**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 09 February 2023 17:00  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Subject:** Re: Request for a date for the meeting with Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Sorry I am at a council meeting this evening, and at a WI coffee thing in the morning leaving the house at 9pm.

If you can ring before that I can chat then or I will be back around 12.30 for half hour then at another meeting at 1pm

[Correspondent 1]

On 9 Feb 2023, at 15:43, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Hi [Correspondent 1],

I hope you are well. Can I give you a call later this evening or first thing tomorrow, what is your mobile number.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 09 February 2023 13:36  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [Correspondent 2]  
**Subject:** Request for a date for the meeting with Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Hello [WG Official 1]

As per your wish that the Standing Chair and the Powys County Councillor  should be present when you present the Green Man Business Plan to

Talybont-on-Usk Community Council, [Correspondent 2],Chair will be back in Wales from the 12th February.

Can you please let me have a date that you would be in position to meet with the Council.

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 16 January 2023 13:02  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Survey

Hello [WG Official 1]

Is the Welsh Government in a position to meet with the Community Council

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

On 13 Dec 2022, at 09:23, [WG Official 1] wrote:

Thanks [Correspondent 1],

I think the BBC may be trying to speak to you as they are running this story today. Please let me know if we can be of any help, are you seeking support from Powys County Council on this?

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 13 December 2022 09:19  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Survey

Hello [WG Official 1]

The release of the poll results with the  comments  from  the acting chair of the Community Council were as much a surprise to me as it was to you. I am seeking advice from One Voice  Wales

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

On 12 Dec 2022, at 16:46, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Dear [Correspondent 1],

Can I just check the community council are supportive of this survey as when we last spoke I thought you weren’t?

Poll Result | Usk Valley Conservation Group (uvcg.org)

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

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**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2022 14:44  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government

On 15 Nov 2022, at 14:42, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Hi [Correspondent 1],

Can you re-send your mobile number please or call me on [Personal info, WG official 1]

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2022 13:39  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]; [Correspondent 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government

HI [WG Official 1]

I was also referring to what you intend to present at the meeting and yes I am around at 2.45

Thanks

[Correspondent 1]

On 15 Nov 2022, at 13:19, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Hi [Correspondent 1],

We are chasing the response from the Ministers office and hopefully it will be with you later today/early tomorrow.

Was that the paperwork you were referencing?

Are you free at 2.45pm today for a call?

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2022 10:21  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]; [Correspondent 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government

Hello [WG Official 1]

That is fine, and I would welcome a call from you to discus the paper work you promised to forward ahead of the meeting

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

On 14 Nov 2022, at 18:13, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Hi [Correspondent 1],

Can we attend at 12 please, I can work my diary around that.

I can call you tomorrow to discuss

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

Sent from Outlook for iOS

**From:** [Correspondent 1]   
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2022 5:46:06 PM  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]; [Correspondent 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government

Hi [WG Official 1]

Yes it is confirmed and really needs to take place as we have our ordinary meeting of the council on Monday the 21st would it be possible for you to come earlier we could have a 11 o’clock or 12 o’clock meeting

Sent from my iPhone

On 14 Nov 2022, at 12:43, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Hi [Correspondent 1],

Is this Thursday confirmed, if its not would it be possible to postpone for a week or so. The reason being is I have a meeting with the Minister which has just been out in my diary and I would need to get back for so could only commit to 30 mins and I feel we would need more time than that

I would be happy to speak to the chair as discussed in the interim.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 09 November 2022 17:25  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government

Hello [WG Official 1]

I have tried to contact today, left 2 messages on your phone and also left a text. I need to speak with you as a matter of urgency, could you call me in the morning please

Many thanks

[Correspondent 1]

On 7 Nov 2022, at 13:14, [Correspondent 1]wrote:

Thank you [WG Official 1]

I have booked Henderson Village Hall on the 17th. The Chair is happy for you to invite Fiona Stewart and would welcome her attendance, along with BBNP and Powys CC.

I am seeking legal advice on holding a closed meeting and will let you know the outcome as soon as I receive the advice .

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

On 7 Nov 2022, at 09:02, [WG Official 1]wrote:

Morning [Correspondent 1],

Thanks for coming back to me so quickly.

Can we please provisionally book the afternoon of Thursday 17thto meet from 1pm. The reason I say provisionally is that we would like our colleagues from BBNPA and Powys to join us if possible, and if you are happy for us to do so we could also invite Fiona Stewart to talk through her proposal.

Would you be able to confirm where the meeting would take place and if it would be a closed meeting just with members of the community council. We plan to consult with other key stakeholders but in this first instance would prefer a meeting just with council members.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 04 November 2022 11:40  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government  
**Importance:** High

Dear [WG Official 1] and [WG Official 2]

The Community Council is able to meet with the Welsh Government on

Monday 7th November am

Tuesday 8th November am & pm

 Wednesday 9th November am & pm

Thursday 10th November pm

Monday 14th November am & pm

Wednesday 16th November am & pm

Thursday 17th November am & pm

Friday 18th November pm

Kind Regards

[Correspondent 1]

On 3 Nov 2022, at 14:25, [WG Official 1]wrote:

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Once again please accept my apologies for this oversight.

Thanks and Regards

[WG Official 1]

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**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 03 November 2022 16:13  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Welsh Government

Thank you for your response, I have just picked up your email, I missed your call as I have been attending a funeral. I will get dates to you as soon as possible

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**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 21 February 2023 11:47  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** Re: Latest response from Welsh Government

Good morning,

The community council meeting was fine. People seem to be holding fire for now. The Chair and I have discussed disseminating the information we receive as openly as efficiently as possible. We are considering a village meeting where we are in the firing line. Although we haven’t communicated this to the community yet as waiting to see. Luckily, the next Community Council is only days after the proposed briefing, where next steps will be discussed. It would therefore be very useful to have a presentation or at least a crib sheet on the proposals. Do you think this will be possible?

Regarding the meeting itself. I have spoken to Y Gaer and unfortunately most of their meeting rooms are now part of the collaboration with NPTC Brecon College. Apparently, the latter haven’t yet let any room to external parties but I have asked. An alternative is Theatr Brycheiniog. However, there would be a charge amounting to £82. Let me know how you would like to proceed.

Best wishes,

Anita

Sent from Outlook for iOS

**From:** [WG official 1]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:50:10 AM  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hi Anita,

Yes we could make contact with NRW. How was the community council meeting, are there still concerns form them?

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 20 February 2023 21:02  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** Re: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hello,

Yes of course, I will give Y Gaer a call in the morning. Just back today from a few nights away with the kids. I have also forwarded the details to the neighbouring County Councillors as discussed.

It was raised today at the community council meeting whether NRW will be present? I’m not sure if you think that will be useful as a potential statutory consultee?

Best wishes,

Anita

Sent from Outlook for iOS

**From:** [WG official 1]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2023 4:14:31 PM  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Great thanks Anita,

Are you ok to book the Y Gaer for the meeting – shall we say 11-1pm? If not we can book it.

Can you let Councillors Sian Cox and Jackie Charlton know of this date and time please? I will let [Correspondent 2] and the others know.

Have a good weekend

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 17 February 2023 14:35  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** Re: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hello [WG Official 1],

Excellent. Yes I can do that date. I have pencilled it in.

Best wishes,

Anita

Sent from Outlook for iOS

**From:** [WG official 1]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2023 2:02 pm  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hi Anita,

Before is circulate to the wider group outlined below – are you free on Friday 17th march for this meeting?

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 16 February 2023 14:04  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** Re: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hi [WG Official 1],

That all sounds great. Thank you. It really will be good to have some solid information to share with residents. I wonder if you have made any progress with a date? I am meeting with [Correspondent 2] tomorrow, the Chair who has returned from New Zealand. Then the next Community Council meeting is on Monday. If we can have any more information for either of those, that would be most useful.

Fiona Stewart has tried to call me a couple of times this week but we keep missing each other. Please do let me know if anything comes up that I need to be aware of. Residents' biggest concern is being kept out of the loop. Thanks so much.

Best wishes,

Anita

Sent from Outlook for iOS

**From:** [WG official 1]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 4:39:58 PM  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hi Anita,

I am waiting for Green Man to come back to me with some new dates which I can share with you when I receive them, the ones they shared I am unavailable on and I need to be at the meetings. In terms of stakeholders at the meeting, we would suggest the following

* Yourself
* Leader of Powys (he asked to see the detail when he recently met with the Minister for Economy)
* Councillors Sian Cox and Jackie Charlton
* Leader and CEO of BBNPA
* Chair of Talybont on Usk Community Council

We do not intend inviting a representative from the UVCG

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 10 February 2023 12:13  
**To:** [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** Re: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear [WG Official 1] and [WG Official 2],

Thank you so much for your time earlier in the week. It was reassuring to hear how sensitive you are to concerns from the Talybont community.

Regarding the proposed presentation, I have had a further idea that Y Gaer in Brecon might make for a nice venue and a more neutral setting. I have also been approached by Councillors Sian Cox and Jackie Charlton of the neighbouring wards. They are also under pressure from their residents to understand the potential impact of development at Gilestone. May I ask that they are included in the list of attendees for the presentation?

Best wishes,

Anita

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**From:** [WG Official 2]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 5:24:04 PM  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

No problem at all Anita, I’ll arrange a Teams Call and send you a link to join.

Looking forward to meeting you.  
  
[WG Official 2]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 01 February 2023 09:26  
**To:** [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Yes 2pm on February 7th is great.  However much I need to make a trip to Cardiff, and prefer to meet face to face, I think in this instance virtually may be more efficient.  I still have to rebuild my strength after my health scare, so thank you for your patience with me.

Best wishes,

Anita

**From:** [WG Official 2]   
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:11  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Is 2pm ok? [WG Official 1]’s in another meeting until 1pm so that’ll give him time to have lunch etc?

Do you want to come to Cathays Park?

[WG Official 2]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 13:55  
**To:** [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear [WG Official 2],

I do apologise for not replying sooner.  A meeting in Cardiff on the afternoon of the 7th February sounds ideal. Would 1:30/2pm suit?

Cofion gorau,

Anita

**From:** [WG Official 2]   
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 18:02  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Prynhawn da Anita,

I’ve just spoken to [WG Official 1] and we can do a meeting in Cardiff on the afternoon of the 7th February if that works for you? Or we’re happy to go with a virtual meeting if you’d prefer.

On another note, and whilst we haven’t met previously, its lovely to hear that you’ve completed your treatment for cancer.

I look forward to meeting you.  
  
Diolch,

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**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 11:06  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear [WG Official 1],

That’s great. The week commencing 6th February is looking pretty clear, except Thursday 9th. I could come down to Cardiff if you are all based there, as need to run some errands anyway. Alternatively, we could meet on site and walk through some of the ideas? Or if diaries don’t allow, we can always meet virtually in the first instance. Do let me know what would be most convenient.

Best wishes,

Anita

**From:** [WG official 1]  
**Sent:** 24 January 2023 14:17  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG Official 2]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear Anita,

Many thanks for sending the email, really appreciated. It is great to hear that you have completed your treatment and are back in work. It would be great to meet up and discuss the issues and how maybe we can put in place a plan to do the local sense check as you outline below.

Could you provide some suitable dates over the next few weeks where we could meet, either virtually or in person.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 24 January 2023 11:25  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear [WG Official 1] and [WG Official 2],

Thank you for your correspondence and communication with the Talybont Community Council.  I am sorry not to have been able to join you when you met with them.  I am now delighted to have completed my cancer treatment and am returning to work.  Prior to my extended sick leave I was very close to this issue and have had conversations with Fiona Stewart and varied members of the community.

I do hope that you are aware that the general mood in the village is not against the Green Man at Gilestone.  The UVCG therefore only represent one (very vocal) segment of the community.  I would say that the majority are either eager or a little wary and waiting to see what emerges.  If it would be helpful to have a conversation, I would be more than happy to oblige.  I do believe that a local ‘sense check’ of any proposals may be useful.  Although I imagine you have now been bombarded with information on the main sticking points.

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Kind regards,

Anita

**Cllr. Anita Cartwright**

Talybont-on-Usk Ward

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**From:** [Correspondent 1 – Talybont CC]   
**Sent:** 20 January 2023 15:38  
**To:** [Correspondent 2]; [Personal information removed, 10 recipients]  
**Cc:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Subject:** Latest response from Welsh Government

Morning [Correspondent 1],

Thanks for the call last night.

I can confirm that we are still waiting to make a decision on the business plan as we need to complete a small number of conversations including a key one with the owner of the sporting rights at Gilestone, we hope to do these over the next few weeks so will be in a position very soon to provide advice to Welsh Ministers on next steps. I also have to point out that we continue to receive significant amounts of correspondence on the matter from the community and this is only delaying any decision as we have to deal with that first.

In terms of presenting to the community council if we decide to do this we would want the standing chair to be present and also the Powys County Councillor. I will keep you updated on progress over the next few weeks.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 16 January 2023 13:02  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Survey

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**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** Re: Latest response from Welsh Government

Hi [WG Official 2],

Yes Cllr. Jackie Charlton is for Llangattock and Llangynidir. She has shown me correspondence from UVCG to the llangynidir Community Council suggesting that they will be over-run by traffic. This probably explains the high levels of correspondence on that matter. I have shared with her the statistic that events at Gilestone will be 90-95% smaller than the Green Man festival and that volumes of traffic need to be put in that context. Incidentally Jackie is also the Cabinet member for a Greener Powys, so will no doubt be very interested in the sustainability objectives which I believe sits at the core of the proposal.

Cllr. Sian Cox covers Bwlch (and Llangorse). Residents there overlook Gilestone so are particularly worried about noise as well as traffic.  She is also a Cabinet member, for Adult Social Care, and an environmental campaigner.

I look forward to meeting with you again soon,

Anita

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**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 12:17 pm  
**To:** Councillor Anita Cartwright; [WG official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Diolch Anita, was lovely to meet you too. [WG Official 1] has set the wheels in motion this end to agree a date so he’ll update you on that.  
  
Can I just check one thing, are one of the neighbouring councillors from the Llangynidr area? We’ve had a number of correspondence from residents and Community Council of that area in the last week or so so I was wondering if its coordinated and your colleagues are being asked the same issues as we are?  
  
I’m on leave now until Tuesday, so I’m sure [WG Official 1] will be in touch on your request below.

Diolch!

[WG Official 2]

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**Cc:** [WG official 3]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear Anita,

Many thanks for sending the email, really appreciated. It is great to hear that you have completed your treatment and are back in work. It would be great to meet up and discuss the issues and how maybe we can put in place a plan to do the local sense check as you outline below.

Could you provide some suitable dates over the next few weeks where we could meet, either virtually or in person.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** Councillor Anita Cartwright   
**Sent:** 24 January 2023 11:25  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** RE: Latest response from Welsh Government

Dear [WG Official 1] and [WG Official 2],

Thank you for your correspondence and communication with the Talybont Community Council.  I am sorry not to have been able to join you when you met with them.  I am now delighted to have completed my cancer treatment and am returning to work.  Prior to my extended sick leave I was very close to this issue and have had conversations with Fiona Stewart and varied members of the community.

I do hope that you are aware that the general mood in the village is not against the Green Man at Gilestone.  The UVCG therefore only represent one (very vocal) segment of the community.  I would say that the majority are either eager or a little wary and waiting to see what emerges.  If it would be helpful to have a conversation, I would be more than happy to oblige.  I do believe that a local ‘sense check’ of any proposals may be useful.  Although I imagine you have now been bombarded with information on the main sticking points.

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Kind regards,

Anita

**Cllr. Anita Cartwright**

Talybont-on-Usk Ward

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**From:** [Correspondent 1 – Talybont CC]   
**Sent:** 20 January 2023 15:38  
**To:** [Correspondent 2]; [Personal information removed, 10 recipients]  
**Subject:** Latest response from Welsh Government

Morning [Correspondent 1],

Thanks for the call last night.

I can confirm that we are still waiting to make a decision on the business plan as we need to complete a small number of conversations including a key one with the owner of the sporting rights at Gilestone, we hope to do these over the next few weeks so will be in a position very soon to provide advice to Welsh Ministers on next steps. I also have to point out that we continue to receive significant amounts of correspondence on the matter from the community and this is only delaying any decision as we have to deal with that first.

In terms of presenting to the community council if we decide to do this we would want the standing chair to be present and also the Powys County Councillor. I will keep you updated on progress over the next few weeks.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]  
**Sent:** 16 January 2023 13:02  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Re: Survey

Hello [WG Official 1]

Is the Welsh Government in a position to meet with the Community Council

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 2]   
**Sent:** 26 February 2023 13:46  
**To:** [WG Official 1]  
**Subject:** Meeting on 17th March

[WG Official 1] - just a few queries re the meeting on 17th August.

Is there an agenda?

Is the meeting primarily about the business plan and will I see it beforehand

In what capacity will Fiona Stewart be attending the meeting?

Many thanks. Talybont awaits the outcome with baited breath!

[Correspondent 2]

**From:** [Correspondent 2]   
**Sent:** 05 December 2022 15:57  
**To:** [Correspondent 1 – Talybont CC]   
**Cc:** [Personal information removed, 10 recipients]  
**Subject:** Re: Revised Minutes of the 17th November Meeting

Many thanks.

On Mon, 5 Dec 2022, 15:56 [Correspondent 1 – Talybont CC], wrote:

Councillors and invited members to the meeting   
Please see revised minutes as agreed with amendments at the meeting of the 21st November    
These can now be posted on the website, the Community Councils facebook and notice boards  
  
  
  
  
[Correspondent 1]

Dear [Correspondent 1],

Some very slight amendments to the minutes, which are attached.

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1]   
**Sent:** 18 November 2022 14:51  
**To:** [Personal information removed, 10 recipients][Correspondent 3][WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

Please see minutes of yesterdays meeting.

[WG Official 1] could you pass to [WG Official 4] please

Regards

[Correspondent 1]



**From:** [WG Official 1]   
**Sent:** 18 November 2022 16:31  
**To:** [Correspondent 1] [Personal information removed, 10 recipients]  
**Subject:** RE: Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

Hi [Correspondent 1],

Many thanks for sending these through and can I thank all the council members we met yesterday for an open and constructive conversation. We will come back with any comments on the minutes next week.

Have a good weekend

Thanks

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Regards

[Correspondent 1]

**From:** [WG Official 1]   
**Sent:** 21 November 2022 09:15  
**To:** [Correspondent 1] [Personal information removed, 10 recipients] [Correspondent 2]  
**Cc:** Fiona Goodsell; [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 4]  
**Subject:** RE: Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

Morning [Correspondent 3],

I won’t comment on the detail of your email as I think as agreed with the council Fiona has the chance to provide detail on the economic impact of the proposed activities at a future meeting, and it think it right that views should be considered on that information.

The one area I will need to raise with you as being incorrect is the following statement:

It has received a total of £1,272,111 of government subsidies since 2014. Even removing the recent COVID-related payments, this means it has received £746,000 in subsidies. This is not the mark of a healthy company if it needs to rely on grants to such an extent. Alarm bells would be ringing for me, were I considering investing in or buying this business.

The previous grants provided to Green Man are not a subsidy and were provided for specific projects and outputs that the Welsh Government wanted, an example being the Food and Drink show they have run in London which received a grant to do so. This has been mis portrayed in the media as direct subsidy support when it is not. Welsh Government provide tens of Millions of pounds in grants each year to business that deliver agreed outputs, these are not subsidies.

Regards

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 3]  
**Sent:** 20 November 2022 17:19  
**To:** [WG Official 1]; [Correspondent 1] Personal information removed, 10 recipients] [Correspondent 2]  
**Cc** [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 4]  
**Subject:** Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

Hello all,

Thank you very much for inviting me to the meeting. It was great to see & hear the council asking all the right questions. It will be very interesting to see how the process develops from here.

Apologies in advance for the long email......

Reading these abridged minutes, does raise some more questions in my mind. The case for leasing the site to Green Man has been repeatedly billed as being on economic grounds. I do feel there are some serious questions to be asked about this.

As I mentioned in the meeting, I studied & trained as an economist. I worked as a financial analyst and subsequently bought, owned & sold companies. Analysing whether a company is profitable & trustworthy or whether it is failing & bogus is therefore *precisely* my area of expertise. One very important thing to bear in mind is that the founder/owner of a company will always be overly optimistic about their business, and they will be very prone to exaggerate its profitability, in order to maximise the sale value of their company and/or to obtain debt or equity funding.

I see from the minutes that job losses at Buckland are mentioned. Just as a fact-check: under the previous owners, Buckland Hall employed 6 people; under its current owner, it employs 4 people. I suspect what was meant by the much larger figure that was quoted by Fiona Goodsell is that during events, there were temporary staff taken on. It is the same thing with Green Man. Craig Burdon asked about the claimed 170 jobs. As I explained, this number means Full-Time Equivalent jobs. It is not an economically valid term at all. It is something that is used only as a marketing badge, to make lots of temporary staff look like more permanent job creation.

In reality, Green Man employes 23 people. Yes, you read that correctly: twenty-three people. [This is a matter of public record in the company accounts filed with Companies House.] During the build-up & staging of the festival at Glanusk, itinerant specialist workers (who work on the festival scene, travelling around the UK, servicing festivals) are employed for a short period of time ; these are not full-time jobs created in Wales for Welsh people. At the festival, there are a few thousand volunteers "employed", who receive payment in the form of a free ticket; they are what creates the 170 Full-Time Equivalent jobs figure that Green Man quotes.

Green Man is simply not creating lots of long-term employment in Wales.

I mentioned the BOP Consulting report that was commissioned by Green Man, but which the Welsh government have only seen a powerpoint summary of (and which Green Man itself will not release into the public domain). This claims a benefit to the Welsh economy of £10.37 million (though I note that Fiona Stewart has upped the anti and been claiming £15 million benefit in her recent newspaper interviews). Without being able to read the report, it is impossible to tell whether this figure is in any sense justifiable. However, even a very basic consideration of the facts makes it seem utterly implausible.

As Ellen Moorman noted, 80% of the suppliers within the festival are not Welsh; all their benefit & profit will accrue to English companies. The bands are almost exclusively non-Welsh/international.

There is also a report on the economic benefit of Green Man to the Welsh economy that was not commissioned by Green Man itself. This was conducted by the independent body UK Music. It states a far more plausible figure of £500,000 as the benefit to the Welsh economy from the festival. Freedom of Information requests for this report returned the answer that the report had been suppressed at the insistence of Green Man!

Green Man is very unlikely to be generating anywhere near what it claims for the Welsh economy. In the absence of proof otherwise, I would trust an independent report and believe that £500,000 is a likely figure. If this is what a festival of 25,000 brings to Wales, then the "gatherings" proposed at Gilestone might bring £60,000-180,000 extra to the Welsh economy, depending on whether these "gatherings" are at the lower or higher end of the proposed 1,000-3,000 number of attendees.

It is not even clear to me that Green Man is a profitable enterprise in the first place. Green Man is such a small company that it is exempted from filing full accounts publicly with Companies House, so its Profit & Loss accounts are not available for public scrutiny.

It has received a total of £1,272,111 of government subsidies since 2014. Even removing the recent COVID-related payments, this means it has received £746,000 in subsidies. This is not the mark of a healthy company if it needs to rely on grants to such an extent. Alarm bells would be ringing for me, were I considering investing in or buying this business.

Two observations seem appropriate: Glastonbury is one of the most successful festivals in the UK; looking back at 2014, it had £37.3 million in revenues, but it made just £86,000 in profits. As the owner of Festival No 6 said, "if festival promoters were better business people, they wouldn't be in festivals."

I don't see evidence of real employment creation, nor do I see proof of an enormous economic benefit, nor does it look like the business itself is highly profitable. I am left to conclude that the value of Green Man to Wales is simply as PR.

I sincerely hope that the Welsh government will ask Green Man for its full, *unabridged* accounts (which will be far more extensive than those filed at Companies House), and will have someone with a strong business & accountancy background read these, and most importantly, the Profit & Loss accounts for Green Man (meaning, of course, Plant Pot Ltd). Similarly, I would hope that the actual BOP Consulting report would be asked for and this same person will analyse that too.

Anyway, I felt that this was an important email to send to the community council, as it is precisely on economic grounds that any lease to Green Man will or won't be signed, and I thought everyone should be very clear about the economic reality.

My own concerns are over the environmental issues, as I said. It is astounding that the "due diligence" was limited to a sales brochure from Knight Frank, the estate agent, who claimed that there were no protected species present on the farm and only noted the presence of a peripheral SSSI along the river. Both of these statements are either false or misleading. In fact, there are 44 legally protected species, afforded protection under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 section 7. Most importantly, part of the farm lies in the Usk River SAC. Also, there is an exclave of the Usk Bat Sites SAC at Buckland House. There are therefore two SACs to be considered in relation to Gilestone.

Special Areas of Conservation are afforded the highest protection in law. It is extraordinary that the existence of this was not noted by Knight Frank or the government legal advisers. The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 is the statutory law instrument that governs and protects SACs. If there is any significant effect on an SAC then development cannot be permitted, under these laws. This includes permitted development and licensable activities. For any of these, a Habitats Regulations Assessment must be obtained before permission is considered. If this cannot show, beyond reasonable scientific doubt, that there will not be a significant effect on the SAC, then permission must be denied. Most importantly, the protection offered by statute is not limited to the actual area of the SAC; the protection extends *beyond* the boundaries of the SAC i.e. if any development on adjoining land will have a significant effect on the SAC then it cannot be permitted.

In terms of Gilestone, the Usk River SAC will cause problems: any additional discharge of waste water into the river will have a significant effect (goodbye to any ideas of a brewery). Otters are the primary protected species in this SAC and are present at Gilestone; any increase in human activity on the farm will have a significant effect on these famously shy animals (goodbye to any ideas of the euphemistically-termed "gatherings"). The Usk Bat Sites SAC (Buckland House) will cause big problems too: any increased noise or light at night-time when the primary protected species of Lesser Horseshoe Bats are foraging around the farm (the Vincent Wildlife Trust has conducted extensive surveys of the farm over the years and these bats forage all over the farm) will have a significant effect on these bats (goodbye both to any ideas of a bakery, which would operate at night, and once again, to festivals/events/gatherings).

There is no history of large events at Gilestone. In fact, over the past seven years, there have only been 5 licensable events held at Gilestone. But these would have been illegal, as no Habitats Regulations Assessments were undertaken, in direct contravention of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 Act.

Any attempt to strong-arm development through on the farm in contravention of the SAC laws would almost certainly trigger a judicial review.

Anyway, apologies for a lot of stuff above to take in and digest.

All the best,

[Correspondent 3]

On Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 4:31 PM [WG Official 1]wrote:

Hi [Correspondent 1],

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Have a good weekend

Thanks

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**To:** [Personal information removed, 10 recipients]  
**Cc:** [Correspondent 3] [WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

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Regards

[Correspondent 1]

**From:** [WG Official 1]   
**Sent:** 05 December 2022 09:26  
**To:** [Correspondent 2]  
**Cc:** [Correspondent 1]   
**Subject:** RE: Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

Dear [Correspondent 2] and [Correspondent 1],

I hope you are both well?

It has become apparent from our last meeting that information we shared at the meeting has been used incorrectly in the media. We have written to the Brecon and Radnor about an article which provides incorrect information from Welsh Government from our meeting. They have agreed to re-write that piece taking into account our concerns.

We are also aware of a survey that has been sent around the community, is this something that the council will endorse. We would need to have assurances that the study responses have been treated in an appropriate manner for us to consider the results as valid.

Happy to have a call to discuss if that would help?

Thanks

[WG Official 1]

**From:** [WG Official 1] (ETC - Culture, Sport & Tourism - Creative Wales)   
**Sent:** 18 November 2022 16:34  
**To:** [Correspondent 2]  
**Cc:** [Correspondent 1]   
**Subject:** FW: Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

Dear [Correspondent 2], can I also apologise for missing your messages, my phone has been playing up this week and I didn’t realise I had missed your calls. I would be happy to speak next week if you would like to discuss anything that came from yesterdays meeting.

**From:** [WG Official 1] (ETC - Culture, Sport & Tourism - Creative Wales)   
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**To:** [Correspondent 1] [Personal information removed, 10 recipients] [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 4]  
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**From:** [Correspondent 1 – Talybont CC]   
**Sent:** 18 November 2022 14:51  
**To:** Colin Parry; Glyn Thomas; Geraint; Craig Burdon; Regan; JL Stephens; Fiona Morris; Ellen Moorman; [Correspondent 2]  
**Cc:** Fiona Goodsell; Philip Darbyshire; [Correspondent 3][WG Official 1]; [WG Official 2]  
**Subject:** Minutes of meeting held at Henderson Hall with Welsh Government Officials

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Regards

[Correspondent 1]

**From:** [Correspondent 1 – Talybont CC]   
**Sent:** 05 December 2022 14:06  
**To:** [Correspondent 2];[Correspondent 5][WG Official 1]  
**Cc:** [Correspondent 1] [Correspondent 6]  
**Subject:** Zoom Meeting iInvitation 5/12/22

Please see Zoom invitation for 4pm this afternoon

Regards

[Correspondent 1]

[Correspondent 1] is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Meeting with WG

Time: Dec 5, 2022 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

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