	Skyrme Electrical - Town Hall replacement valve	165.00	
23/05/2025	CH4001	Caretaker's April salary	740.74	
23/04/2025	CH4003	Kels Cleans - Town Hall - April cleaning	82.50	
24/04/2025	CH3993	Beacon Detection - New Fire Alarm Panel	667.21	
25/04/2025	CH4002	Clerk's April salary/expenses	1,284.23	
29/04/2025	CH4000	Blackthorn Trust - Biodiversity day sundries	150.55	
30/04/2025	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	33.25	
Total Payments:			£4,705.63	£4,000.00
Unpresented Cheque 3991 - PCC TH Alcoh Lic			180.00	
Unpresented Cheque 3997 - Gwernyfed HS Grant 2025/2026			200.00	
<u>Closing Balances - 30 April 2025</u>			£1,523.71	£70,225.99

