

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**held at the Millennium Hall, Llandogo on Monday 17 October 2016 at 7pm**

Councillor	Village	Attendance
John Gooding	Catbrook	Present
Michael Mason	Catbrook	Present
Bob Dagger	Llandogo	Not present
Ashley Thomas	Llandogo	Present
Martin Blakebrough	Llanishen	Present
George Weston	Llanishen	Present
Rosemary Decker-Thomas	The Narth	Present
John Baldwin	Penallt	Not present
Tessa Murray (Chair)	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

16236 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Baldwin, Dagger and Rogers

16237 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS::** planning application 01092 - Cllr Thomas declared an interest and left the room during discussion of this item.

16238 **TRACEY THOMAS, MCC ENTERPRISE DIRECTORATE**

Ms Thomas described how MCC has been looking at alternative models to deliver services, and trying to cut costs without also cutting services. The Cabinet papers for 5 October, available on the MCC website, contain full details and financial information. Comments from the council would be welcome.

16239 **TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BLAKEBROUGH**

- Village hall rates: Cty Cllr Blakebrough plans to ask for a change to current MCC policy, so that it aligns with other Welsh authorities, and does not charge 20%. Supporting letters to Peter Davies and Phil Murphy from village hall committees and community councils would be welcomed.
- Speeding through Trellech: a meeting will be held on 21 October to look at traffic calming measures

16240 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 September**

The minutes for 19 September were agreed and signed as a true record.

16241 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 19 September**

**Item 16206: Vacancy for councillor for The Narth**

MCC advertised the vacancy and no election was requested, meaning that TUCC may co-opt to fill the vacancy. Posters advertising the vacancy were distributed to councillors. It was noted that two people have already expressed an interest.

**Item 16212, 16185, 16173: Defibrillator training**

Two training sessions by Wales Ambulance Service will be held: 7.30pm on Wednesday, 16 November at Llanishen Hall, and 3pm on Sunday, 20 November at Pelham Hall. The training is free, and everyone is welcome. Councillors will publicise the sessions in their communities.

**All councillors**

**Item 16226: Notice board in Penallt**

A new board has now been installed. The standard magnetised surface was eventually chosen, since the extra cost for pin board would have cost an additional £300. The clerk had also ascertained that extra

magnets could be purchased cheaply (approximately 50 pence each). The clerk was asked to write to Alastair Robertson and his son to thank them for erecting the board free of charge.

Clerk

16242 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 00415, Llanishen, Outline planning consent for 8 dwellings on allocated housing site adj B4293 & Church Rd . Amended plans. Recommend refusal. While councillors acknowledged the addition of a pedestrian path, their other objections to the original plans still applied.
- 01029, Trellech, The Cross, partial conversion of stable block into dog physiotherapy service. Recommend approval
- 01092, Llandogo, Browns Stores. Erection of stone wall and railings to separate residential from commercial section of building; wider footpath across frontage; drop kerb and extra access to shop car parking area. Recommend approval, subject to the following observations. Llandogo is both within the AONB and a Conservation area - the proposed plain painted steel railing could not be classed as 'enhancement' in the centre of a village within a Conservation Area. It would be preferable for the railing to complement the character of the adjoining Art Gallery (a former chapel). Councillors were concerned that the 900mm high wall/railing might impact visibility for vehicles exiting both the north and south (residential) car parks. Vehicles entering and exiting the north car park might also cause hold-ups on the A466.
- 01076, Llandogo, 3 Knoll View, replace two wooden outbuildings. Recommend approval

Clerk

16243 **FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 00708, The Narth, Airwave station at Trellech Wood, 300mm diameter radio link dish at 24m height on existing lattice tower. Recommend approval
- 00739, The Narth, land adj to Plainfield, single detached dwelling, outline planning permission. Recommend refusal, on the grounds that this would not represent infill, and would therefore be a new dwelling in the open countryside.
- 01098, Catbrook, Oak View Barn, Parkhouse, barn conversion to residential use. Detailed pictures of the structure were presented to the council, along with Google Earth pictures of the site dating from 2014. Councillors believed this evidence to show that not all of the structures were original. Recommend refusal and enforcement action for unauthorised building work (a detailed description of the structure to be submitted with this recommendation). Mark Hand, Director of MCC Planning should be informed of this case and asked to monitor it.

Clerk

16244 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 00571, The Narth, Greenway, School Lane, single storey front extension to enlarge existing garage, amendments to fenestration. Approved
- 00672, Penallt, Hillside Cottage, Lone Lane, erection of 1.8m rear fence within 5m of highway. Approved
- 00849, Trellech, 2 The Cotlands, alterations, single storey extension to rear, new garage to rear, new porch, new vehicle access. Approved
- 00888, Catbrook, Atlasta Cottage, Back Rd, demolition of rear conservatory & replacement with single-storey extension, side extensions plus replacement porch. Approved

16245 **FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 00941, Catbrook, Stanley Cottage, single storey extension garden room. Approved

16246 **PLANNING AID WALES TRAINING SESSION**

**It was resolved** that the cost for Cllr Stokes to attend a training session on "How to respond effectively to planning applications" on 17 November, £26.99, should be paid for from the "training" budget, as approved for 2016/17. The clerk had paid for this online, and should be reimbursed.

16247 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

*Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £25,846.92*

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:

500485	Trellech Babington Educational Trust, hall hire 14/8 and 20/9	£54
500486	B Dagger expenses, Cllrs Dagger & Stokes travel to One Voice Wales conference, Builth Wells	£52.20
500487	Clerk, Planning Aid Wales training session, Cllr Stokes	£26.99
500488	MCC, contribution towards dog waste bins	£645
500489	MCC, clerk's salary Jul-Sep	£1194.33
500490	Greenbarnes Ltd, notice board for Penallt	£941.28

Clerk

16248 **BABINGTON EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

Rosemary and Dermot Decker-Thomas were provisionally nominated, subject to a review of the Trust's governance within 6 months.

Clerk

16249 **BUSINESS RATES PAYABLE BY VILLAGE HALLS**

It was noted that village halls play a vital role in their communities. **It was resolved** to write a letter to MCC in support of Cty Cllr Blakebrough's proposal, that Monmouthshire should align its policy with those of other Welsh counties, and grant 100% rate relief to village halls.

Clerk

16250 **BT KIOSK AT WHITELYE**

Following a request from local resident, **it was resolved** to adopt the kiosk at a cost of £1. It was noted that the procedure was different than when adopting previous kiosks, since BT was proposing to remove kiosks, and was formally consulting with MCC. TUCC therefore needed to inform MCC, rather than BT, of its intention to adopt the kiosk.

Clerk

16251 **COMMUNICATION WITH BT OPENREACH**

Councillors wished to raise queries on this issue with the regulator. Cllrs Thomas and Dagger will prepare a draft document for consideration at the next meeting.

BD, AT

16252 **ONE VOICE WALES CONFERENCE**

Cllrs Dagger and Stokes attended this conference on behalf of TUCC. The clerk was asked to circulate their full report by email.

Clerk

16253 **MEETING WITH POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

Cllrs Dagger, Decker-Thomas and Murray attended. Their report will be circulated by email.

16254 **CLEANING OF BUS SHELTERS**

The bus shelters are owned by TUCC, and there have been several reports of their needing cleaning. A councillors' "day of action" was proposed. To be included on the next agenda

Clerk

16255 **CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD:** Nothing to report

16256 **BABINGTON MEADOW:** Nothing to report

16257 **OTHER REPORTS**

- AB Internet. The Penallt mast is still not working as they cannot get electricity to it. Only 17 out of 1600 targeted customers have signed up.

16258 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, J Blake, works to listed building in Trellech

MCC, Central Monmouthshire Area Committee, agenda, 28 Sep

MCC, S Lane, new policy to be implemented on Obstruction of Highway by Commercial Signs

MCC, D McCarty, Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme

MCC, D McCarty, Rural Forum, 6 Oct, cancelled

MCC, Monmouthshire Countryside newsletter, issue 29  
MCC, S Parkinson, correspondence over installation of dog waste bins

BT, response re possible adoption of kiosk in Whitelye  
Citizens Advice Monmouthshire, letter of thanks for donation  
CPRW Monmouthshire, new speaker at AGM, 28 Oct, Colin Passmore  
CPRW, members' bulletin, Oct 2016  
D Davies MP, response on problems with BT Openreach  
D Dolbey Jones, request to adopt BT kiosk in Whitelye  
C Edwards, contact details for Trellech Village Hall on TUCC website  
Greenbarnes, A Brewer, quotes for new notice board with/without pin board  
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, draft annual report 2017/18 for consultation  
Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod, report and appeal for funds  
R Morgan, re provision of superfast broadband in Penallt (cabinet 20)  
Newland Parish Council, Gloucestershire Draft Minerals Plan open for consultation  
One Voice Wales, Area Committee, agenda 20 Oct  
One Voice Wales, Annual Report 2015-16  
Planning Aid Wales, training "How to respond effectively to planning applications", Usk, 17 Nov  
L Stoter, expression of interest in vacancy for a councillor in The Narth ward  
WAG, Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill, consultation open  
WAG, update on local government reform. Statement by Mark Drakeford AM  
WAG, National Infrastructure Commission for Wales, consultation  
Welsh Ambulance Service, G Rothwell, possible dates for AED training sessions  
Welsh Planning Inspectorate, case opened on Definitive Map Modification Order 1999 (Nelson Cottage, The Narth)

16259 **ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- Alcohol abuse - over-50s in Monmouthshire represent a group at particular risk. There is a support service now operating from Trellech surgery, and a speaker should be invited

**Clerk, MB**

16260 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 21 November 2016 at the Pelham Hall, Penallt

The meeting closed at 21.30