

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

held at Pelham Hall, Penallt on Monday 21 November 2016 at 7pm

Councillor	Village	Attendance
John Gooding	Catbrook	Present
Michael Mason	Catbrook	Not present
Bob Dagger	Llandogo	Present
Ashley Thomas	Llandogo	Present
Martin Blakebrough	Llanishen	Present
George Weston	Llanishen	Present
Rosemary Decker-Thomas	The Narth	Present
Larry Stoter (from item 16265)	The Narth	Present
John Baldwin	Penallt	Not present
Tessa Murray (Chair)	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: A member of the public expressed his opposition to planning application 2016/01068 (see item 16267). This application had now been withdrawn.

16261 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs John Baldwin and Michael Mason

16262 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** none

16263 **LUCY CLARE, GWENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE IN MONMOUTHSHIRE**

Ms Clare described the work of her agency, and their willingness to meet with those needing support in a variety of different environments - from local doctors surgeries to supermarkets. She emphasised that their largest client group is people over the age of 50, with alcohol related problems that have gradually developed over time.

16264 **TO CO-OPT A COUNCILLOR TO VACANCY IN THE NARTH WARD**

Two candidates, Larry Stoter and Jill Hurley, introduced themselves to the council and explained their interest in becoming a community councillor.

It was resolved to co-opt Larry Stoter as councillor for The Narth ward. He signed the declaration of acceptance form, which was counter-signed by the clerk. He then joined the table for the remainder of the meeting. Mr Stoter was also nominated as TUCC representative to The Narth village hall committee.

16265 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 October**

The minutes for 17 October were agreed and signed as a true record.

16266 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 17 October**

Item 16185 (16148, etc): Replacement trees for Lydart, Five Trees

MCC will plant the new trees on Thursday, 24 November. Several councillors planned to attend.

Item 16152: Library Summer Reading Scheme

The Summer Reading Challenge had 40 entries from the TUCC area. Four children from Llandogo started the challenge in Monmouth and 5 in Chepstow, while 20 Children from Trellech started the challenge in Monmouth and 11 in Chepstow.

Item 16241, etc: Defibrillator training

Two training sessions by Wales Ambulance Service had been held, with 30 people attending the session at Llanishen Hall and 25 that in Pelham Hall.

Item 16246: Planning Aid Wales training session

The training session was held in an annexe to the hall, to which Cllr Stokes could not gain access. Planning Aid Wales had apologised and refunded the registration fee. Since the fee was paid by the clerk, and refunded to the clerk in November, the amount will be deducted from the clerk's next expenses claim.

Clerk

Item 16250: BT kiosk at Whitelye

BT has acknowledged TUCC's application to adopt this kiosk. Mr Dolbey Jones has also contacted the clerk, noting that the kiosk will need some renovation. One use that local residents would like to make of the kiosk is to hold a plan showing the location of houses in the area, since delivery drivers and others often have difficulty in finding properties.

16267 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 01068, Trellech, The Cross, Trellech House and Trellech House Annexe, change of use from C3 to commercial leisure. Application withdrawn
- 01206, Penallt, Upper Llanant Farm, Pentwyn Lane. Construction of new garden storage building, including change of use of woodland. Councillors found the proposed building inappropriately large for a domestic outbuilding, and out of scale with the house. The use of corrugated metal sheeting was also inappropriate for a domestic building, especially within the AONB landscape. Councillors were concerned that trees had been cleared before permission had been granted for change of use. Recommended for refusal.

Clerk

16268 **FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 00890, Trellech, Pen-Lan Cottage, Greenway Lane, design variation to planning permission 2009/01100, renovation of former cottage and outbuildings. Recommended for approval.
- 01157, Penallt, Side a Mill Cottage, Tregagle. Variation of condition 1 to planning permission 2014/00840. Recommended for approval.
- 01189, Penallt, Caer Llan, extensions. No comment
- 01216, Penallt, Ash Barn, alter arrangements of holiday lets: planning permissions 2009/00170 and 2011/00161. Recommended for approval.
- 01302, Llanishen, Blue Door Cottage, replace old workshop with new garden studio. Recommended for approval.

Clerk

16269 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 2015/01049, Trellech, Spring Villa, extension & alterations. Approved
- 00708, The Narth, Airwave station at Trellech Wood, 300mm diameter radio link dish at 24m height on existing lattice tower. Approved
- 00737, Penallt, Lone Farmhouse, completion of track and 3 parking spaces in paddock adjoining farmhouse & original track re-routed from previous planning application. Approved
- 00919, The Narth, Oakdene, Pool Lane, demolition of existing house etc and replacement dwelling and detached car barn. Approved
- 00960, Trellech, The Lodge, Babington Close: fencing, gate and trellis. Approved
- 00981, Catbrook, Ty Cariad, Back Rd, block off existing access & replace with new access plus double garage. Approved
- 00987, Catbrook, Atlasta Cottage, Back Rd, demolition of existing barn and replacement with general purpose agricultural storage/shed. Approved
- 00988, Penallt, Tanlgewood, Pentwyn Lane, replace flat felted roof on annexe with sloping tiled roof. Approved
- 00989, Llanishen, Lower Glyn Farm, cricket pavilion, change of use to residential holiday accommodation. Approved
- 01029, Trellech, The Cross, partial conversion of stable block into dog physiotherapy service. Approved

- 01076, Llandogo, 3 Knoll View, replace two wooden outbuildings. Approved
- 01106, Penallt, Ash Barn, Amendments to a window and door to west elevation and glaze the gable end on the south elevation - previous application DC/2008/00542. Approved
- 01159, Catbrook, Chicken Shed Holiday Let, non-material amendment to existing planning permission 2011/00823 to seek the addition of a condition specifying the original plan numbers. Approved

16270 **FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS:** None

16271 **PARKHOUSE CHICKEN SHED, LATEST CORRESPONDENCE WITH MCC PLANNING**

Mark Hand, Director of MCC Planning, had indicated that an application for a minor material amendment was expected by 9th December, and would be sent to TUCC for consultation. This should therefore appear on the agenda for the January meeting.

Clerk

16272 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £22,934.79

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:

500491	M Camp, maintenance of Broadstone Green, Nov 2015-Nov 2016	550
500492	H Hoskins, maintenance of Catbrook Village Green, May-Oct 2016	240
500493	Pelham Hall Committee, hire of hall 20 and 21 November	32.40
500494	Llandogo Hall, hire 5 Sep and 17 Oct	30

Clerk

16273 **ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS FOR LLANDOGO**

It was resolved to ask MCC Highways to supply signs for the village.

Clerk

16274 **COMMUNICATION WITH BT OPENREACH**

Councillors agreed that the reply sent by Openreach Complaints, dated 14 September, was unsatisfactory and did not answer the points raised in TUCC's letter. The clerk was asked to send a copy of TUCC's original letter together with the Openreach reply to both the chairman and CEO of Openreach and also to Ofcom.

Clerk

16275 **ONE VOICE WALES AREA MEETINGS**

Cllr Martin Blakebrough is the designated TUCC representative to these meetings, but had been unable to attend them for some time. This should be included on the next agenda.

Clerk

16276 **CAPACITY AT TRELLECH SCHOOL**

It was noted that the lack of space for additional children at Trellech School is known to be deterring young families from moving into the area. And yet new housing developments in Trellech, Penallt and Llanishen, have been approved without regard to the lack of school places. It was agreed that this is unacceptable and detrimental to the community. The presence of young families, and their integration into the community through the local schools, is essential to the wellbeing of the community.

The clerk was asked to write to MCC, to clarify the current capacity at Trellech and Llandogo schools, what future pupil numbers are projected (especially in light of the new housing developments), and how the needs of the community can be met, both now and in the future. A query was also raised over whether children are routinely referred between Trellech and Llandogo schools, rather than to schools in Monmouth, which are considerably further away.

Clerk

16277 **"ACTION DAY" FOR COUNCILLORS**

This item to be included on the agenda for the January meeting.

Clerk

16278 **MAINTENANCE OF BROADSTONE VILLAGE GREEN IN 2017**

It was resolved that Mr Camp should continue to maintain Broadstone Green for the next year, for the sum of £500. The clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Camp for the exemplary way he had carried out his duties in the past year.

Clerk

16279 **CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD:** Nothing to report

16280 **BABINGTON MEADOW**

The Committee had met, and the annual accounts were approved at the AGM. It was noted that losses were made by the Play, and maintenance needs more spent on it. The committee is hoping that volunteers may help with maintenance. The committee treasurer has retired.

16281 **OTHER REPORTS:** None

16282 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, M Hand, Planning service updates and contact details

MCC, M Hand, response to queries

MCC, G Kinsella, temporary road closure of Lone Lane, Penallt, 28 Nov-11 Dec

MCC, J Pearson, forms for councillors to request copy of new electoral register

MCC, S Pritchard, temporary traffic prohibitions at Wet Meadow, Trellech, 1 Nov-1 May

MCC, R Rawlings, report from initial meeting of Monmouth Cluster Group

MCC, R Rourke, Rights of Way Improvement Plan, consultation until 29 Jan 2017

MCC Library Services, J Karn, thanks and statistics on summer reading project

MCC Library Services, invitation to presentation of tablet, request for suitable dates

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council, newsletter

Babington Educational Trust, invitation to cheese and wine, 18 Nov

D Blakebrough, update on village hall rates

Boundary Commission for Wales, electoral reviews, policy and practice updated

BT Payphones, acknowledgement of application to adopt Whitelye kiosk

Church Lads and Girls Brigade, link to report on commemoration visit to High Wood

CPRW, members' bulletin

D Davies MP, Business rates revaluation

R Decker Thomas, questions about lighting for affordable housing development in Trellech

D Dolbey Jones, repairs needed to BT kiosk in Whitelye

M Dunkelman, TUCC rep needed for Narth Village Hall committee

GAVO, details of Tesco funding available for community green spaces

GAVO, Big Lottery Fund, rural grants programme

Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice, Annual Report and invitation to AGM, 5 Dec

Natural Resources Wales, changes to contact details

One Voice Wales, training and consultancy offered

One Voice Wales, latest news

One Voice Wales area committee, minutes for 20 Oct. Dates for 2017

Open Spaces Society, Open Space, Autumn 2016

Planning Inspectorate Wales, correspondence and submissions on definitive map modification orders for footpaths in The Narth

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Ombudsman's Casebook, issue 26

Trellech Village Hall newsletter

16283 **ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- Street lighting in the TUCC area.

Clerk

16284 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 12 December 2016 at The Hall, Llanishen

The meeting closed at 21.48