

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, FOLLOWING THE AGM, AT 6PM,
WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

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

APOLOGIES: No apologies

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

26/70 WELCOME: Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor welcomed Members to the meeting.

26/71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Noted no Declarations of Interest.

26/72 MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15 April 2026, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15 April 2026, be accepted as a correct record.

26/73 PCC ISSUES:

- **PCC County Councillor W Powell** – Noted County Cllr W Powell had asked for his items to be brought forward as he had to leave the meeting at approx 7.30pm, due to another commitment. Noted Cllr Powell had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting and gave some updates on issues, as appropriate.

Talgarth Riverbank ownership – Noted Cllr W Powell is following up queries with PCC re land ownership. **RESOLVED:** That Cllr A Lord, on behalf of the Town Council, will undertake a Land Registry search in this respect.

Access between Woodlands Ave and Coed y Bryn – Noted that County Councillor W Powell is arranging a meeting with the PCC Housing Officer regarding this issue.

Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel, 20 May, 10.30 am – Noted County Councillor W Powell, circulated, for information, the Agenda for Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel meeting.

26/74 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026** – Received notification from OVW of the National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026 on 1 July at the Royal Welsh Showground. Noted a submission, on behalf of the Town Council, has been submitted by Cllr A Brown, on behalf of the Town Council, re the Cost of Living initiative. Members wishing to attend the Conference, to confirm their booking with the Clerk, as soon as possible.
- **OVW Cost of Living Crisis Support Newsletter May 2026** – Received for information.
- **OVW Webinar – Biodiversity Team** – Free on-line June Webinars – Information received.
- **OVW Training Sessions- May - June, Bulletin Issue 23 and The Voice Issue 2** – Received for information.
- **PAVO** – Training and information updates received and on circulation.

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- **PCC Pride in Place Impact Fund** – Awaiting outcome of application.
- **Benches** – Cllr A Lord reported on his recent inspection of the benches around the town. **RESOLVED:** To deal with the situation, as appropriate, as soon as possible.

- **S6 Biodiversity- Biodiversity Action Plan** – Noted that the Biodiversity Action Plan has been shared with the relevant organisations around the town.
 - **Allotments project** – Cllr B Shorthouse, Secretary of the group, gave an update on the project.
 - **Sustainable Saturdays - Clothes Swap** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported on the continued success of the monthly Clothes Swap events etc in the Market Hall, which fits in well having it co-ordinate with the repair cafe morning.
 - **Food share** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that the Food Share is really busy and looking at developing in the future
 - **Book Exchange – Book exchange, phone box** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, reported that she is liaising with BBNPA in regard to how other parishes have converted their phone boxes so that match-funding can be assessed and sought.
 - **BMC/Talgarth Farmers Markets** – Noted the next BMC Talgarth Farmers Market will be held this Sat 16 May and, in future, on the second Saturday of the month
 - **Former Victorian School** – County Councillor W Powell reported that Ben Rawlence will be reporting further, in the next few weeks.
 - **St Ellwy Llanelieu Churchyard Fallen Wall** – Noted this issue of the fallen wall is ongoing.
 - **Llanelieu Yew tree** – Cllr L Elston-Reeves reported that the BBNPA is arranging a meeting to discuss ongoing management and current works needed.
 - **Talgarth Connecting Together – Project Update** – Progress report received from Nick Pritchard – noted that a meeting was held, earlier today, on zoom – attended by Cllr A Brown, who gave a brief update from the meeting.
Noted Cllr J Evans, who had expressed an interest in attending this group, was unable to attend today's meeting, due to his own work commitments,
Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, will attend the event organised for Sun 7 June, at Ysgol y Mynydd du
- MIND group** – Noted it had been brought to the attention of both Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, and County Councillor W Powell, that funding had been withdrawn from the local MIND group. **RESOLVED:** to refer the group to the Town Council, for possible Town Council Grant funding.
- People Powered Housing in Talgarth** – Noted the Town Council had received an Invitation from Cwmpas Coop, to a public meeting to discuss opportunities for Community-Led Housing (CLH) in Talgarth, on Wed 29 of April, at The Old School - to learn about Community-Led Housing, contribute to the discussion as a councillor, and to help support affordable housing initiatives in Talgarth and the surrounding area. This meeting was attended by Cllr A Lord who gave an update from the meeting, also attended by Cllr L Elston-Reeves and County Councillor W Powell.
- **Speeding in Trefecca**– Cllr A Lord reported he was going to raise the matter with PCSO at her next PCSO Surgery.
- Speeding in Talgarth** – Cllr C Green expressed her concern at the speeding in Talgarth, especially from the Rugby Club to Bronllys Road. Speedwatch was suggested to try in order to alleviate the problem.

26/76 BBNPA PLANNING APPLICATIONS –To consider two Planning Applications:

- **Planning Application 26/24568/CON - The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (Wales) Order 2012 - Proposal:** “Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) and Condition 4 (First Occupancy Date) pursuant to planning application 25/24140/FUL” - Address: Land At Hay Road, Talgarth, Brecon Powys LD3 0AW - Grid Reference: E:315414 N:234207.
RESOLVED: Planning Application 26/24568/CON, considered and no objections raised.
- **Planning Application 26/24573/FUL - Proposal:** “External fenestration alterations with installation of roof windows, install of air conditioning units, proposed first floor for the use of premises as a veterinary surgery” Address: Unit 2, Talgarth Business Park, Talgarth Brecon Powys Grid Reference: E:315230 N:233710
RESOLVED: Planning Application 26/24573/FUL, considered and no objections raised.

26/77 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Amounts received since last meeting 15 April 2026:

Date	From	Item	Amount
06/05/26 BACS	The Mill	Town Hall & Public Toilets hire – 26/22	£68.00
05/05/26 BACS	A V Griffiths & Son	Hall hire – 26/23	£85.00
05/05/26 BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 26/22 – Apr a/c	£210.00
30/04/26BAC	Powys County Council	One third Precept 2026/27	£26,000.00
30/04/26 BACS	Nat West Bank	April Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£47.69
22/04/26 BACS	Triggs, The Mill	Public Toilets hire – 26/02	£44.50

Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 15 April 2026:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
14/05/26	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences –27/03/26 – 27/04/26	£44.19	£2.21	£46.40
14/05/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas - 01/03/26 – 28/04/26	£164.41	£8.23	£172.64
14/05/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 27/03/26 – 27/4/26	£97.76	£4.89	£102.65
13/05/26 4185	Kels Kleans	Town Hall/Public Toilets – April cleaning	66.00		66.00
13/05/26 4184	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses May 2026	£1,326.04		£1,326.04
13/05/26 4183	Caretaker – Town Hall	May Salary	£815.97		£815.97
13/05/26 4181	A J Morris, Window Cleaner	Town Hall – Window cleaning and power hosing slope for safety	£40.00		£40.00
13/05/26 4180	OVW	OVW Training – Cllr A Brown – Mod 5 The Council Meeting - 50% less re Bursary	£22.00		£22.00
13/05/26 4179	OVW	OVW Training – Cllr A Brown – Mod 8 Community Engagement - 50% less re Bursary	£22.00		£22.00

13/05/26 4178	OVW	OVW Training – Cllr A Lewis – New Councillor Induction - 50% less re Bursary	£22.00		£22.00
13/05/26 4177	OVW	OVW Training – Cllr A Brown – Mod2 The Councillor - 50% less re Bursary	£22.00		£22.00
13/05/26 4176	Society for Local Council Clerks	Membership fee 2026/2027 for Town Clerk	£200.00		£200.00
13/05/26 4175	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2026/2027 –Apr invoice	£476.00	£95.20	£571.20
13/05/26 4174	Amazon	Committee Room – Rubber Protector for Projector Cable	£9.16	£1.83	£10.99
13/05/26 4173	Amazon	Committee Room – Equipment HDMI cable to fit Projector Cage in ceiling	£16.66	£3.33	£19.99
13/05/26 4172	Amazon	Committee Room – Equipment to fix Mains Power Cable to Protector Cage in ceiling	£18.84	£3.77	£22.61
13/05/26 4171	PHS Group	Public Conveniences – Annual Sanitary Disposal and Sharps Container – hire and collections	£288.96	£57.79	£346.75
13/05/26 4170	Gavenny Services Ltd	Town Hall- repairs to leaking Bain Marie	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00
05/05/26DD	PCC	Town Hall Council Tax	£398.79		£398.79
27/04/26	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£31.09	£6.22	£37.31
15/04/26 4169	Caretaker – Town Hall	Apr Salary	£815.97		£815.97
15/04/26 4167	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses Apr 2026	£1,326.04		£1,326.04
15/04/26 4166	Kels Kleans	Town Hall/Public Toilets – April cleaning	49.50		49.50
15/04/26 4165	P D Evans	Town Hall repair works	90.00		90.00

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 15 April 2026, as above, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 15 April 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.
- **Audit Wales** – Noted Annual Return 2025/2026 currently with Internal Auditor – to be received by the Town Council at the 10 June Town Council meeting.
- **Annual Insurance Policy Renewal 1 June 2026 – 31 May 2027** – Received Renewal Notice/terms for consideration, prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED: To accept Zurich Invoice for 3 Year (LTA): £6,005.79 (including IPT).
- **Society of Local Council Clerks** – **RESOLVED:** To renew membership and pay Annual Renewal Invoice for £200.00 subscription.

26/78 GROUP UPDATES –

- **St Gwendoline's Churchyard Maintenance – RESOLVED:** To pay OTM Invoice for April 2026 - £476.00 + £95.20 VAT = £571.20.
- **Fallen Wall Nr Churchfields** – Noted this repair work to be undertaken in the Autumn.
- **Ex-Mid Wales Hospital Patients Grave markers** – Noted the Clerk confirmed that the 59 brass plaques, which had been stored at Bronllys Hospital Chapel have today been returned to the Committee Room, Town Hall, in readiness for the project at St Gwendoline's Churchyard.

TOWN HALL/MARKET HALL –

- **Town Hall –**
 - Asbestos Management Survey** – To arrange a survey as soon as possible.
 - Town Hall Windows & Slope to Committee Room – RESOLVED:** To pay A J Morris Invoice for work window cleaning and power hosing, as quoted £40.
 - Committee Room Window Blind – RESOLVED:** To obtain quotes to replace the broken blind as soon as possible.
 - Committee Room** – Noted the projector cage has been fitted in the Committee Room.
 - RESOLVED:** To payment of Amazon Invoice for parts - Rubber Protector £9.16, HDMI Cable £16.66 & Fixing equipment £18.84 + VAT be paid, as on Finance Report.
 - Town Clock area** – Noted this area to be made larger so that the clock engineer can complete the work.
 - PCC Environmental Health Spot check - 7 May** – Noted a spot check by PCC of the Town Hall Kitchen and Toilet areas has been undertaken and a report received that all is in good order and a confirmation letter to follow.
- **Bain Marie – RESOLVED:** To pay Invoice of Gavenny Services, for the repair work on the broken Bain Marie - £160.00 + £32.00 VAT. On Finance Report.
- **Market Hall** – Noted the BMC Farmers Market group has purchased 5 new collapsible tables and stored in the Market Hall for hirers' use.
- **Public Conveniences/upgrade** – Noted a specification is being prepared for this upgrade.
- **Talgarth WAW group** – Agenda and draft minutes of 23 April meeting received. Noted the Group's AGM is scheduled for 7pm on 25 June at the Castle Hotel.
 - 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 again excellent Walkers are Welcome Festival 2026.
 - TDRG meeting due 16 April** -Received information from the TDRG that the 16 April meeting has been postponed and rearranged for Thurs 11 June.
 - Hustings** – Received notification from the TDRG Secretary that the TDRG is co-hosting a Hustings event at Ysgol-y-Mynydd Du at 7pm on Wed 22nd April, together with the Talgarth Library Friends and the Friends of Ysgol-y-Mynydd.
 - Talgarth History Society** – To seek a way forward as suggested.
 - Talgarth Festival – Sat 29 Aug & Sun 30 Aug** – Noted Cllr J Evans had reported that planning is well in hand for this year's Festival. Noted a request has been received for the PCC road closure to be applied for by the Town Council, as in previous years.
 - RESOLVED:** To apply for the road closure – Fee £432.
- **Grow for Talgarth** – Update received noting dates of their forthcoming events – to include: Big Garden Weekend Event – Fri 26th – Sun 28th June in the Town Hall and Market Hall.
 - RESOLVED:** To the usual free Hall hire for community fund raising events, payment of energy costs only.
 - GfT Future Event** - Noted GfT has booked the Town Hall on Fri 16th Oct, in order to host the 'Wales in Bloom Presentation Awards' 2026.

- **OTV** – Noted Martin Draper, Chair, has confirmed, the group’s planting scheme on the Enig Bank.
- **The Mill – 7 May** – Cllr A Lord, Town Council representative, reported that there did not appear to a meeting held on this date.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre** – Noted the AGM was held on 11 May, attended by Cllr A Brown, Town Council representative, who gave a brief update, confirming that Anna Weston had been appointed as Chair. ?? other nominations??
- **King George V Pavilion** – Noted the flowering cherry tree, as agreed, has been planted, in memory of the late Mark ‘Tiny’ Harding near the bench by the marquee.
- **TADSCA** – Cllr J Evans reported that at the King George V Playpark, outside of our wider project, there are some pieces of equipment that need more immediate care and he has been liaising with Pete Weavers and Gareth Davies about arranging a work party of some volunteers, to tidy it up, as well as the tennis courts and wider area.
- **Bowling Club** – Cllr M Dodds reported that everything is going well at the Bowling Club.
- **PCSO Surgeries** – Noted that PCSO Emma Jackson’s next Sugery is due to take place the following evening 6pm – 7pm Thurs 14 May and on the 2nd Thurs of each month thereafter.
- **Police & Crime Commissioner Bulletin** – Received the Bulletin from Dafydd Llywelyn, Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, for information.
- **PtHB/Health issues – Dementia Action Week** – Request received from PTHB informing us of Dementia Action Week (18th – 22nd May 2026), and that she will be present in Talgarth and requesting to use the table on The Square from 1pm to 3pm each day, which was agreed.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** – No new update.
- **GP Biotec Liaison group** – Cllr A Lord reported that he had received a recent spreading notice and that he would arrange a visit for Town Councillors, to the GP Biotec site as offered by the owner.
- **Ysgol y Mynydd du/ - Minor Authority Governor** – No new update.
- **Community Library** – No new update.
- **Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees** – Received minutes of 13 May remote meeting. Noted preparations are well in hand for the 17 May event at Ysgol y Mynydd du, to be attended by Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor.
- **Llais** – Llais monthly newsletter received and on circulation

26/79 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – For Information/Action:

- **PCC - Powys Planning Decision Notices** – Received information from 16th March to 17th April and update to PCC Planning Applications Public Website.
- **BBNPA** - Weekly list of Planning Application

26/80 Date of the next meetings – 7pm 10 June 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 8.35pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 April - 30 April 2026				
			Current Act	Cap Res Act
Opening Balances - 1 April 2026			£882.02	£68,849.94
Receipts 1 April - 30 April 2026				
07/04/2026	BACS	K Davies - Hall hire - 26/19	38.000	
13/04/2026	BACS	C C James - SGC - Burial Plot G14 - MH	600.00	
13/04/2026	BACS	Lunch Club - Hall energy costs at hire - 26/29	25.97	
22/04/2026	BACS	Triggs, The Mill - Toilet hire - 26/02	44.50	
23/04/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	2,500.00	
30/04/2026	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 30 Apr		47.69
30/04/2026	BACS	Nat West - 1st of 3 Precept payment 2026/2027		26,000.00
		Total Receipts:	£4,090.49	£94,897.63
Payments 1 April - 30 April 2026				
13/04/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric - 01/03/26 - 26/03/26	65.94	
13/04/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas - 01/03/26 - 26/03/26	115.04	
16/04/2026	DD	E-on - Public Conveniences Electric - 01/03/26 - 31/03/26	41.67	
21/04/2026	CH4165	P D Evans, Builder - Town Hall works	90.00	
21/04/2026	CH4166	KelsKleans - Town Hall - Apr cleaning	49.50	
21/04/2026	CH4169	Caretaker's Apr salary	815.97	
23/04/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		2,500.00
27/04/2026	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	37.31	
27/04/2026	CH4163	1st Talgarth Brownies/Guides - TTC Grant 2026/2027	200.00	
28/04/2026	CH4167	Clerk's Salary & Expenses Apr	1,326.04	
30/04/2026	CH4164	OVW - Annual Subscription 2026/2027	369.00	
		Total Payments:	£ 3,110.47	£2,500.00
Closing Balances - 30 April 2026			£980.02	£92,397.63