

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

held at

The Memorial Hall, Catbrook on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7pm

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

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING

2015/00800: Catherine Musk and John Payne told the council that this planning application related to an area where semi-ancient woodland, adjacent to a SSSI owned by GWT, had been clear-felled. Natural Resources Wales had investigated and ruled that the felling was illegal. NRW would like the area to be restocked with native trees to regenerate woodland. They added that the Woodland Trust and GWT are both opposed to the planning application.

16001 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr S Coppel, Cty Cllr D Blakebrough

16002 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

16003 **TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BLAKEBROUGH:** None

16004 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 December**
The minutes for 7 December were agreed and signed as a true record.

16005 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 7 December**

Item 15257: Co-option to vacancy for the Trellech ward

Since no election was requested, this vacancy had now been advertised for co-option, with a closing date of 8 February. The notice should appear shortly on the TUCC website.

Clerk

Item 15273: Maintenance of Llanishen Pond

A letter has been sent to Chriss Knight accepting his offer to inspect the pond and arrange for his students to carry out any necessary maintenance.

Item 15273: Names for new roads in Trellech

It was noted that MCC had rejected the suggestion of Parc Glas, and ruled that School Close must appear only as Clos Ysgol since there already exist too many road names in the county incorporating the word "school". Councillors suggested Russell Close (after Bertrand Russell, born at nearby Cleddon Hall) and Harold Close (after the standing stones in the village).

Clerk

Item 15279: Consortium of Wye Valley Councils

It was noted that other members of the Consortium had also agreed that this body go into "hibernation", unless and until matters of shared interest arose. Remaining funds will be distributed amongst members at the end of January: £36 to each of the five member councils.

Item 15217 (15201, etc): Provision of Defibrillators

The British Heart Foundation has awarded to TUCC the five defibrillators for which it applied. A donation of £400 is requested towards each one (compared to purchase price of £1,030). Once this donation is received

the equipment will be shipped to the Welsh Ambulance Service, who will then be in contact over its delivery and installation, and training sessions. A CPR training kit has already been delivered to the clerk. This includes an instructional DVD, and allows for groups of up to 10 people to be trained in CPR without the need for a course leader. Councillors will inform the clerk of the training opportunities in their communities.

All

16006 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- 00800, Penallt, Hillside Cottage, Lone Lane, engineering operation to construct stone retaining walls, 3 wildlife ponds and orchard. The council understands that the application is under review by NRW, so commenting upon it is difficult until the outcome of that review is clear.
- 01049, Trellech, Spring Villa, extension and alterations. The proposed extension would represent a 50% increase to the dwelling, with a further 90m² in the ancillary building. An extension of this size is too large, and not "modest". The exposed natural stone to the eastern elevation would be hidden by the extension and replaced with render, neither respecting nor enhancing the existing appearance of the building. The large ancillary building is outside the Village Development Boundary, constituting a new development in the open countryside; this field is designated as a "Green Space important to the setting of the Conservation Area", and the proposed building would detract from that setting. Recommend refusal.
- 01422, Catbrook, The Hermitage, Whitelye, conversion of old cottage and barn to dwelling. Recommend approval.
- 01470, The Narth, site adjacent to Manor Wood Cottage, ref 2012/00391: changes to conditions. (No comments)

Clerk

16007 **FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 01543, High Beech Farm, Whitelye, outdoor riding arena 20m x 40m with timber post and rail. Recommend approval

16008 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 2012/00685, The Narth, Kimberley, demolition of existing bungalow & replacement with a single dwelling. Amended plans to approved 2012/00685. Approved (Committee)
- 00857, Llanishen, Ty Medi, Far Hill, alterations. Approved
- 01144, Llanishen, Llanishen House, stabling and hay store in field. Approved
- 01321, Penallt, Meend Farm, new agri-shed to house animals etc. Approved (Committee)
- 01286, Penallt, Springfield Farm, alterations & extensions to existing dwelling. Approved

16009 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

- 2011/00823, Catbrook, Gethly Barn. Correspondence with Mark Hand at MCC Planning suggested that an application for a minor material amendment could regularise the situation with regard to this building. The clerk was asked to write to Mark Hand deploring this suggestion and requesting that a full planning application be required.
- 2014/01533, Llandogo, site adjacent to The Lion. Following a site visit by the Delegated Panel of MCC Planning Department, this application will go to full Planning Committee. **It was resolved** that the two councillors representing Llandogo should present the views of TUCC to the Planning Committee.

Clerk

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16010 **FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS:** None

16011 **LLANDOGO SCHOOL, REQUEST FOR GRANT**

It was resolved that a grant of £250 be made to Llandogo School, towards a new computer for the school's administration.

16012 **LLANDOGO PLAY AREA FENCING, REQUEST FOR GRANT**

It was reported that agreement had been reached between parents, MCC and local councillors, over a fence to improve safety for children in Llandogo play area. This was one of the requests in the 2014 Community Led Plan for Llandogo. **It was resolved** that TUCC would make a donation of £1000 towards the cost of installing the fence.

Clerk

16013 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £30,310.34

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed:

500436	Llanishen Village Hall, hire 7t h Dec	£22.50
500437	Brooke Estate Management Ltd	£42.00
500438	MCC, salary + admin charge	£2365.56
500439	National Eisteddfod 2016	£500.00
500440	Monmouthshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£2500.00
500441	British Heart Foundation	£2000.00

16014 **HEDGE CUT AT BROADSTONE GREEN**

Richard McKeand had been unable to carry out the final hedge cut at Broadstone Green for 2015. **It was resolved** that Mike Camp should cut it as soon as practicable at a cost of £50 (including waste removal).

Clerk

16015 **SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT**

Further to the discussion recorded in minute 15269 the Co-op Bank had now clarified that the section requiring details about councillors' private bank accounts was "optional". The only information required by the bank is each councillor's full name, addresses for the past three years, and date of birth, as when the account was originally opened. **It was resolved** that three signatories who are no longer councillors should be removed from the account: A Burt-Jones, C Green and D Warmington Gardner. Two new councillors should be added as signatories: Cllr Iain Stokes and Cllr Rosemary Decker-Thomas. Councillors completed the requisite parts of the forms at the meeting.

Clerk

16016 **FIXED-RATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

The Finance Advisory Group had suggested the transfer of £10,000 from the current account to a 12-month fixed-rate deposit account. **It was resolved** that an application form to open a new deposit account with the Co-op Bank should be completed. The £10,000 should be transferred from the council's current account at the bank.

Clerk

16017 **TREES AT FIVE TREES, LYDART**

Only one tree was now left at this site, since MCC Highways had felled two trees that were in a dangerous state. The clerk was asked to enquire from MCC grounds maintenance if they would plant replacement trees, and at what cost.

Clerk

16018 **MCC FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

It was resolved to respond to MCC's consultation with the attached comments. It was also noted that the onus will in future be on councillors to pass on information to MCC about flood points.

Clerk

16019 **SUPERFAST CYMRU IN TRELLECH EXCHANGE AREA**

It was noted that delays to the programme had been caused by wayleave problems to cabinets 1,2 and 5. The clerk was asked to invite BT Openreach to send a manager to the next TUCC meeting to explain the delays, and why wayleave issues had not been sorted out in advance. David Davies MP should also be informed.

Clerk

16020 **MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2016**

The following dates and venues were agreed. Councillors will book halls as needed.

February 15	Llandogo, Millennium Hall
March 21	Penallt, Pelham Hall
April 18	Catbrook, Memorial Hall
May 16	Penallt, Pelham Hall
June 20	Whitebrook, Village Hall
July 18	Llanishen, The Hall
August 15	Trellech, Babington Centre
September 19	Trellech, Babington Centre
October 17	Llandogo, Millennium Hall
November 21	Penallt, Pelham Hall
December 12	Llanishen, The Hall

Clerk

16021 **CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD:** Nothing to report

All

16022 **BABINGTON MEADOW:** no report

16023 **OTHER REPORTS:**

- Trellech bus service: Noted that timetable on bus stop differs to that on website
- Potholes in track across Pentwyn Green - clerk to write to GWT

Clerk

16024 **CORRESPONDENCE**

MCC, Mark Hand, updates on 2011/00823

MCC, D Harris, Flood Risk Management Plan, consultation

MCC, R Hoggins, 2nd briefing note for town and community councils on budget issues

MCC, S Lamrick, update on road names for Trellech

MCC, M Moran, site meeting 15 Dec re fencing around Llandogo play area

MCC, M Moran, report on meeting, and request for funding from TUCC

MCC, D Morgan, prescribed alterations at Monmouth Comprehensive School

MCC, John Pearson, electoral register available by email only

MCC, Mark Watkins, awaiting instructions on rebuilding Bigsweir bus shelter

MCC, Christmas greetings from Leader of MCC

MCC, Highways, felling of trees for safety reasons at Five Trees

MCC, council tax precept form for completion

Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Julian Hayman, NHS engagement with local communities

AONB, Management Plan final draft, consultation to 29 Jan

British Heart Foundation, approval of application for grants towards defibrillators

Boyle, S, Lord Lieutenant for Gwent, HM the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016

Camp, M, inspections of Broadstone playground

Charity Commission, News, Winter 2015

Consortium of Wye Valley Councils, decision to 'hibernate' and refund balance of account CPRW, members' bulletin, Dec 2015

Gwent Police, PCSO Kate Evans, policing priorities for TUCC area for next quarter

R McKeand, re ending of contract for Broadstone and Catbrook Village Greens

Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice Bureau, request for grant

Natural Resources Wales, bulletin issue 3

Newland Parish Council, update on Stowe Hill/Clearwell quarry planning application

One Voice Wales, Buckingham Palace garden party invitation

One Voice Wales, what to do before, during and after a flood

One Voice Wales, Guide to Taking Part - Queen's 90 Birthday Beacons

One Voice Wales, area meeting agenda, 21 Jan

Payne, J re planning application 2015/00800

Pelham Hall Committee, thanks for grant towards dishwasher

Rural Housing Enabler, D James: will attend March TUCC meeting, plus newsletter production

Trellech Breakfast Club, A Webb, request for grant towards puzzles

WAG, S137 expenditure limit for 2016-17

Webb, A, re felling of trees at Five Trees and possible TPO

Weston, G, delay in implementing Superfast Cymru in Trellech area

- NHS engagement with local communities. The clerk was asked to enquire whether other Community Councils would be interested in a joint meeting to hear the latest news.

Clerk

16025 **ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- MCC budget proposals for Town and Community Councils.

Clerk

16026 **MINUTES AT NEXT MEETING**

The clerk will be absent on holiday on 15 February, but will be able to issue the agenda before leaving, and supply draft minutes for the meeting. Cllr Murray agreed to take the minutes at the meeting.

16027 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 15 February 2016 at Llandogo Millennium Hall

The meeting closed at 21.38