

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

held at

the Memorial Hall, Catbrook on Monday 18 April 2016 at 7pm

Councillor	Village	Attendance
John Gooding	Catbrook	Present
Michael Mason	Catbrook	Not present
Bob Dagger (Chair)	Llandogo	Present
Ashley Thomas	Llandogo	Not present
Martin Blakebrough	Llanishen	Not present
George Weston	Llanishen	Present
Steve Coppell	The Narth	Present
Rosemary Decker-Thomas	The Narth	Present
John Baldwin	Penallt	Present
Tessa Murray	Penallt	Present
Alan Poulter	Trellech	Present
Ed Rogers	Trellech	Present
Iain Stokes	Whitebrook	Present
County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	MCC	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: None

16081 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Blakebrough and Mason, and County Cllr Blakebrough

16082 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Item 16090: Cllr Dagger, and Item 16093: Cllr Gooding. Each abstained from voting on the relevant items.

16083 **TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BLAKEBROUGH**

Councillor Blakebrough sent apologies.

16084 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 March**

The minutes for 21 March were agreed and signed as a true record.

16085 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 21 March**

Item 16054: Rural exception sites

Following concern that one of the allocated sites in Llanishen was for sale at open market value, MCC planners will now write to all landowners who have been allocated 60:40 sites, to remind them that their sites have been allocated specifically to provide affordable housing for local people and the land value must reflect this.

Item 16057, 16032: Rural Development Grants

Mike Powell has not yet responded to an email sent on 29 March.

Item 16057, 16034: NHS engagement with local communities

A well-attended meeting was held at the Babington Centre on 11 April. Mitchel Troy, Tintern and St Arvans community councils were all represented, as well as members of the general public.

Item 16040: Signatories to bank account

The completed forms were sent to the Co-op Bank on 5 April.

16086 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- 00258, Llanishen, Penbush, change of use area of woodland to camping May-September, two bell tents. Recommend approval

- 00265, Penallt, Hillside Cottage, Lone Lane, detached garages, store and loft store. Contingent on previous dispute with NRW over this piece of land being resolved, recommend approval
- 00268, Penallt, Rose Cottage, Tregagle, partially glazed single storey extension and new entrance porch. Recommend approval
- 00272, Trellech, Woodway Cottage, Beacon Rd, 1st floor extension over existing bungalow and 2 storey front extension. Recommend approval
- 00308, Trellech, High View Bungalow, Ceciliford, alterations & extension, plus detached garage/workshop. Recommend approval
- 00339, Trellech, NRW Forestry at Wet Meadow, road. Agricultural notification. No objection
- 00362, Llandogo, Bargain Wood, NRW forestry at Whitestone, alteration of existing road. Agricultural notification.
- 00373, Llanishen, Llanfair Farmhouse, partial removal of timber screen to proposed dining room/kitchen. Listed building consent. Recommend approval

Clerk

16087 **FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 00340, Catbrook, NRW Forestry at Coed Beddick, upgrade to existing road. Agricultural notification
- 00369, The Narth, Misfa, Clearview, single storey extension, demolition of existing conservatory, retention of velux window to west elevation. An extension to be requested as plans were not available before the council meeting.

16088 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 00136, Llandogo, Llecan Beck, new storage and potting shed. Approved

16089 **FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS: None**

16090 **GRANT TO LLANDOGO MILLENNIUM HALL**

A temporary scaffolding structure has been provided, to allow disabled access and fire escape from the first floor, after the original structure became unsafe. **It was resolved** to make a donation of £1000.

Clerk

16091 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £19,117.73

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed:

500453	Imperative Training Ltd (5 x defibrillator cabinets) (min 16065)	£2388
500454	Llandogo Memorial Green (minute 16066)	£150
500455	National Eisteddfod (minute 14644)	£500
500456	MCC, clerk's salary Jan-March	£1182.78
500457	Llandogo Village Hall	£1000

It was noted that cheque 500453 had been signed on 11 April in order to facilitate installation of the defibrillators as soon as possible, since payment was required before the cabinets could be dispatched.

Clerk

16092 **DEFIBRILLATORS - INSTALLATION**

Cllr Weston had sought quotes from electricians, one of whom (T Brown of Monmouth) had offered to do the work for no charge, subject to inspection of the sites. **It was resolved** to accept this offer, and to authorise expenditure up to £250 for any necessary parts.

GW

It was noted with gratitude that Trellech Consolidated Charities had donated a sum to TUCC equivalent to the cost of a defibrillator and its cabinet. The defibrillator for Trellech will be installed on the wall of the former post office by the current owner, who is a qualified electrician.

As agreed at the previous meeting the clerk had ordered signs from BHF, but they are currently out of stock so there will be some delay.

Once the defibrillators are installed in the various villages they need to be registered with Welsh Ambulance Service. There should be publicity through the local press, with acknowledgements to BHF and other individuals and companies that have contributed time and money. Training sessions to use the defibrillator and the CPR kit should also be arranged.

16093 **REPRESENTATIVE TO TRELLECH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

MCC had advised that the term of office for Cllr Gooding expired on 21 June 2016. **It was resolved** that John Gooding be re-appointed.

Clerk

16094 **REPRESENTATIVE TO PELHAM HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

It was resolved to re-appoint Adam Burtt-Jones to this position.

Clerk

16095 **REPLACEMENT TREES FOR FIVE TREES, LYDART**

It was resolved that one each of crab apple, whitebeam, rowan, wild service and aspen trees should be planted. The clerk will approach MCC for a quote to supply and plant the trees.

Clerk

16096 **PROBLEMS OF DOG WASTE**

MCC is holding a meeting on 19 April to encourage more councils to join their campaign: "Give dog fouling the red card". Cllr Weston will attend the meeting and report next month.

GW

16097 **MCC CONSULTATION ON CAR PARKING**

No council response

16098 **ADDITIONAL BUS SHELTER FOR LLANDOGO**

Richard Cook of MCC had clarified that about 20 years ago infrastructure improvements were made to bus stops (raised platforms etc), but that less than a third of bus stops have shelters for passengers. He assumes that the southbound direction in Llandogo does not have a shelter "due to there being insufficient space, land ownership, split levels and the obvious cost(s) involved in 'levelling' the area to enable the construction of the shelter".

An internet search showed a minimum cost for a new shelter of £2500 and engineering works would also be required. It was noted that the relatively recent community led plan for Llandogo had not highlighted a demand for a bus shelter.

It was resolved that this would take a disproportionate share of the TUCC budget for village projects, and should therefore not be supported.

Clerk

16099 **CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD:** Nothing to report

16100 **BABINGTON MEADOW**

A successful Easter egg hunt was held. A Midsummer Night's Dream will be staged on 17 June (in Pelham Hall if weather is bad).

16101 **OTHER REPORTS**

- A resident has reported the lack of MCC litter collection along the A466 near Llandogo. The clerk was asked to enquire from MCC what litter collections are carried out within the TUCC area.
- Whitebrook - one of the footpaths into the woods has become very slippery. MCC Rights of Way department should be contacted.
- Water is still flowing onto the road in Trellech - Highways Dept should take this up with BT and resolve the issue.

Clerk

- Whitebrook - blocked culvert at New Mills turning: stream in middle of road

Clerk

16102 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, Richard Cook, bus shelters in Llandogo
MCC, Jill Edge, community infrastructure levy, consultation to 5 May
MCC, Mark Hand, adoption of Conservation Area Appraisals
MCC, M Moran, update on plans for summer play scheme
MCC, Countryside Volunteer Newsletter, March 2016
BDO LLP, annual audit form and information
British Heart Foundation, delay in supply of defibrillator signs
Burt-Jones, A, community council representation on Pelham Hall Committee
Came & Co, Council Matters, Spring 2016
Came & Co, insurance documentation 2016-17
CPRW, Members' Bulletin, April 2016
Dagger, R, revisions of bus 69 timetable
Gwent Police, priorities for TUCC area
Gwent Wildlife Trust, A Nixon, potholes on Pentwyn Green track
Llandogo Millennium Hall, application for emergency grant
May D, community council representation on Pelham Hall Committee
One Voice Wales, Community Asset Transfer Guide
Open Spaces Society, training day in St Arvans, 5 June, Rights of Way - Restoring the Record
SE Wales Education Achievement Service, term of office expires for governor appointed to Trellech School
Weston, G, possible replacement trees for Five Trees, Lydart

16103 **ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- Catbrook Village Green maintenance
- planning application 2016/00369
- Cllr Decker-Thomas gave her apologies for the next meeting

Clerk

16104 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 16 May 2016 at Pelham Hall, Penallt

The meeting closed at 21.05