

Talley Community Council Meeting, held at Talley school on the 7th of December 2023 at 7.30pm.

New clerk Gethin Williams was formally introduced to the Council.

Present - Janine Roberts (Chairman) Aled Williams, Marged Bowen, Roger Thomas, John Williams, Rhys Williams, Jane Morgan, County Councillor Fiona Walters & Gethin Williams (Clerk).

Apologies - Rhys Williams.

Declarations of interest – None.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct. Prop. Marged Bowen, Sec. John Williams.

Matters arising

- Graveyard inspection discovered several unsafe headstones. It was decided that a subcommittee be held at the Cwmdy Inn on Wednesday the 15th of November at 7.30p, to decide the best way forward.
- Defib responder kit ordered and all in place, Emily Ashdown has done all the defib checks and there are no issues to report.
- Vacancy of Community Councillor to be advertised on the Council Website and the 3 notice boards in the village. Closing date 31.01.24.
- Tally Playground – Gethin to try and get information from Brechfa to get more information on how they managed develop the parks within their community.
- Bench will be put in place when the weather is more favourable.

Latest bank statements & payment requests

- Current balance - £12, 423.87
- Payment request for the defib order paid by Jane for £43.88. Prop John Williams, sec. Aled Williams.
- Expenses paid to Jane for a total of £27.04. Prop. Roger Thomas, sec. John Williams.
- Wreath received for a cost of £20, Council have agreed to pay £30 in line with previous years. Prop John Williams, sec. Aled Williams.

Correspondence received by mail & correspondence forwarded by email.

- Urdd donation letter – Agreed to leave until the end of the financial year to discuss.
- Duty to publish training plans under the Local Government & Elections Act 2021 – Letter received from Robert Edgecombe (CCC) – Gethin agreed to email a copy to all members of the Council.
- Woodland Creation Proposal – Gethin to contact HW Forestry Ltd to confirm we have no objections.
- Notice of conclusion of Audit. Audit opinion has come back as qualified. Detailed below:
 1. Prior to setting up its precept, the Council did not calculate its budget requirement in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The Council have agreed that this will be rectified in readiness for the Precept in 2024. In addition, there will be a charge of £10 for each copy of the annual return. Prop. Aled Williams, sec. John Williams.

Planning

- PL/03979 – For info. Development enables secure and safe storage of machinery, equipment, and seed to enable re-wilding of the field. Additionally, storage of the feed for occasional livestock grazing during winter. Canopy extension is intended to increase opportunity to undertake seeding activity, grafting of native plants and general planting activities during inclement weather periods. Since purchase, field has only been occasionally grazed, cut and baled twice each year to prevent fertilisation of the field. Field between Langwm Farm and Danygraig Small Holding, Talley, Llandeilo, SA19 7YS.

Any other matters & date of next meeting

- Drain blocked on Blaenwaun Hill towards Blaenwaun Farm, Talley, SA19 7BQ.
- Next meeting to be held at Talley School at 7.30pm on the 5th of December.
- Meeting closed at 9.50pm.