

MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT MEETING HELD PRIOR TO THE MONTHLY MEETING, AT 6.30PM, WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2026, IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, TO DETERMINE THE PRECEPT FOR 2026/2027

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Dodds

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk),

WELCOME: Cllr A Lord, Mayor, welcomed members to the meeting.

26/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No matters of interest declared.

26/02 MINUTES – The Minutes of the last Precept meeting held on 22 January 2025 and approved at the 12 February 2025 meeting were circulated, for ease of reference.

26/03 MATTERS ARISING – Bollards – Noted the current position.

26/04 CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION / CONSIDERATION –

- (a) **PCC Precept letter** – Information letter dated 18 Nov 2025 received and noted Precept request 2026-2027 to be submitted to PCC by 30 Jan 2026.
- (b) **Town Councillor Allowances 2026-2027** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reminded Town Councillors of the annual entitlement to Councillor Allowances, details previously circulated: Homeworking arrangements - £156 & Consumables - £52, which are exempt of PAYE arrangements. Town Councillors will automatically receive this amount at end of the financial year - any Town Councillors not wishing to accept these payments must complete and sign an ‘Opt out’ form, previously circulated. Noted the Mayor’s allowance is paid through PAYE.
- (c) **Grant applications for 2026-2027** – Received 3 x Grant application requests from the Talgarth & District Regeneration Group – For running of Community Library, the 1st Talgarth Brownies & Guides and Bronllys Well Being Park, which will be considered under Finance at the later meeting.
- (d) **St Gwendoline’s Church & Town Hall Hire Fees – RESOLVED:** To consider at a future monthly meeting.
- (e) **War Grave at former Mid Wales Hospital. RESOLVED:** Agreed to purchase some gravel for the area around the War Grave at the former Mid-Wales Hospital.

26/05 TO DETERMINE THE PRECEPT FOR 2026-2027 – Cllr A Lord, Mayor went through his presentation explaining the key points indicated in his advice notes, which he had prepared on behalf of the Town Council, in order to determine the Precept 2026-2027.

Project List - The project list presented for consideration was fully considered.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to the summary proposal, as discussed.

PROJECTED TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2026/2027 **£99,125.00**

RESOLVED: It was proposed, voted and decided for the precept to remain unchanged at **£78,000.00 for 2026/2027.**

Cllr A Lord, Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, was thanked for his valued assistance in preparing these figures and notes for discussion with Town Councillors, in order to set the Precept for 2026/2027.

Town Councillors were acutely aware of the financial pressures being faced by fellow local residents, with likely increases to come in Powys County Council Tax demands, including the Dyfed Powys Police and Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Precepts. This was a major factor for Town Councillors in their deliberations in determining their Precept level 2026/2027.

26/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wed 14 January 2026, following this meeting.

There was no further business to be discussed and the Chair declared the Precept meeting closed at 7.10 pm and the monthly 14 January 2026 meeting commenced.

Signed:

Date:

Summary of Projected spend for April 2026 to March 2027

<u>Salaries</u>	£39,525.00
<u>Town Hall</u>	£12,950.00
<u>General Admin</u>	£12,000.00
<u>Training Courses</u>	£1,000.00
<u>War Graves/Remembrance</u>	£130.00
<u>Town Hall/Toilets Maintenance</u>	£7,000.00
<u>Burial Ground</u>	£10,750.00
<u>Elections</u>	£250.00
<u>Christmas lights</u>	£0.00
<u>Donations</u>	£520.00
<u>Project list</u>	£15,000.00
<u>Total</u>	£99,125.00