

TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at Llanishen Village Hall on Monday 18 July 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 Coppell	The Narth	Not present
Rosemary Decker-Thomas	The Narth	Present
John Baldwin	Penallt	Present
Tessa Murray	Penallt	Present
Alan Poulter	Trellech	Present
Ed Rogers	Trellech	Not present
Iain Stokes	Whitebrook	Present
County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	MCC	Present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: None

16162 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Coppell and Rogers

16163 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

16164 **TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BLAKEBROUGH**

(a) AB Internet were granted planning permission for a communications mast near Penallt; however they installed a generator by the mast, which has now been removed because of noise and pollution. The mast is not now working as it has no power source. The company is negotiating with a neighbour to cross their land, but they also need wayleave over a piece of MCC land and are applying for this.

(b) Speeding in Trellech: Paul Keeble has been on holiday, but this will be followed up.

(c) Problems with quad bikes at Peckett Stone and north Maryland. Both the police and NRW are planning to act on this.

(d) Recycling: black boxes for glass collection are under trial in other areas of the county.

16165 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 June**

The minutes for 20 June were agreed and signed as a true record.

16166 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 20 June**

Item 16145: Defibrillators signs

Only one set of signs was purchased from Community Heartbeat Trust, since the former telephone kiosk in Penallt already has specially made stained glass in place of the original "telephone" banner signs.

Item 16149: Dog waste bins and supplies

MCC had agreed to supply and install ten dog waste bins for £644; these should arrive soon. Signs and waste bags have been ordered, but their delivery may take some time since new wording in Welsh was required. Councillors in the relevant villages need to specify exact locations for the bins to the clerk, so that this information can be passed on to MCC. Merlin Waste has asked that it be possible to park their collection van next to each bin.

GW, TM, SC, AP

Item 16150: Notice board at New Mills

Cllr Stokes has installed new pin board.

Item 16155: Speeding in Trellech village

See report from Cty Cllr Blakebrough, item 16164

Item 16157: Brambles in Babington Meadow

See item 16176.

Item 16158: Fibre broadband in Catbrook area

Cabinet 5 (Catbrook) is due to go live next week; cabinet 4 (Trellech) is "live"; but the Trellech exchange is not yet live nor is there any apparent progress with cabinet 6 (Parkhouse). The clerk was asked to pursue this with Superfast Cymru.

Clerk

Item 16140: Bigsweir bus shelter

The clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mark Watkins at MCC Highways.

Item 16119 (16085, 16040, etc): Signatories to bank account

No response received yet from the Co-op Bank.

16167 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- 00672, Penallt, Hillside Cottage, Lone Lane, erection of 1.8m rear fence within 5m of highway. Recommend approval, but only if 2015/00800 receives approval (ie if the orchard to be protected from deer itself gets approval). Furthermore: (a) plastic-coated green mesh should be used for the fence, to merge with surrounding greenery and (b) there should be a time limit on approval for the fence, until the trees in the orchard are mature
- 00680 and 0681, Llanishen, Granary (Big Barn), Llanfair Farm, conversion of lean-to to study and glazed timber infill screen to front facade. Listed building consent and planning consent. Recommend approval
- 00710, Penallt, Brynceirios, Lone Lane, alterations & 2 storey extension. Recommend approval
- 00737, Penallt, Lone Farmhouse, completion of track and 3 parking spaces in paddock adjoining farmhouse & original track re-routed from previous planning application. Recommend approval

Clerk

16168 **FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 2015/01049, Trellech, Spring Villa, alteration to application to exclude 2 storey building on agricultural land and to add a garage in the garden.
(a) The application now states that the extension to the dwelling represents an increase of 30%. Councillors are surprised that this calculation appears to be based on measuring the **volume** of the building, as opposed to the **floor area**, which is the measure normally used. Councillors still believe that the extension represents an increase of 50% on the original dwelling using floor area as a measure.
(b) No objection to the proposed garage as such, and councillors recognise that using the existing entrance into the field is the safest solution. To include a large turning/parking area in the field does however represent a change of use in a sensitive location (see previous comments about the village development boundary and the conservation area in the village). A condition that grasscrete or a similar product be used for the drive/turning area would help to retain the appearance of a field.

Clerk

16169 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 00534, Penallt, Grove Farm, Tregagle, decking. Approved
- 00508, The Narth, Larch Cottage, Pen y Fan, 3-bay oak framed garage. Approved

16170 **FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS:** None

16171 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £23,611.29

The comparison between the 2016/17 budget and expenditure to date was noted. All invoices and the bank statement had been scrutinised and verified by Cllr Thomas.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed:

500467	I Stokes, materials to repair notice board & provide backboard in BT kiosk	£53.21
500468	MCC, summer reading challenge. See minute 16152	£100
500469	Community Heartbeat Trust, defibrillator signs	£33.60
500470	Whitebrook village hall	£25
500471	Babington Meadow, grounds maintenance	£450
500472	Trellech PCC, churchyard upkeep, Trellech and Penallt	£900

Clerk

16172 **MCC, TOWN and COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Cllr Murray had circulated to other councillors a report on the meeting held on 20 June. Councillors agreed that it was important to remain involved in the process. Dates for further meetings should be issued soon.

16173 **DEFIBRILLATORS: INSTALLATION AND PUBLICITY**

All the defibrillators are now installed and ready for use. It was agreed that the draft press release prepared by Alastair Robertson should be edited to include full details of all the defibrillators in the council area. Mr Robertson was thanked for his assistance. No dates for training sessions have yet been set by the Welsh Ambulance Service, but the press release should suggest that those interested in training keep an eye on council notice boards and on the TUCC and village websites, where details will be publicised as soon as available. The preferred locations for training will be Llanishen and Penallt, preferably with one session in the evening and one during the day.

Clerk

16174 **GWENT PCC**

The newly elected police and crime commissioner, Jeff Cuthbert, had invited the chair and two representatives of the council to a meeting in Monmouth on 27 September. Councillors Dagger, Decker Thomas and Murray expressed interest in attending.

Clerk

16175 **CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD:** Nothing to report

16176 **BABINGTON MEADOW**

The Committee has decided not to stage outdoor Shakespeare plays in the immediate future, because of the large loss incurred this year.

The brambles will be cut back in the autumn, hopefully by a working party of volunteers. They will also remove lichen from the climbing frame, as identified in the recent safety inspection.

16177 **OTHER REPORTS**

- Chicken shed. It was noted that the applicants have never applied for a "minor material amendment" as requested by MCC Planning, so the building is not signed off. MCC Planning is still negotiating.
- GWT are tending to leave wheelie bins on Pentwyn Green from one week to the next. The clerk was asked to write a letter requesting that they remove them.
- Footpaths in the Narth. Further to minute 13289: the application by TUCC in 1998 to register some routes in the Narth on the Definitive Map is making some progress. The Open Spaces Society still maintains its objection, so one of the applications is now going to the Planning Inspector for decision. This is for the footpath from C50-5 near Glenview to public footpath 443. The section of the path from Woodview to Nelson Cottage was not advertised correctly by MCC, so will be re-advertised. Advice from MCC is that there is no need for TUCC to do anything, other than possibly confirm points made by MCC to the inspector, as and when the need arises. The advantage of registering the route as a public footpath is that MCC will then be empowered to clear the surface and ask adjacent landowners to cut back hedges, to ensure that the route is open and usable.

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16178 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, details on employee pension rights
MCC, P Matthews, council relationships
MCC, D McCarty, Rural Forum, agenda 7 July (last meeting?)
MCC, M Mussell, details on procedure for footpath applications, The Narth
MCC, Highways, A465 newsletter
MCC, H Owen, Give Dog Fouling the Red Card, meeting 18 August, 2.30 pm, County Hall, Usk
MCC, S Parkinson, quoted price for dogbins of £644
MCC, S Parkinson, delay in supplying signs due to need to translate into Welsh
MCC, Monmouthshire Countryside News, July 2016
MCC, D Davies, invitation to opening concert and reception at National Eisteddfod, 29 July
Babington Meadow Committee, minutes, 6 July
Babington Meadow Committee, request for grant for grass cutting
D Blakebrough, speeding in Trellech
G Boulton, thanks for message of sympathy
BHF, additional signs
Came & Co, change of trading style and company number - now part of Stackhouse Poland
CPRW, Members' Bulletin, July 2016
Gooding, J, chicken shed in Broadstone nominated for architectural award
Gwent PCC policing priorities, for consultation
Gwent PCC, Have Your Say on the PCC's Vision for Policing and Community Safety
Gwent PCC, invitation for chair + 2 to meeting, Shire Hall, Monmouth, 27 Sep
Macmillan Cancer Support, appeal for funds
T Murray, summary of MCC meeting with town and community councils
One Voice Wales, Area Committee agenda
Ombudsman for Wales, Annual Report 2015/16
One Voice Wales, New Model Financial Regulations
Play Inspection Company, order for 2017
A Robertson, draft press release on new defibrillators
A Robertson, response on brambles at Babington Meadow
Superfast Cymru, M Jones, response on BT cabinets
Wales Planning Inspectorate, report on footpath applications, The Narth
WAG, Higher Rates of Taxation on Purchase of Second Homes, Have Your Say
WAG, Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, summary of consultation responses
T McGorrigan, Treasurer PCC Trellech and Penallt, request for grant towards upkeep of cemeteries
One Voice Wales, conference 1 October, Builth Wells: The challenges of transformation and collaboration for town and community councils.

- One Voice Wales conference 1 October: £80 for early bird registration. Cllrs Dagger and Decker Thomas would like to attend.
- Opening concert at National Eisteddfod: Cllr Decker Thomas will represent the council.

Clerk

16179 **ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- Fingerposts: MCC Highways renovated the sign opposite Warren Terrace. The clerk was asked to find out whether any further signs are to be restored
- September agenda: speeding in Trellech, The Narth and Penallt
- Trellech building site: has the street lighting plan for the development been submitted
- Street lighting in Llandogo. The Community Led Plan included a preference that lights be turned off at night, but this has still not been implemented. Meanwhile scattered new LED lights (in Llandogo and other villages) are on 24 hours of each day.
- Open Reach: problems with both telephone and broadband provision continue in Llandogo. Councillors would like to establish a direct link with the company, to find out what is going on for the whole community.
- Village hall funding: should TUCC simply allocated £1000 to each hall committee, rather than responding to specific funding requests.

Clerk

16180 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 15 August 2016 at the Babington Centre, Trellech

The meeting closed at 20.57