

**MINUTES OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING , WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2026,
HELD AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr A Brown (Deputy Mayor) (In the Chair), Cllr M Dodds, Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Evans, Cllr C Green, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr A Lord, Cllr K Price, Cllr B Shorthouse

APOLOGIES: Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Josephine Rumsey (Town Clerk)

26/97 WELCOME: Cllr A Brown, Deputy Mayor welcomed Members to the meeting.

26/98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Noted a Declarations of Interest received from Cllr A Brown in respect of Agenda item 10 Grant Fund of BMC Student Association and left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

26/99 THE WYRO GATEWAY SITE IN THE CAR PARK – No update in Cllr W Powell's absence.

26/100 PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND – Cllr J Evans gave an update and presentation of the current position of where we are at in regard to the £83,000 grant funded project at the King George V Playing fields, which includes –

- Pump track development
- Play park improvements

Noted 3 quotes had been received for the 2 picnic benches for the Children's Play area and also to hold a Consultation meeting of interested parties and residents, as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

- To purchase the 2 x picnic benches at the quoted cost of £1,656 + VAT by Second Life Products Wales Ltd.
- To arrange a Consultation meeting at the King George V Pavilion at 6pm Mon 3 Aug, with interested parties and residents, to go through proposals, explore options and hear ideas for the project.

26/101 RESIGNATION: The resignation of Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Mayor, has been received today.
RESOLVED: To thank Cllr L Elston-Reeves for all her valued work she has undertaken for the Town Council and to report the vacancy to PCC to commence the process of filling the vacancy.
RESOLVED: To arrange an Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council to elect a Mayor, on Thurs 23 July at 6.30pm.

26/102 MINUTES: The minutes of the Monthly Town Council meeting held on the 10 June 2026, had been previously circulated to Town Councillors.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Monthly Town Council meeting held on the 10 June 2026, be accepted as a correct record.

26/103 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **OVW National Conference & Awards Ceremony 1 July 2026** – Noted that Cllr A Brown (Deputy Mayor) and Cllr W Powell attended the National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026, and that Talgarth Town Council had received an award for the 'Best Initiative Addressing the Cost of Living Crisis' – it was noted that the local scheme that involved using surplus food from a local supermarket to assist local people and a clothes swapping initiative had also been introduced locally.
- **OVW –What Could Your Council Do? On-line meeting - 17 June, 11am – 12pm** – Noted Cllr A Brown had attended this meeting and gave a brief update.

- **OVW E-Bulletin issues 24 & 25** – Received for information
- **PAVO** – Updates received and on circulation.

26/104 **TALGARTH /TREFECCA**

- **Benches** – Noted an Invitation to Tender had been put on the Town Council Facebook page, the Talgarth Community page and the Notice Boards, inviting suitably qualified contractors to submit Tenders for the repair/refurbishment of 5 public benches located within the council area by 15 July 2026 and two enquiries received.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to accept the Tender of Ellis Peters, Carpentry & Joinery, Talgarth in the Tender sum of £1,290 to repair/refurbish the damaged 5 public benches located within the council area.. Agreed to a £500 contingency sum.
Agreed Cllr A Lord, Mayor and Cllr D Evans oversee these works.
- **Connecting Talgarth – Community Insights Report and Invitation to Feedback Session – 7pm 15 July** – Received from Nick Pritchard, the Connecting Talgarth – Community Insights Report and Invitation to a Feedback Session at Ysgol y Mynydd at 7 pm 15 July. Noted that some 70+ Community groups had been identified in the Talgarth area.
RESOLVED: To respond that, this feedback session coincides with the Town Council's monthly meeting, so Town Councillors are unable to attend, and to request a feedback meeting at our next Town Council meeting 6.30pm 9 Sept or at a future date.
S6 Biodiversity- Biodiversity Action Plan – RESOLVED: That the mapping of the biodiversity plan zoned areas be completed as soon as possible.-
- **Council Allotment project** – Cllr B Shorthouse, Secretary, Talgarth & District Allotment Group, gave an update on the position of the Town Council's Allotment.
RESOLVED: That the Town Council Allotment be relinquished and Clerk to confirm.
- **Talgarth & District Allotment Group** – Cllr B Shorthouse, Secretary, Talgarth & District Allotment Group, gave an update on the position of the Allotments area at Woodlands Ave..
- **Sustainable Saturdays - Clothes Swap – RESOLVED:** That the Clothes Swap events be held inside Market Hall. Noted the Clothes swap events take place 9am – 12 noon, on the second Saturday of the month, to co-inside with the Repair Café in the Community Hall.
Food share – RESOLVED: That the Foodshare events, which take place 9am – 10am on a Monday, Thursday and Saturday, be held inside Market Hall.
- **Book exchange, phone box – RESOLVED:** To check up current position with Barbara Anglezarke, BBNPA Heritage Officer.
- **Signage for Talgarth** – No new update.
- **BMC -**
 - **BMC - Graduation Ceremony - 15 July** – Invitation received but, unfortunately, Mayor or Deputy Mayor was unable to attend.
 - **Talgarth Farmers Markets** – Noted Talgarth Farmers Market to be held on 18 July.
- **Community Litter Picking and Equipment** – No new update.
- **Former Victorian School – RESOLVED:** To request a meeting with Ben Rawlence at the former Victorian School regarding the intended community use of the school building, as soon as possible.
- **Car Park** – No new updates received.
- **Speed Limit in Trefecca and Speeding in Talgarth** – No new updates but noted speeding issues remain in both areas.

26/105 PLANNING ISSUES:

PCC County Councillor W Powell – Noted Cllr Powell, who was not present at the meeting, had circulated his monthly report, in advance of the meeting.

Noted Cllr Powell had circulated, for information, re the Agenda for Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel, Friday, 17th July, 2026, 10.30 am.

PCC Highway issues-

- **PCC - Land on Bronllys Road** adjacent the River Ennig – Noted Matt Perry, PCC, has confirmed that PCC is responsible for maintaining highway works in the area of land in question as part of the dedication of land.
- **Blocked Drain on Bronllys Road – adjacent the River Ennig - at end of Parking area by War Memorial** – No new update.

26/106 FINANCIAL UPDATE:**Amounts received since last meeting 10 June 2026:**

Date	From	Item	Amount
15/07/26 BACS	BMC	Hall hire – 26/30	£250.00
15/07/26 BACS	Lunch Club	Hall hire – 26/32	£26.36
15/07/26 BACS	Roddick Foundation	Hall hire – 26/31	£110.00
15/07/26 BACS	Roddick Foundation	Hall hire – 26/29	£80.00
30/06/26 BACS	Nat West Bank	June Interest on Business Reserve A/C	£60.33
25/06/26BACS	PCC	Hall hire – Election fee 7/5/26`	£325.00
19/06/26 BACS	H C Furnell	Hall hire – 26/25	£168.00
14/06/26 BACS	Dr V Lloyd	Hall hire 26/26	£210.00

Accounts for Payment/Ratification at and since last meeting 10 June 2026:

Date/Cheq	To	Item	Net	VAT	Total
15/07/26 4221	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses July 2026	£1,333.32		£1,332.32
15/07/26 4220	Caretaker – Town Hall	July Salary	£815.97		£815.97
15/07/26 4219	Kels Kleans	Town Hall/Public Toilets – July cleaning	£66.00		£66.00
15/07/26 4218	Alun D Walters	King George V Playing fields – Supply & fit 2 manhole covers	£148.00		£148.00
15/07/26 4217	Wales Audit Office	Wales Audit fee 2024-2025	£305.85		£305.85
08/07/26 4216	OVW	Training – Cllr A Brown	£44.00		£44.00
08/07/26	Ellis Peters	Emergency work – Repair Bench on The Square & move broken benches – repair work as per quote	£281.60		281.60
08/07/26 4214	Metro Rod	King George V Playing fields – Emergency work – clear blockage	111.01	£22.20	£133.21

08/07/26 4213	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2026/2027 –June invoice	£476.00	£95.20	£571.20
08/04/26 4212	OVW	Conference & Award Ceremony – 2 Cllrs attendance	£198.00		£198.00
08/07/26 4211	Shepherds	Public Conveniences repair work as per Tender	£365.21	£73.04	438.25
08/07/26	Cllr L Elston-Reeves	Travel expenses to meeting in Brecon Town Council	£10.50		£10.50
06/07/26	PCC D/D	Town Hall Council Tax	£396.00		£396.00
26/06/26	BT D/D	Town Hall Tel Mthly Rent/B'Band	£29.16	£5.83	£34.99
22/06/26 4209	Powys County Council	Town Hall – Annual Premises Licence	£180.00		£180.00
20/16/26 4208	Amazon	Town Hall – Cleaning material	£7.07	£1.42	£8.49
16/06/26 4207	Amazon	Town Hall signage	£7.48	£1.50	£8.98
16/06/26 4206	Amazon	Safety Alarm for Caretaker	£22.50		£22.50
16/06/26 4205	Talgarth Repair Café	Repair to Mayor's chain of office	£25.00		£25.00
15/06/26 4204	PAVO	Payroll fee – Apr - June 2026	£66.00		£66.00
16/06/26 4203	HMRC	PAYE – Apr – June 2026	£1,616.22		£1,616.22
16/06/26 4202	Caretaker – Town Hall	June Salary	£815.97		£815.97
16/06/26 4201	Town Clerk	Salary & Expenses June 2026	£1,326.04		£1,326.04
15/06/26 4200	Kels Kleans	Town Hall/Public Toilets – June cleaning	£181.50		£181.50
15/06/26 4199	OTM Groundscare Ltd	SGC Burial Ground Contract 2026/2027 –May invoice	£476.00	£95.20	£571.20
15/06/26 4198	Skyrme Electrical	Town Hall works	£780.00	£156.00	£936.00
15/06/26 4197	Cwmdu Eistedfodd Committee	Town Council Grant	£200.00		£200.00
15/06/26 4196	Zurich Municipal Ltd	Town Council Insurance Premium – 1/4/26 - 31/5/2027 – 3 year contract	£6,005.81		£6,005.81
12/06/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Gas – 28/04/26 – 27/05/26	£156.05	£7.80	£163.85
12/06/26	Eon D/D	Town Hall – Electric – 28/04/26 – 27/05/26	£109.00	£5.45	£114.45
12/06/26	Eon D/D	Public Conveniences – 28/04/26 – 28/05/26	£43.98	£2.20	£46.18

- **To Approve** - Schedule of monthly accounts since 10 June 2026, as above, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve Schedule of monthly accounts since 10 June 2026.
- **To Approve** - 1 – 30 June 2026 Bank Reconciliation Statement, circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation 1 – 30 June 2026 - attached at the end of these minutes.

- **Wales Audit Office Finance Document – RESOLVED:** To pay Wales Audit Office Invoice for 2024-2025 Audit - £305.85. For information, noted 2022-2023 Audit fee Invoice has still not ever been received, despite chasing.

26/107 TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION – Noted Grant Application has been received from Grant McKendrick, BMC Student Society, Co-ordinator for the forthcoming Gwyl Ennig Talgarth Heritage, Crafts and Music Festival for the weekend – Fri 25th Sept – Sun 27th Sept 2026 and they wished to book the Town Hall on Fri 25th Sept and the Sun 27th Sept.
RESOLVED: To offer free Town Hall hire for their events on 25 and 27 Sept and a charge for energy usage may be applied and for the organiser Grant McKendrick to meet with Town Council to confirm that documentation is in place.

26/108 TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2026-2027 ON SUB-GROUPS & OTHER ORGANISATIONS – RESOLVED:

RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate an up-to-date list to Town Councillors for finalisation as soon as possible.

26/109 HEALTH & SAFETY SUB=GROUP MATTERS – Noted Notes from subcommittee meeting held on 27 May are on circulation. Next meeting of the group will be held 6pm 22 July in the Committee Room.

Town Hall Legionella Risk Assessment & schematic drawing - Noted a Legionella Risk Assessment for the Town Hall, was undertaken by Clira on 22 June and the report received and on circulation. Cllr D Evans, who is leading on this group, is currently working through the report and will update the Town Council as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: To order a Log book as a cost of £150 + VAT from Clira.

Town Hall Asbestos Survey Report – Noted 4 Tenders received and on circulation, for this work. **RESOLVED:** To accept the Tender of Sutton Asbestos Surveys Ltd in the sum of £600 + £120 VAT – Total £720.

26/110 GROUP UPDATES –

- **St Gwendoline's Churchyard Maintenance – RESOLVED:** To pay OTM Invoice for June 2026 - £476.00 + £95.20 VAT = £571.20.
- **TownHall/Market Hall**
 - **Tables/Chairs in Town Hall/Market Hall – RESOLVED:** To pursue way forward with tables and chairs as discussed.
 - **Town Hall Premises Licence -23 Apr 2026 – 23 Apr2027** – received renewal fee £180. **RESOLVED:** To payment of annual fee £180.
- **Committee Room Blind – RESOLVED:** To obtain further information re a suitable blind, in this location.
- **Public Conveniences/upgrade** – Noted Cllr A Lord and Cllr D Evans to meet and seek best way forward.
- **TDRG** – Noted Cllr C Green, Town Council representative, gave an update on the last meeting of the TDRG held on 17 June .Noted next meeting of the group will be held 7pm26 August at the Castle Hotel.
Petrol Pump project – Noted an invitation had been extended to the Town Council, to attend the TDRG's community engagement day on Sat 25 July, in the Market Hall between 11am - 3pm, which is seeking to refurbish the last remaining petrol pump in the Town, located at New House, Talgarth opposite the Car Park entrance.
RESOLVED: Noted as a Community even, this would be free hire.
- **Talgarth History Society** – No new update to report.

- **Grow for Talgarth – RHS Judging Mon 13th July – 11am** - Noted the Judging in Talgarth had taken place on Mon 13 July.
- **Grow for Talgarth-** Letter of Complaint dated 15 July received. Noted letter of complaint received and acknowledged.
- **OTV– Charitable status – RESOLVED:** To congratulate Martin Draper, Chair, on behalf of OVW, on gaining OTV as Charitable status. Received all other updates – on circulation.
- **The Mill** – Cllr A Lord, Town Council rep at the Mill, was unable to attend the last meetings and does not have any new updates to report.
- **Talgarth Visitor Centre** – Noted the last meeting was held on Mon 6 July and Cllr A Brown, Town Council representative was unable to attend, but Cllr David Evans attended the TVC meeting and gave a brief update.
- **King George V Ground nr Pavilion - Foul Sewage Inspection covers** – Noted 2 of the manhole covers had broken and one of the foul drains needed urgent attention. Due to the urgency of the problem Metro Rod was called in and unblocked the drain on 20 June.
RESOLVED: To pay the Metro Rod Invoice for this work - £111.01 + VAT Total £22.20 = Total £133.21.
- **Repair of 2 x Inspection covers** – Noted 2 x Inspection covers in a dangerous state of repair and quotes for replacement sought.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to accept the quote of £148 from Alun Walters.
- **Woodlands Play area** – Noted Cllr A Lewis had reported to the Clerk that some equipment was broken in this location. Clerk forwarded this information to Steve Butcher PCC who is in charge of the Woodlands Play area and he dealt with the matter.
- **Bronllys Well Being Park** –
 - **Bronllys Well-Being Community Hub: A Briefing for the Welsh Government** – Noted Jacqui Wilding, Chair Bronllys Well Being Park, had shared, for information and support, a briefing, the Well Being Park had forwarded to the Welsh Government and to a wide range of stakeholders across Wales – full details on circulation.
 - **Fourth Annual Health & Well-Being Forum in Powys – 7pm – 8.30pm Thurs 24 Sept at Talgarth Town Hall** – Noted this event will focus on key decisions shaping the future of health and care services in Powys.
- **Powys Teaching Health Board** – Information received, noting that Powys residents are urged to share their views as part of Better Together consultation later this year – full details on circulation.
- **GP Biotec Liaison group** – No new update.
- **Ysgol y Mynydd du/ - Minor Authority Governor** – Noting the resignation of the Talgarth Town Councillor had been reported to PCC and awaiting a response, re the additional community governor position..
- **Brecon Town Council** – Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves and Cllr A Brown had accepted and attended the invitation from Brecon Town Council, to special event at the Guildhall, Brecon on 22 June from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, to mark the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant by Brecon Town Council and Cllr A Brown gave an update on the event.
- **Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees** – Invitation received from Rowland Jepson , Local Lead for Schools of Sanctuary, HBTSR to the opening of their exhibition of work by local school pupils. Schools were challenged by HBTSR to work collaboratively to 'celebrate refugees' in imaginative and creative ways.
Noted Cllr L Elston-Reeves attended the opening event on 12 June.
- **Llais** – Llais monthly newsletter received and on circulation

26/111 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – For Information/Action:

- **PCC - Have your Say’** – Noted PCC is asking for your support of Town & Community Councils, to help promote Powys County Council Consultations – information received and on circulation.

- **PCC - Images of Talgarth** – Request received from PCC Mark Barnes working who is working on a new PCC tourism and events website and would be very grateful if anyone can forward any photographs of Talgarth that they could feature.
- **PCC and Town and Community Council quarterly meetings** – Received email from Jake Berriman, Leader of PCC re PCC and Town & Community Quarterly meetings, who says he has been reflecting on the series of in-person meetings that they have hosted over the last 18 months or so, based on the 5 Core Towns and he is proposing that we stand these down, stating that the meetings have had mixed success and are probably not providing the value PCC had hoped in terms of meaningful engagement.
- **PCC - Powys Planning Decision Notices**
- **BBNPA - Weekly list of Planning Application**
- **Reform UK** – Freedom of Information Request received from Huw Davies Senedd Member Support Staff to Talgarth Town Council, re Talgarth of Sanctuary Policy – Noted the Town Council does not have a recognised Town of Sanctuary and has not allocated any specific budget for Sanctuary activities.
- **OPCC Youth Ambassadors Launch New Survey for Young People** – Noted the survey is on circulation and closes 25 Sept 2026.
- **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC)** – The DBCC has been asked to explore attitudes and perceptions of Town and Community Councillors with particular consideration to their views on the size and structure of such councils and how they vary according to local circumstances. This online questionnaire forms one part of a review and will ask for information about your area, and your views and experiences of being a Councillor. The questionnaire is being carried out on DBCC's behalf by Opinion Research Services (ORS), an independent research company and will take around 15 minutes to complete.
- **SLC Clerk – July 2026** – Received for information.
- **Clerks & Councils Direct – June 2026 Issue 166** – Received for information
- **Newhall Ltd – Effective from 1 Aug 2026** – Noted price increase by 7.5%.

26/112 Date of the next meetings – 6pm 23 July 2026 – Extraordinary meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 8.59pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Talgarth Town Council - Bank Reconciliation 1 June - 30 June 2026				
			Current Act	Cap Res Act
Opening Balances - 1 June 2026			£7,302.00	£82,457.93
Receipts 1 June - 30 June 2026				
05/06/2026	BACS	Perthyn - Hall hire - 26/24	110.00	
15/06/2026	BACS	Dr V Lloyd - Hall hire	210.00	
19/06/2026	BACS	H Furnell - Hall hire - 26/25	168.00	
22/06/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account	6,000.00	
25/06/2026	BACS	PCC -Hall hire - Election fee 7/5/26	325.00	
30/06/2026	BACS	Nat West - Bank Interest 1 - 30 June		60.33
		Total Receipts:	£14,115.00	£82,518.26
Payments 1 June - 30 June 2026				
03/06/2026	DD	ICO - GDPR Annua fee	47.00	
03/06/2026	CH4186	PCC - Festival Road Closure fee	445.00	
05/06/2026	DD	PCC - Town Hall/Pub Conv - Mthly Council Tax	396.00	
12/06/2026	DD	E-on - Public Conven's Electric - 28/4 - 27/5/26	46.18	
12/06/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Electric -28/04 -27/05/26	114.45	
12/06/2026	DD	E-on - Town Hall Gas - 28/04 - 27/05/26	163.85	
15/06/2026	CH4193	BOSS - Stationery	32.28	
18/06/2026	CH4188	Parish on Line - Annual fee	54.00	
19/06/2026	CH4200	KelsKleans - Town Hall - June cleaning	181.50	
19/06/2026	CH4202	Caretaker's May salary	815.97	
19/06/2026	CH4203	HMRC - April, May, June	1,616.22	
19/06/2026	CH4205	Talgarth Repair Café - Repairs to Chain of Office	25.00	
20/05/2026	TRS	Transfer Cap Res Account to Current Account		6,000.00
22/06/2026	CH4209	PCC - Town Hall Alcohol Licence - Annual fee	180.00	
23/06/2025	CH4189	Amazon - Hazard Tape x 2	24.98	
23/06/2025	CH4194	R Saunders-Jones - Internal Audit fee 2025/2026	180.00	
23/06/2025	CH4195	Land Registry fee re Land Bronllys Road	14.00	
23/06/2025	CH4197	Cwmdu Eisteddfod Committee - Grant 2026/2027	200.00	
23/06/2025	CH4199	OTM - SGC - May ground maintenance	571.20	
23/06/2025	CH4201	Clerk's Salary & Expenses June	1,326.04	
23/06/2025	CH4206	Amazon - Personal Alarm	22.50	
23/06/2025	CH4207	Amazon - Signage - Health & Safety stickers	8.98	
24/06/2025	CH4191	Newhall -Town Hall/Pub Toilets Cleaning items	131.60	
25/06/2025	CH4190	OVW - Councillor Training fee (DE)	32.00	
25/06/2025	CH4196	Zurich - Town Hall insurance 1/6/26-31/5/27	6,005.81	
25/06/2025	CH4198	Skyrme Electrical - Town Hall works	936.00	
25/06/2025	CH4204	PAVO Payroll fee - April, May, June	66.00	
25/06/2025	CH4208	Amazon - Town Hall Cleaning Duster/Pole	8.49	
26/06/2026	DD	BT - Town Hall Monthly B'band Rental	34.99	
30/06/2026	CH4192	Printerbase - Printer Cartridge	48.60	
		Total Payments	£13,728.64	
		Unpresented Cheque 4186 - PCC Road Closure fee	445.00	
		Unpresented Cheque 4193 - BOSS - Stationery	32.28	
		Unpresented Chque 4209 - PCC Town Hall/Alcoh Lic	180.00	
Closing Balances - 30 June 2026			£1,043.64	£76,518.26