

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2026,  
HELD AFTER THE PRECEPT MEETING AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE  
ROOM**

**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)

**26/7 WELCOME:** Cllr A Lord, Mayor welcomed Members to the meeting.

**26/8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declaration of Interest – Cllr A Brown in respect of Grant Application - 2026/2027 – Talgarth & District Regeneration Group – For running of Community Library

**26/9 MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 10 December 2025, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 10 December 2025, be accepted as a correct record.

**26/10 TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY:** Noted the vacancy procedure has commenced.

**26/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- **OVW /PAVO** – All updates and Training dates Jan – Mar 2025, received and on circulation.
- **OVW Brecon & Radnor meeting – 12 Jan 2026 7pm** – Noted Cllr A Lord, Mayor attended the meeting and gave a brief update.
- **Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales - Wed 21 Jan 2026 from 6.00pm - 8.00pm held remotely-** Received Agenda and supporting papers and noted that Cllr A Lord, Mayor, has agreed to join this meeting.
- **Free Councillor Training Sessions** – Noted Cllr A Brown has requested and been booked onto several of the free training places during Jan, Feb, Mar and attended Health & Safety - Module 7 training session, the previous evening 13 Jan. Cllr Brown gave an update.  
**RESOLVED:** To seek OVW guidance on asbestos in public buildings.
- **OVW – Joint event One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales - “Improving our local places – Welsh case studies and planning updates” - 19 March - 10:30 – 1:30pm** – Received information and cost £53 per person via Teams.
- **OVW - E Bulletin** – Information on circulation
- **OVW – Cost of Living Crisis Project** - Information and Resources received
- **OVW Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)** – Noted the report of the Town Council Biodiversity Report, has been submitted to OVW, for onward transmission to WG.  
Received information of the OVW 6 online workshops on Teams to help Councils understand how to write an effective BAP for 2026-2028 and that the Workshop on 22 Jan 2026 - 6.30pm – 8pm, has been booked and any interested Town Councillors to ask for the link in order to attend.
- **PAVO – Community Conversations** – Noted Cllr B Dale had circulated an update on the Talgarth Community Conversations meeting regarding this matter that she attended on 15 Dec in the Town Hall and noted she had attended a follow-up meeting, the previous evening on 13 Jan, details to follow.

- **PAVO** - E Bulletin and Training events received and on circulation.

#### 26/12 TALGARTH /TREFECCA

- **Talgarth Town Centre issues** – Nothing new to report.
- **Council Allotment project** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that work would commence as soon as the weather permits and that Cllr K Price is willing to assist.
- **Talgarth Foodshare** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves confirmed that the Foodshare is continuing to work well.
- **Litter Picking** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves requested that she would like to organise some Town Council-led lead litter picks.
- **Grit spreaders – RESOLVED:** The Town Council invests in two push along grit spreaders for community use.
- **BT – Adopt Phone Box, The Square** - Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported that the Town Council has now officially adopted this disused phone box and that BT has confirmed receipt of the completed contract and the £1 payment.  
**RESOLVED:** To inform residents of this information, by placing a notice inside the phone box and on the Town Council Facebook page, requesting ideas for its use.
- **Signage for Talgarth – RESOLVED:** For Town Councillors to forward any photographic evidence, regarding lack of signage indicating Talgarth, to Cllr A Lord, Mayor, as discussed.
- **BMC / Talgarth Farmers Markets – Market Hall hiring** - Noted next BMC Talgarth Farmers Markets will commence in March.
- **Former Victorian School** – Noted the private viewing for Town Councillors will be held at 3.30pm Thurs 15 Jan. Noted the Public Open Day will be held on the morning of Sat 24 Jan.
- **Speed Limit in Trefecca** – Nothing new to report.

#### 26/13 BBNPA PLANNING APPLICATIONS –To consider:

- **Planning Application 25/24272/FUL** - Proposal: “Alterations to side extension, removal of chimney and replacement of tiled gable apex to upvc cladding” - Address: Westlawn, Penbont Road, Talgarth Brecon Powys Grid Reference: E:315636 N:233247  
**RESOLVED:** Planning Application 25/24272/FUL considered and no objections raised.

#### 26/14 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

##### Amounts received since last meeting 10 Dec 2025:

Date	From	Item	Amount
05/01/26BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 25/77	£210.00
05/01/26BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 25/78	£24..00
31/12/25 BACS	Nat West Bank	Dec Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£54.45
31/12/25 BACS	Powys County Council	One third Precept 2025/26	£26,000.00
17/12/25	BMC	Hall hire – 25/75 – Graduation Ceremony	£136.00
16/12/25 BACS	BMC Students	Hall hire – 25/53 Ceilidgh	£96.00
10/12/25 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 25/72 – Harvest Supper	£114.66
10/12/25 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 25/69- Teaching	£1,000.00
10/12/25 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 25/63 - Teaching	£450.00
08/12/25BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 25/67	£168.00

**Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 10 Dec 2025:**

<b>Date/Cheq</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
13/01/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas –26/11/25 – 26/12/25	£240.12	£12.01	£252.13
13/01/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 26/11/25 – 26/12/25	£165.97	£8.30	£174.27
13/01/26	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences – Electric - 26/11/25 – 26/12/25	£81.69	£4.08	£85.77
10/01/26 4117	TDRG - Library	2025/2026 donation agreed at 22.1.25 meeting re Library costs	£200.00		£200.00
10/01/26 4116	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2025/2026 –Dec invoice	£466.67	£93.33	£560.00
10/01/26 4115	Smith of Derby	Town Hall – Annual Clock Service	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
10/01/26 4114	Amazon	Projector for Town Hall	£333.32	£66.67	£399.99
10/01/26 4113	Amazon	Projector mount for Committee Room	£49.00	£10.00	£59.00
05/01/26	PCC D/D	Town Hall Council Tax	£386.00		£386.00
30/12/25	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£25.83	£5.16	£30.99
10/12/25 4112	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Dec 25	£1,326.04		£1,326.04
10/12/25 4111	Caretaker – Town Hall	Dec Salary	£740.74		£740.74
10/12/25 4110	Kels Klean	Public Conveniences – Cleaning – Dec cleaning	£181.50		£181.50
10/10/25 4109	BT Payphones	Purchase red phone box, The Square, Talgarth	£1.00		£1.00
10/10/25 4108	HMRC	Oct, Nov, Dec – PAYE	£1,582.38		£1,582.38
10/12/25 4107	PAVO	Payroll fee – Oct, Nov, Dec	£54.00		£54.00
10/12/25 4106	Vision ICT	Webhosting & support – 3/26 – 2/27	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
10/12/25 4105	BOSS	Stationery – A4 Paper	£32.90	£6.58	£39.48
10/12/25 4104	Printerbase Ltd	Stationery – Printer Cartridge	£40.50	£8.10	£48.60
10/12/25 4103	M Barker-Wright	Reimbursement of cancelled hall hire 25/64	£32.00		£32.00

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 10 December 2025, as above, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 10 December 2025
- **To Approve** - 1 – 31 December 2025 Bank Reconciliation Statement, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 31 December 2025 - attached at the end of these minutes.

- **Grant applications for 2026-2027** – Received 3 applications for grant funding 2026-2027, circulated in advance of the meeting and considered, as follows:-
  1. **1<sup>st</sup> Talgarth Brownies & Guides** – Grant application received requesting £200 – **RESOLVED:** Agreed that a grant of £200 would be made in the year 2026/2027.
  2. **Talgarth & District Regeneration Group** – Grant application received requesting £250 to support running costs of the Talgarth Community Library. **RESOLVED:** Agreed that a grant of £250, in respect of Talgarth Community Library support would be made in the year 2026/2027.
  3. **Bronllys Well Being Park** – Requesting £100-£150 or continued free hall hire for meetings during 2026-2027. **RESOLVED:** Agreed to offer continued free Town Hall hire for 2026/2027.

**26/15 TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S ON OTHER GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026** – Noted Clerk has circulated the list of groups for members to update so it can be finalised, as soon as possible.

**26/16 PCC County Councillor W Powell** – Noted County Councillor W Powell had circulated his monthly report in advance of the meeting and shared some correspondence re Highway issues and other updates, with Town Councillors, for information.

**Other PCC Highway issues:-**

- **Top of old Pengenfordd road** – No new update.
- **Brynderwen Estate** – Noted the Town Council had received a copy of concerns re a build-up of rubbish in this location, which has been forwarded to the two relevant authorities, PCC & Wales & the West Housing Association for urgent action. Noted a further update had been received confirming both authorities had acted promptly, cleared the rubbish and the problem had been resolved.

**26/17 GROUP UPDATES – ST GWENDOLINE’S CHURCHYARD**

- **Churchyard Maintenance – RESOLVED:** To pay OTM Invoice for Dec - £466.67 + £93.33 VAT = £560.00.
- **Fallen Wall** – Noted that Rob Morris will commence the work ASAP, as per Quote.
- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – On going

**TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL –**

- **Town Hall**
- **Slates on roof** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor reported that approx 3 slates had slipped in this location. **RESOLVED:** To ask Alan Evans Builder to urgently check out for repair.
- **Annual Clock Service** – Noted Invoice received from Smith of Derby for annual service held on 8 Dec 2025. **RESOLVED:** To pay Smith of Derby Invoice £300 + £60 VAT = £360.
- **Annual Fire Extinguisher Service** - Noted Walker Fire Ltd (former Blackwood Fire Ltd) annual visit took place on 8 Jan 2026 with Cllr A Lord, Mayor present. Noted 2 fire extinguishers had to be replaced. Invoice received for payment **RESOLVED:** To pay Walker Fire Ltd invoice £326.25 + £65.25 VAT – Total £391.50.
- **Market Hall storage – Old Xmas Lights and rubbish disposal** –Cllr J Evans reported that the quote, from WP Garden Maintenance & Waste Management to remove the rubbish, in this location was awaited. **RESOLVED:** To accept these services, as discussed.
- **Public Conveniences/upgrade** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor reported that he has been investigating the way forward for the upgrade work and costings and that he is will be meeting the Metrorod engineer, on Thurs 22 Jan, re the camera survey, as previously agreed, to identify the ownership of the drains.

- **WAW** - Noted next WAW meeting will be 7pm 29 Jan 2026 at the Castle Hotel, Talgarth.
- **TDRG** – Cllr A Brown had reported that the next meeting would be held 6.30pm Fri 30 Jan at The Castle Hotel, Talgarth.
- **Festival – Talgarth Festival Film event – Sat 13 Dec** – Noted Cllr B Dale had circulated an update report from the event and confirmed that the Festival group wishes to pursue showing films in the Town Hall.
- **Xmas Lights** – Cllr J Evans reported that that the Xmas lights had been taken down and stored in the Market Hall. Also that the 2 flag poles had been taken down temporarily.  
**RESOLVED:** To arrange for the flag poles to be re-fixed securely by Alan Evans Builder.
- **Grow for Talgarth – Celebrates 10 years planting 2016 – 2026** - Update received from the group, confirming that they would like to display signage around the town to mark this occasion and asked permission for a sign to be mounted on the railings outside the Committee Room. **RESOLVED:** To agree for a sign to be mounted on the railings in this location.
- **On the Verge** – Noted updates received and on circulation. Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported that the Chair of the Group, has informed the Town Council that the Tiny Veg Growers part of OTV has been awarded a grant from the Powys Nature Partnership of approx £3900, to renovate their garden patch and asking if the Town Council can assist initially with the processing of the grant, which will be reimbursed by PCC before the end of the financial year. **RESOLVED:** The Town Council agreed to support this request, in principle and to seek further information re the process of the grant funding of £3,900 offered by PCC.
- **The Mill** – No new update.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre – TVC Meeting 2 Feb** – Noted – Noted the next meeting will be on Mon 2 Feb at 2.30pm at the Strand Café.
- **King George V Pavilion – Damaged door** – Noted that Nolans Upvc Ltd fitted a new panel to the damaged door on 14 Jan and we are awaiting invoice for the est cost of £325 + VAT.
- **TADSCA** – Nothing new to report.
- **Bowling Club** – No new update
- **Girl Guides/Brownies & Rainbows** – No new update.
- **Police/PCSO updates -**
  - **Use of Committee Room on an adhoc basis** – PCSO Emma Jackson is asking the Town Council if it may be possible to use the Committee Room on an adhoc basis when she is in the area, as she no longer has a base in Hay – her permanent base is Brecon only.  
**RESOLVED:** To agree to PCSO using the Committee Room on an ad hoc basis.
  - **PCSO Surgeries** – Noted future dates for PCSO Surgeries is in the Committee Room commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month from 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm – 7pm.
- **PtHB/Health issues - Community Events/Drop in Events – ‘Your Health Services’ – Community Events/Drop in Events** – Noted next Drop- in event - 3pm – 6pm Thurs 22 Jan 2026 at the Swan Hotel, Hay.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** – Noted Cllr W Powell, Town Council representative, gave a brief update.
- **GP Biotec Liaison group** – No new update.
- **Ysgol y Mynydd du** –Cllr L Elston-Reeves, School Governor, reported that a governor meeting has been arranged on 22 Jan and she will report back after the meeting.
- **Community Library** – No new update.
- **Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees** - Noted information received re their AGM by Zoom on Mon 12 Jan 5.30pm.
- **Volunteer Groups recognition** – Noted an event will be arranged..
- **Llais** – Received Dec 2025 Newsletter & Llais Senedd Elections 2026 Manifesto - for information.

**26/18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – For Information/Action:**

- **WG - Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit** – Notification received that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2026-27 is £11.60.
- **PCC - Sustainable Powys** – Information re new links received and on circulation
- **Resilient Powys Event – Sat 7 Feb 2026, 10am–4pm at Knighton and District Community Hall, Powys, LD7 1DR** - Information received to register for a place - Be inspired, share learning, and create a resilient future – as previously reported.
- **Llandrindod Wells Town Council - Call for Action - Cross Border Health Care** – Letter received and request for response from interested participants.
- **Citizens Advice Powys** – Update received re their actions in 2025 - for information
- **PCC - Powys Planning Decision Notices** - 8 Dec to 2 Jan 2026.
- **BBNPA Local Access Forum** - Agenda for the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Local Access Forum, Thurs 15 Jan 2026, 2pm - BBNPA HQ, Brecon.
- **BBNPA Weekly Planning Applications** – weekly list received.

**26/19 Date of the next meetings – 7pm 11 February 2026.**

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

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

<b>Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 December - 31 December 2025</b>				
			<b>Current Act</b>	<b>Cap Res Act</b>
<b>Opening Balances - 1 December 2025</b>			<b>£1,331.98</b>	<b>£64,618.96</b>
<b>Receipts 1 December - 31 December 2025</b>				
08/12/2025	BACS	Slimming World - Hall hie - 25/67	168.00	
08/12/2025	BACS	Perthyn - Hall hire - 25/68	540.00	
10/12/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - Teaching - 25/63	450.00	
10/12/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - Teaching - 25/69	1,000.00	
10/12/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - Harvest Festival - 25/72	114.66	
16/12/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - Ceilidh for Students - 25/53	96.00	
16/12/2025	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - Graduation Ceremony - 25/75	136.00	
22/12/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	4,500.00	
31/12/2025	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 31 Dec		54.45
31/12/2025	BACS	Nat West - 3rd of 3 Precept payment 2025/2026		26,000.00
		<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>£8,336.64</b>	<b>£90,673.41</b>
<b>Payments 1 December - 31 December 2025</b>				
05/12/2025	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	386.00	
09/12/2025	CH4099	Xmas Lights - Maintenance items	149.71	
10/12/2025	CH4103	DBW Charity - Refund hall hire	32.00	
10/12/2025	CH4105	BOSS - Stationery	39.48	
10/12/2025	CH4109	BT - Adoption Phone Box, The Square	1.00	
11/12/2025	DD	E-on - Public Conven Electric-28/10/25 -26/11/25	44.42	
16/12/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 29/10/25 -30/11/25	113.02	
16/12/2025	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas - 28/10/25 -26/11/25	202.32	
16/12/2025	CH4100	OTM - SGC Maintenance fee - Nov	560.00	
17/12/2025	CH4101	P Evans Builder-Town Hall Supply/fit 4 panes glass	385.36	
18/12/2025	CH4096	Black Mounts Tree Consumtancy - Tree Report	350.00	
19/12/2025	CH4107	PAVO - Payroll fee - Oct, Nov, Dec	54.00	
19/12/2025	CH4110	KelsKleans - Town Hall - Dec cleaning	181.50	
22/12/2025	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		4,500.00
22/12/2025	CH4102	Grow for Talgarth - 8 x Xmas wreaths - War Graves	64.00	
22/12/2025	CH4111	Caretaker's Dec salary	740.74	
23/12/2025	CH4098	Gavenny Catering - Town Hall - Kitchen gas service	240.00	
23/12/2025	CH4108	HMRC - PAYE - Oct, Nov, Dec	1,582.38	
23/12/2025	CH4112	Clerk's Salary & Expenes Dec	1,326.04	
29/12/2025	CH4104	Printerbase - Stationery - Printer Cartridge	48.60	
30/12/2025	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	30.99	
31/12/2025	CH4097	Vision ICT - Quoted charge for .gov.uk domain etc	551.95	
31/12/2025	CH4106	Vision ICT - Web hosting/support - 03/26 - 02/27	210.00	
		<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>£ 7,293.51</b>	<b>£4,500.00</b>
		<b>Unpresented - Cheque 4103 - DBW Charity</b>	<b>32.00</b>	
		<b>Unpresented - Cheque 4105 - BOSS</b>	<b>39.48</b>	
		<b>Unpresented - Cheque 4109 - BT Adopt phone box</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balances - 31 December 2025</b>			<b>£1,115.61</b>	<b>£86,173.41</b>