

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY,  
HELD AT 7PM 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 L Elston-Reeves, Cllr C Green, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor) Cllr K Price, Cllr B Shorthouse

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr G Jones,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

**26/20 WELCOME:** Cllr A Lord, Mayor welcomed Members to the meeting.

**26/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declaration of Interest – Cllr W Powell in respect of: BBNPA Planning related matters.

- Planning Application 26/24334/FUL - Proposal: “The retrospective change of use of the Site to teaching space (D1 use) for Black Mountains College” Address: Unit 5, Talgarth Business Park, Talgarth Brecon Powys - Grid Reference: E:315169 N:233755
- Planning Application Consultation Letter 26/24387/TPO - Proposal: “DC/018/73 T1 Beech Tree - Remove dead wood, carry out a 3m reduction to rebalance crown. Install tether in case of tree failure.” Address: Honddu House, Talgarth, Powys LD3 0DT - Grid Reference: E:316360 N:233068.

**26/22 MINUTES:**

- The Precept minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14 January 2026, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.  
**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Precept Town Council meeting held on the 14 January 2026, be accepted as a correct record.
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**26/23 TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES:**

- **Current Vacancy** - The current vacancy is now advertised for co-option.
- **Resignation** – Received the resignation of Cllr B Dale on 18 January, due to leaving the area.  
**RESOLVED:** To commence the process for the filling of the vacancy and to thank Cllr Dale for her time as a Town Councillor.

**26/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- **OVW**– All updates and Training dates Jan – Mar 2026, received and on circulation.
- **OVW AGM - Wed 21 Jan 2026 - 6pm – 8pm held remotely**- Received Agenda and supporting documentation for the meeting, attended by Cllr A Lord, Mayor, who gave a brief update and awaiting minutes.
- **OVW Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Workshop – 22 Jan 2026 – 6pm – 8pm** – Noted Cllr K Price attended the online BAP workshop on 22 Jan.
- **OVW National Awards 2026** – Noted the OVW National Awards Ceremony will be held on 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground, Builth Wells - closing date for nominations 30 April.
- **PAVO - E Bulletin and Training events** - information received and on circulation.
- **PAVO - Hay & Talgarth Locality Network Meeting 12 Feb 2026 - 10.30am – 12 noon at Hay Castle** – Information received and on circulation.

**26/25 TALGARTH /TREFECCA**

- **Talgarth Town issues** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported that he had received a communication from a resident, regarding potential funding for the town and discussion took place.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr Lord would respond to the communication.
- **Biodiversity** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor gave an update from the Biodiversity Sub-group meeting held in the Committee Room on 4 Feb and noted the BAP Action Plan had been completed and adopted and work will continue to update and implement the BAP.  
Cllr C Green reported that she had been in communication with the BBNPA Ecologist, who had forwarded a link to the latest Section 7 Biodiversity list for Wales.
- **Talgarth Allotment Group & Town Council Allotment** – Noted the next Talgarth Allotments group meeting will be held 7.30pm 3 March at the Castle Hotel, Talgarth.  
The annual fee due for 2026-2027 will be agreed at the meeting.
- **Town Council Allotment** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves gave an update on the Council Allotment.
- **Talgarth Food Share and Clothes, Toys, Puzzles swap etc – 9am – 12 noon 14 Feb** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that the Food Share was going well and that she had arranged a Clothes, Toys, puzzles etc Swap event 9am – 12 noon on Sat 14 Feb in the Market Hall.
- **Council-led Community Litter Pick – Wed 18 Feb - 9am – 12 noon** – Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves has organised a Community Litter pick, in association with Wales & the West Housing Association, commencing from Brynderwen and make way through Talgarth.  
**RESOLVED:** To purchase 10 high viz vests – Amazon £14.99 – On Finance report.
- **BT Phone Box The Square - Adopt a kiosk (phone box) scheme 01874711234** – Noted several suggestions received for the adopted phone box to be used as a book swap.  
**RESOLVED:** The Town Council agreed to the use of the adopted phone box as a book swap and to seek funding, for its redecoration, from the BBNPA.
- **Signage for Talgarth** – Noted Cllr K Price had produced a definitive map of Talgarth signage in the area. **RESOLVED:** To forward the completed information to the relevant authorities when complete, as discussed.
- **BMC / Talgarth Farmers Markets – Market Hall hiring** - Noted the BMC Talgarth Farmers Markets will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, commencing on 21 March.
- **Former Victorian School** – It was noted that the private viewing event for Town Councillors was held on 15 Jan and the Public Open day on Sat 24 Jan and was well attended and that the Official Opening will be held 4pm 27 Feb.
- **Speed Limit in Trefecca** – No new update
- **Defibrillator** – Noted a new set of pads purchased from the Defib Store - £119 + carriage & VAT – total £154.80 on the Finance Report.

**26/26 BBNPA PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –To consider: Noted Cllr W Powell left the room whilst the Planning Applications were considered and took no part in the discussion.

- **BBNPA – Planning Application 26/24334/FUL - Proposal: “The retrospective change of use of the Site to teaching space (D1 use) for Black Mountains College”- Address: Unit 5, Talgarth Business Park, Talgarth Brecon Powys - Grid Reference:E:315169N:233755**  
**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council is unable to currently support this Planning Application due to a loss of a B1 use property.
- **Planning Application Consultation Letter 26/24387/TPO - Proposal: “DC/018/73 T1 Beech Tree - Remove dead wood, carry out a 3m reduction to rebalance crown. Install tether in case of tree failure.” Address: Honddu House, Talgarth, Powys LD3 0DT - Grid Reference: E:316360 N:233068 – RESOLVED:** Planning Application 26/24387/TPO considered and no objections raised.

**BBNPA – PLANNING APPLICATION APPROVED:**

- Planning Application - 25/23978/FUL - Proposal: “Replacement structure of the existing garage building on the same footprint.” At 47 Westfields, Talgarth.

**26/27 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Amounts received since last meeting 14 January 2026:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
05/02/26/BACS	S Bufton	Hall hire – 25/79	£85.00
03/02/26 BACS	A V Griffiths & Son	SGC Burial Plot – GJ	£600.00
30/01/26 BACS	Nat West Bank	Jan Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£65.46
23/01/26 BACS	Wye & Usk Foundation	Hall hire - 25/73	£80.00
19/01/26 BACS	The Mill	Public Toilets hire – 25/76	£30.00

**Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 14 January 2026:**

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
11/02/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas - -27/12/25 – 26/01/26	£202.41	£10.12	£212.53
11/02/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 27/12/25 – 26/01/26	£116.60	£5.83	£122.43
11/02/26	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences –27/12/25 – 26/01/26	£45.45	£2.27	£47.72
06/02/26 4127	Newhall Janitorial Ltd	Town Hall/Public Conveniences – Cleaning materials	£192.38	£38.48	£230.86
05/02/26	PCC D/D	Town Hall Council Tax	£386.00		£386.00
04/02/26 4126	Bruce Williams	Town Hall – Mill Lease – 1/4/26-31/3/27 – Peppercorn Rent	£1.00		£1.00
04/02/26 4125	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2025/2026 –Jan invoice	£466.67	£93.33	£560.00
04/02/26 4124	Metro Rod Ltd	Drain Camera Survey – Town Hall area	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
04/02/26 4123	W P Garden & Waste Management	Removal of rubbish from Market Hall	£320.00	£64.00	£384.00
04/02/26 4122	Defib Store	Town Hall Defibrillator pads - £119 + £10 Carriage + £25.80 VAT	£129.00	£25.80	£154.80
10/01/26 4121	Walker Fire	Town Hall – Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	£326.25	£65.25	£391.50
26/01/26	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B’Band	£25.83	£5.16	£30.99
10/01/26 4120	Kels Klean	Public Conveniences – Cleaning – Jan cleaning	£99.00		£99.00
10/01/26 4119	Caretaker – Town Hall	Jan Salary	£740.74		£740.74
10/01/26 4118	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Jan 25	£1,326.04		£1,326.04

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 14 January 2026, as above, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 14 January 2026.
- **To Approve** - 1 – 31 January 2026 Bank Reconciliation Statement, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 31 January 2026 - attached at the end of these minutes.

**25/28 TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REVIEW DUE 1 FEB 2026** – Noted Josephine Rumsey, Town Clerk's annual review was discussed and unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk has performed satisfactorily again this year.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr A Lord, Mayor, on behalf of all Town Councillors, thanked Josephine, Town Clerk, for her excellent work again this year. Noted Cllr A Lord, Mayor, signed up the Schedule 2026-2027 to accompany the Clerk's Contract.

**26/29 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.

**PCC highway issue - Top of old Pengeffordd road** – No new update.

**26/30 GROUP UPDATES –**

**ST GWENDOLINE'S CHURCHYARD**

- **St Gwendoline's Churchyard further Wall Collapse** – Cllr C Green had reported that there was another wall collapse in the churchyard, adjacent a wall in Church Street. Noted Cllr A Lord, Mayor, is seeking advice from the contractor re repair costings.  
**RESOLVED:** To seek some possible grant funding from the BBNPA Heritage Fund.
- **Churchyard Maintenance – RESOLVED:** To pay OTM Invoice for Jan - £466.67 + £93.33 VAT = £560.00 – on Finance report.
- **Fallen Wall** – Noted that original wall repair work will commence, as per quote, when weather allows, on the original wall collapse.
- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – On going

**TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL –**

- **OVW Guidance on Asbestos** – Received guidance on asbestos in buildings from OVW – link: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/> on circulation
- **PCC - Asbestos Survey Report** – Noted the Clerk has sought the advice of the PCC Asbestos Officer, regarding an Asbestos Management Survey of the Town Hall. Noted PCC no longer able to offer this service to Town/Community Councils.
- **RESOLVED:** To obtain quotes for an Asbestos Management Survey of the Town Hall and product an Asbestos Policy and obtain quotes for this work.
- **Town Hall Jobs** - Noted Alan Evans Builder has undertaken the work to fix the slipped slates on the back of Town Hall roof, re-fixed the flag poles firmly and unblocked the ladies public toilets and awaiting his invoice for the work.
- **Annual Clock area** – Noted a specification to be drawn up for the work to enlarge this area, as agreed.
- **Annual Fire Extinguisher Service – 3 Year Contract** - Noted Walker Fire Ltd are offering a 3 year Contract at a cost of £126.23 + £ 25.25 VAT per year. **RESOLVED:** To accept this Contract 3 year Contract at a cost of £126.23 + £ 25.25VAT per year.
- **Market Hall storage – Old Xmas Lights and rubbish disposal** –Noted the rubbish has been removed. **RESOLVED:** To pay quoted fee of £320 + £64 VAT= Total £384 from WP Garden Maintenance & Waste Management – on the Finance Statement.
- **Public Conveniences/upgrade** – Cllr A Lord gave an update on the Metrorod survey on 22 Jan – report on circulation. **RESOLVED:** To pay the Metro Rod Invoice for work at the quoted sum of £1,000 + £200 VAT on Finance Report.

- **WAW** – Noted the WAW meeting held at 7pm 29 Jan 2026 at the Castle Hotel, Talgarth was attended by Cllr A Lord, Mayor and Cllr W Powell, Town Council reps and gave an update of the meeting. Draft minutes to follow.
- **TDRG** – Noted the TDRG AGM and meeting was held at 6.30pm Fri 30 Jan at The Castle. Cllr C Green, Town Council representative gave an update
- **Festival** – Cllr J Evans reported that the Easter fund raising event on Sat 4 April, in the Market Hall and the Annual Duck Race, are well in hand.
- **Xmas Lights** – No new update.
- **Grow for Talgarth** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor gave an update on his recent meeting with representatives of the group, noting the Group is entering this year's Wales in Bloom competition.
- **On the Verge/Tiny Veg Growers – PCC Local Places for Nature Community Wildlife Sites Grant** - Noted as agreed, the Town Council has assisted with the financial processing of the OTV Tiny Veg Growers' Local Nature Partnership Grant application which had been awarded in the sum of £4188.09 (the net amount of the invoices).  
**RESOLVED:** The Town Council to accept the grant of £4,188.09 and initially pay the companies below the total gross amount of £5,025.72, noting that the £837.63 VAT to be reclaimed from the VAT office and the grant award of £4188.09 to be re-paid to the Town Council by PCC :-
  - Old Railway Line Garden Centre – Sundries - £1,342.14 + £268.44 VAT = £1,610.58
  - Second Life Products Ltd – 5 x Raised beds - £2,115.00 + £423.00 VAT = £2,538.00
  - Craft Wales Ltd – 8 seater circular bench & pads - £565.00 + £113 VAT = £678.00
  - Keltic Design & Print Ltd – Bookmarks - £165.95 + £33.19 VAT = £199.14
- **The Mill** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, gave an update from The Mill meeting on 5 Feb. Noted the Clerk has paid the annual £1 Peppercorn rent on the Town Hall – Mill Lease 2026-2027 – on the Finance report.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre** – Noted the last meeting was held on 2 Feb, attended by Cllr A Brown, Town Council representative, and gave an update of the meeting.
- **King George V Pavilion – Damaged door – RESOLVED:** To pay Nolans Invoice for fitting new panel as quoted:- £325 + £ 65 VAT – Total £390 – on Finance Report.
- **TADSCA** – Cllr J Evans expressed some concerns at the Children's Play area and will liaise with TADSCA.
- **Bowling Club** – Cllr M Dodds reported that the Bowling Club is going on successfully.
- **Girl Guides/Brownies/Rainbows etc** – No new update.  
**PCSO Surgeries** – Noted dates for PCSO Surgeries in the Committee Room commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month from 12 Feb 6pm – 7pm.  
**Police Issues – RESOLVED:** That the Town Council supports to include Talgarth in the area name.
- **PtHB/Health issues – Local voices shape review of temporary service change** – Information received and on circulation. Note online survey by 15 Feb 2026.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** – Cllr W Powell, Town Council representative, gave an update from the recent meeting.
- **GP Biotec Liaison group** – No new update.
- **Ysgol y Mynydd du/ Minor Authority Governor** – No new update.
- **Community Library** – No new update.
- **Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees** – Received notification of HBTSR AGM on Zoom 9 Feb at 5.30 via Zoom – on circulation.
- **Volunteer Groups recognition** – To arrange an event.
- **Llais – Jan 2026 Edition** – Received and on circulation

**8.55pm Cllr M Dodds requested an extension of 10 minutes for the meeting**

**26/31 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – For Information/Action:**

- **Armed Forces Covenant** – The Town Council received an enquiry regarding the Armed Forces Covenant received and a decision deferred awaiting further information.
- **Town Hall – Senedd Election 7 May** – Election will be held in the Town Hall.
- **PCC Planning Decision Notices** – Received Planning Decision Notices from 5 to 16 Jan 2026 & 19th – 30th Jan, for information.
- **BBNPA - Weekly Planning Applications** – Regularly weekly lists received
- **Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal 2026** – Information received and acknowledged
- **Citizens Advice Powys** – Update received of their actions in 2025, for information.

**26/32 Date of the next meetings – 7pm 18 March 2026.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed 9.10pm.

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....

<b>Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 January - 31 January 2026</b>					
			<b>Current Act</b>	<b>Cap Res Act</b>	
<b>Opening Balances - 1 January 2026</b>			<b>£1,115.61</b>	<b>£86,173.41</b>	
<b>Receipts 1 January - 31 January 2026</b>					
05/01/2026	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - 25/78	24.00		
05/01/2026	BACS	Slimming World - Hall hire - 25/77	210.00		
16/01/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	5,000.00		
19/01/2026	BACS	Felin Talgarth Mill - Toilet hire 25/76	30.00		
23/01/2026	BACS	Wye & Usk Foundation - Hall hire	80.00		
30/01/2026	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 31 Jan		65.46	
		<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>£6,459.61</b>	<b>£86,238.87</b>	
<b>Payments 1 January - 31 January 2026</b>					
05/01/2026	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	386.00		
13/01/2026	DD	E-on - Public Conveners Electric-26/11/25 - 26/12/25	85.77		
13/01/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 26/11/25 -26/12/25	174.27		
13/01/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas - 26/11/25 -26/12/25	252.13		
16/01/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		5,000.00	
16/01/2026	CH4109	BT Payphone - Adoption of Phone Box The Square	1.00		
16/01/2026	CH4113	Amazon - Projector Mount - Cttee Room	59.00		
16/01/2026	CH4113	Amazon - Projector - Town Hall	399.99		
19/01/2026	CH4105	BOSS - Stationery A4 Paper	39.48		
20/01/2026	CH4118	Clerk's Salary & Expenses Jan	1,326.04		
20/01/2026	CH4119	Caretaker's Jan salary	740.74		
21/01/2026	CH4115	Smith of Derby - Annual Town Clock Service	360.00		
22/01/2026	CH4117	TDRG - Grant 2025/2026 - For running costs of Talgarth Community Library	200.00		
23/01/2026	CH4120	KelsKleans - Town Hall - Jan cleaning	99.00		
26/01/2026	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	30.99		
27/01/2026	CH4116	OTM - SGC Maintenance fee - Dec	560.00		
28/01/2026	CH4121	Walker Fire Ltd - Town Hall Annual Fire Extinguisher test	391.50		
29/01/2026	CH4103	M Barker-Wright - Refund of cancelled Hall hire	32.00		
		<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>£5,137.91</b>	<b>£ 5,000.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balances - 31 January 2026</b>			<b>£1,321.70</b>	<b>£81,238.87</b>	