

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2026,
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 D Evans, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Cllr B Shorthouse

APOLOGIES: Cllr K Price

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

26/46 WELCOME: Cllr A Lord, Mayor welcomed Cllr David Evans and Cllr Aaron Lewis, to their first meeting and to all Members to the of Talgarth Town Council meeting.

26/47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No Declarations of Interest

26/48 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 25 March 2026, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 25 March 2026, be accepted as a correct record.

26/49 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW Training dates – Apr - June 2026** – All updates and Training dates Apr – June 2026, received and on circulation.
- **OVW - The Voice e-Magazine - Issue 1 and OVW E-Bulletin Issue 21** – Received and on circulation, for information.
- **OVW – Tues 14 April 7pm – Brecon & Radnor meeting at Kinnerton Village Hall** – Noted Agenda and supporting papers received but due to a previous commitment, Cllr A Lord, Mayor, was unable to attend. Noted next meeting date 7 July at Felindre Village Hall.
- **OVW - Placement Opportunities Rural Wales Advisory Board - and Placements Call** – Information received and on circulation.
- **OVW National Awards 2026** – Noted OVW will be holding its National Awards Ceremony on 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground, Llanelwedd, near Builth Wells, LD2 3SY. Closing date for nominations - 30 April 2026.
- **PAVO – Brecon, Hay & Talgarth Joint Locality Network on-line Meeting 22 April 2026** Noted Agenda and report on the Stakeholder Evaluation of Locality Network Meetings received and all other updates received and on circulation.
- **PAVO - Talgarth Connecting together** – Update received from Nick Pritchard, following the meeting in Talgarth Library 4pm 7 April. Noted, due to work commitments, some interested Town Councillors are not able to attend. Noted the next Project meeting is due to be held 4pm Wed 22 April at Talgarth Library.

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- **Talgarth Town Centre issues** – Noted that County Councillor W Powell had arranged for a site meeting, in this location, for he and Cllr A Lord, Mayor, with a member of PCC Highways department on Mon 20 Apr regarding issues in the town.
- **S6 Biodiversity-** Noted that the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) has been finalised.
- **Council Allotment project** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves gave a brief update that work on the Council allotment had commenced and is requesting for any assistance with the project.
- **Sustainable Saturdays - Clothes Swap** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that the Clothes etc Swap events are going well would like to propose that they do this monthly to coincide with the Repair Café on the second Saturday of the month. Noted the next event will be on 9 May.

- **Food share** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that the Food Share is going really well.
- **Book Exchange – Former Phone box on The Square** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves gave an update on the current condition of the former Phone box and the necessary works required, also that the Book Exchange project is going well and in regular use.
Noted the Town Council has been in contact with the BBNPA re Sustainable funding and heritage advice, and they have suggested a site meeting, to pursue the matter.
RESOLVED: To arrange a site meeting.
- **Signage for Talgarth** – Noted Cllr A Lord, Mayor, agreed to follow up on his previous communications with Adam Price, to seek suggestions of road signage, to share with colleagues, prior to reporting to the relevant authorities.
- **BMC/Talgarth Farmers Markets** – Noted next BMC Talgarth Farmers Market will be held this Sat 18 April.
- **Community Litter Picking and Equipment** – No new update.
- **Former Victorian School** – Awaiting communication as requested by BMC.
- **Car Park** – No new update.
- **Hay British Legion** – Received an invitation from Hay British Legion Association for the Town Council to attend a social event at the Hay-on-Wye British Legion Hub.
RESOLVED: Clerk to seek more information.
- **St Ellwy Llanelieu Churchyard Wall** – Update receive from Cllr L Elston-Reeves, confirming that she and County Councillor W Powell had attended a site meeting and noted that the fallen wall will be repaired by the Church in Wales.
- **Yew Tree at Llanelieu** – Update received from Cllr L Elston-Reeves re this Yew Tree on the highway, property of PCC, confirming that she and County Councillor W Powell are pursuing with PCC and BBNPA the possibility of funding and on-going maintenance - awaiting updates.
- **Speed Limit in Trefecca and Speeding in Talgarth** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported the position in Trefecca.
Cllr C Green has expressed concerns re the speeding in and round Talgarth which need to urgently be addressed.
RESOLVED: To start up the Talgarth Speedwatch system again and to report this matter to the Police, for attention.

26/51 PLANNING ISSUES - Received the following Planning Issues —

- **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 78(1) APPEAL:** Planning Application 21/19965/FUL - 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 Grounds: Against Refusal of Permission – Information received noting that the appeal is to be decided by the Planning Inspectorate by 28 April 2026.
- **BBNPA PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT –**
 - **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

- **Planning Application 245/24151/FUL - Proposal: Proposal: “Change of use from a ground floor community centre with a residential flat on the first floor to a single residential home.” Address: 22 Woodlands Avenue, Talgarth, Brecon Powys LD3 0AU** – Noted concern was raised that the Permission for Development has disregarded the public use of the path, which has been enjoyed for many years, by neighbouring residents, despite the Town Council’s concerns raised during the consultation.
RESOLVED: To seek a solution to this matter.

26/52 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Amounts received since last meeting 25 March 2026:

Date	From	Item	Amount
13/04/26BACS	Lunch Club	Hall hire – 26/20 - energy costs 7/4/26	£25.97
13/04/26BACS	C C James	SGC Burial Plot- G14 – MH	£600.00
5/04/26 BACS	Katrina Davies	Hall hire – 26/19	£38.00
31/03/26 BACS	Nat West Bank	Mar Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£55.05
31/03/26 BACS	The Mill	Public Toilets hire – 26/02	£40.00
31/03/26 BACS	Grow for Talgarth	Hall hire – 26/18	£14.00
30/03/26 BACS	Jon Evans	Hall hire – 26/17	£14.00
26/03/26 BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 26/13 – Mar a/c	£168.00
26/03/26 BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 26/12 – Feb a/c	£168.00
24/03/26	Festival	Hall hire – 26/11	£60.00
24/03/26 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 26/08 – Teaching	£500.00
24/03/26BACS	BMC Students	Hall hire – 26/14 Students event	£96.00
24/03/26 BACS	BMC	Hall hire- 26/07	£62.00
23/03/26 101978	D Gwynne	SGC Grazing fee 2025-2026	85.00
23/03/26 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 26/16- Teaching	£50.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 25 March 2026:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
16/04/26	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences –01/03/26 – 31/03/26	£39.69	£1.98	£41.67
13/04/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas - 01/02/26 – 26/03/26	£109.56	£5.48	£115.04
13/04/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 01/03/26 – 26/03/26	£62.80	£3.14	£65.94
13/04/26 4164	OVW	OVW Annual Subscription 2026-2027	£369.00		£369.00
13/04/26 4163	1 st Talgarth Brownies & Guides	TTC Grant 2026-2027	£200.00		£200.00
20/03/26 4162	PPL/PRS	Town Hall – Royalties – PPL/PRS Mar 2026 – Mar 2027	£71.21	£14.24	£85.45

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 25 March 2026, as above, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 25 March 2026.

- **To Approve** - 1 – 31 March 2026 Bank Reconciliation Statement, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 31 March 2026 - attached at the end of these minutes.

26/53 CARETAKER’S ANNUAL REVIEW – Cllr A Lord, 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: Emma Hayles Caretaker’s salary 2026-2027 be increased to the Real Living wage rate £13.45 from 1 April 2026.

26/54 PCC ISSUES:

PCC County Councillor W Powell – Noted Cllr Powell had shared some of his Highway and other issues with Town Councillors and gave some verbal updates on matters of interest, for information.

PCC Pride in Place Impact Fund – Cllr J Evans, Deputy Mayor, gave an update on the current position, confirming that he had submitted to PCC, the application and supplementary documentation, as agreed by the Town Council, for this proposed project re the development of a new pump track at King George V Playing Fields to provide a safe, accessible and free recreational facility for local children and young people and awaiting the outcome.

Highway matters -

Trunk Road Agency - Works Crickhowell Phase 2 (27/04/26 – 19/06/26) – Notice of road closure times on circulation.

Top of old Pengeffordd road – No new update.

26/55 The following Talgarth Town Council documents, previously circulated prior to the meeting, were considered for adoption:

- **TTC Standing Orders**
- **TTC Financial Regulations**
- **TTC Financial & Management Risk Assessment**
- **TTC Security & Confidential Policy**
- **TTC Complaints Policy**
- **TTC Freedom of Information Policy**
- **TTC Health & Safety Policy**
- **TTC Equality & Diversity Policy**
- **TTC Social Media Policy**
- **TTC St Gwendoline’s Churchyard Management Policy**
- **TTC St Gwendoline’s Churchyard Risk Assessment**
- **TTC Town Hall – Fire Risk Assessment**
- **TTC Town Hall Risk Assessment**
- **TTC Public Conveniences Risk Assessment**
- **TTC Biodiversity Action Plan**

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to accept the above documents and to forward the Biodiversity Action Plan to local groups, for information.

26/56 GROUP UPDATES –

- **Annual Review of St Gwendoline’s Churchyard Fees 2026/2027** – Noted the Church in Wales Churchyard Burial etc Fees 2026 circulated in advance of the meeting
RESOLVED: To increase the St Gwendoline’s Churchyard fees from 1 April 2026 in line with the Church in Wales current fees.

- **Churchyard Maintenance** - Noted this is the second year of the OTM - 3-year Contract : 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027 – £5,712.00+ £1,142.40 VAT = £6,854.40 for the year and paid monthly ie £476.00 + £95.20 VAT = £571.20 per month including VAT.
- **St Gwendoline’s Churchyard further Wall Collapse** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported he is seeking information to obtain a quote to remove the trees and rebuild the wall, which will be undertaken in the Autumn, when time allows and will be seeking grant funding.
- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – On going.

TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL –

- **Town Hall –**
 - Asbestos Management Survey** – Noted to seek quotes for a Town Hall Asbestos Management Survey Report for next meeting.
 - Small Jobs – RESOLVED:** To payment of Paul Evans Builder Invoice for small jobs in the Town Hall, as agreed, in the sum of £90.
 - **Town Clock area** – Noted Cllr A Lord, Mayor and Cllr J Evans, Deputy Mayor, have investigated the work involved to enlarge this area. Cllr J Evans offered to undertake the work, so that Smith of Derby can gain access to complete the clock repair work.
- **PPL/PRS** – Noted the Clerk had completed the annual on-line PPL/PRS Town Hall Licence renewal 2026-2027 application and received an Invoice of £71.21 + 14.24 VAT – Total £85.45 for payment. **RESOLVED:** To pay PPL/PRS Invoice of £84.45.
- **Market Hall** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported that a request came from the Xmas Lights group at its AGM on 31 Mar, to purchase approx 10 new trestle tables, for events in the Market Hall, as some of the old tables are not now really usable.
It was noted that 7 non-collapsible tables and a couple of round tables had since been deposited in the Market Hall, from the Community Hall. Also noted that the BMC Farmers Market organisers had themselves, now purchased some 5 tables for use at the Talgarth Farmers Markets. **RESOLVED:** To check out the condition of all tables currently in the Market Hall prior to making a decision on the best way forward, re any new tables.
- **Public Conveniences/upgrade** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor liaising re specification for tendering.
- **WAW meeting 26 Mar 2026** – Received draft WAW Group Committee Meeting minutes of the meeting held on 26 Mar, attended by Cllr A Lord and Cllr W Powell, Town Council reps on the Group, who gave short updates from the meeting.
- **TDRG** - Updates received:
 - Noted that the TDRG meeting to be held on 16 April has been postponed and awaiting a revised date in May, to be confirmed.
 - Noted that a Hustings event re the Senedd Elections will be held at Ysgol y Mynydd Du on Wed 22 April from 7:00pm.
- **Talgarth History Society** – **RESOLVED:** That a sub group meet to seek the way forward.
- **Festival** – Received an update from Beth Dale, Chair of the Festival group, following the well supported Festival Easter events. **RESOLVED:** To forward a letter of thanks to the Festival group.
- **Xmas Lights** – Minutes of the AGM and main meeting of the Lights Group held on 31 March received and on circulation. Noted Cllr A Lord, Mayor, Town Council representative, attended and gave a brief update of the meeting, noting that the group asked if the LED strip lights in the Market Hall could be run with dimmer switches, due to their excessive brightness.
RESOLVED: To seek the possibility of dimmer switches being fitted in this location, so as to alleviate the problem.

- **Grow for Talgarth** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor reported that he had met with Grow for Talgarth Chair and Deputy Chair, who has produced a plan of works needed around The Square area, in readiness for the Wales in Bloom competition judging in early July, and asked for assistance in identifying if PCC or the Town Council is responsible for any of the works required. Noted Powys County Councillor W Powell has arranged a meeting next Mon 20 Apr with a PCC Highways Officer, for he and Cllr A Lord, Mayor, to meet and agree the individual responsibilities of the jobs required and to report back as soon as possible.
- **On the Verge – Planting session of pollinator plants on the far bank of the river Ennig** – This session took place at 12.30pm Wed 15 April. Noted invitation received to the OTV AGM is to be held at 6pm – 8pm - Tues 21 April in Committee Room, Town Hall.
- **The Mill** – Cllr A Lord, Mayor, reported that there was no monthly meeting held on 5 Apr.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre** – Noted the last meeting was held on Mon 13 April, attended by Cllr A Brown, who gave a short update of the meeting.
- **King George V Pavilion** – Cllr A Lord reported that The Old Railway Garden Centre, had requested permission to plant a Flowering Cherry tree on the King George V playing fields in memory of the late Mark (Tiny) Harding. **RESOLVED:** To agree to this request.
- **TADSCA** – Noted Cllr J Evans has met with Peter Weavers TADSCA recently re the PCC Pride in Place Impact Fund proposal etc and will be having further discussions with him.
- **Bowling Club** – Cllr M Dodds, President of the Club, reported that the Bowling Club had opened for the season on Friday 10 April.
- **Girl Guides/Brownies/Rainbows etc** – Noted that the Grant payment of £200 awarded at the Precept meeting 14 Jan for year 2026/2027, to the 1st Talgarth Brownies & Guides was due. **RESOLVED:** The £200 be paid to the 1st Talgarth Brownies & Guides as on Finance report.
- **PCSO Surgeries** – Noted PCSO Emma Jackson’s last Surgery 6pm – 7pm Thurs 9 April and the next Surgery will be on 14 May and 2nd Thurs of each month thereafter.
- **PtHB/Health issues** – No new update.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** – No new update.
- **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 Invitation to zoom meeting and minutes of 13 April at 5.30pm March meeting. Noted the Welcome Day to be held at Ysgol y Mynydd du. County Councillor W Powell gave a brief update of the event.
- **Volunteer Groups recognition** – To be arranged as previously discussed.
- **Llais** – No new updates.

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

26/57 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – For Information/Action:

- **High Sheriff of Powys** – Noted that Sally Roberts High Sheriff of Powys has now stood down and that Mr William Watkins, Radnor Hills, took over on 10 April for 2026-2027.
- **Threshold Sports Ltd** – Received follow-up Event Notification letter for the Ride Cymru – 11th – 13th September 2026 being planned by Threshold Sports Ltd.
- **BBNPA** - Weekly list of Planning Applications
- **Kids Cancer Charity** – Request for financial assistance.

26/58 Date of the next meetings – 6pm Wed 13 May 2026 - AGM followed by May monthly meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 9.05pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 March - 31 March 2026				
			Current Act	Cap Res Act
Opening Balances - 1 March 2026			£6,009.63	£71,794.89
Receipts 1 March - 31 March 2026				
16/03/2026	BACS	PAVO - Hall hire - 25/75 & 26/03	92.00	
17/03/2026	BACS	C C James - SGC - Interment of Ashes fee - CL	200.00	
17/03/2026	BACS	C C James - SGC - Interment of Ashes fee - AC	200.00	
18/03/2026	BACS	Lunch Club - Hall hire 26/15	59.17	
23/03/2026	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - 26/16	50.00	
23/03/2026	101978	D Gwynne - Grazing 2025-2026	85.00	
24/03/2026	BACS	BMC - Hall hire - 26/07	62.00	
24/03/2026	BACS	BMC Hall hire - 26/14	96.00	
24/03/2026	BACS	BMC - Hall hire-26/08	500.00	
24/03/2026	BACS	Festival group - Hall hire - 26/11	60.00	
25/03/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	3,000.00	
26/03/2026	BACS	Slimming World - Hall hire - 26/12 Feb, 26/13 Mar	336.00	
31/03/2026	BACS	GfT - Hall hire - 26/18	14.00	
31/03/2026	BACS	J Evans - Hall hire - 26/17	14.00	
31/03/2026	BACS	Felin Talgarth Mill - Toilet hire - 26/10	40.00	
31/03/2026	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 31 Mar		55.05
		Total Receipts:	£10,817.80	£71,849.94
Payments 1 March -31 March 2026				
24/03/2026	DD	E-on - Public Conven Electric-27/01/26 -28/02/26	49.62	
24/03/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric -27/01/26 -28/02/26	150.41	
24/03/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas -27/01/26 -28/02/26	332.87	
24/03/2026	CH4140	Welsh Water - Town Hall Water -29/8/25 - 24/2/26	323.34	
24/03/2026	CH4141	Welsh Water - Public Toilets -29/8/25 - 24/2/26	550.59	
24/03/2026	CH4145	HMRC - PAYE - Jan, Feb, Mar 2026	1,694.83	
24/03/2026	CH4146	KelsKleans - Town Hall - Mar cleaning	181.50	
24/03/2026	CH4147	Cllr A Lord, Mayor's net Allowance	400.00	
24/03/2026	CH4148	Cllr A Lord - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
24/03/2026	CH4149	Cllr L Elston-Reeves - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
24/03/2026	CH4150	Cllr A Brown - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
24/03/2026	CH4156	Cllr B Shorthouse - Councillor Allowance - pro rata	156.00	
24/03/2026	CH4159	Clerk's Salary & Expenses Mar	1,326.04	
24/03/2026	CH4160	Caretaker's Mar salary	740.74	
25/03/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		3,000.00
25/03/2026	CH4142	OTM - SGC Maintenance fee - Feb	560.00	
25/03/2026	CH4143	OTM - SGC Maintenance fee - Mar	560.00	
25/03/2026	CH4144	PAVO - Payroll fee - Jan, Feb, Mar	60.00	
25/03/2026	CH4153	Cllr C Green - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
26/03/2026	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	30.99	
26/03/2026	CH4139	R Morris Builder - SGC Wall repair as per quote	850.00	
26/03/2026	CH4151	Cllr M Dodds - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
26/03/2026	CH4152	Cllr G Jones - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
26/03/2026	CH4155	Cllr K Price - Councillor Allowance - pro rata	121.33	
26/03/2026	CH4158	Allotment Association -TTC Allotment fee 2026/27	20.00	
26/03/2026	CH4161	Alun Walters Gas Engineer - TH Annual Gas Service	120.00	
30/03/2026	CH4154	Cllr W Powell - Councillor Allowance	208.00	
30/03/2026	CH4162	PPL/PRS Town Hall Royalties - 2026/27	85.45	
31/03/2026	CH4157	Cllr B Dale - Cllr Allowance - pro rata	166.07	
		Total Payments:	£ 9,935.78	£3,000.00
Closing Balances - 31 March 2026			£882.02	£68,849.94