

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**held at The Memorial Hall, Catbrook on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7pm**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
John Gooding	Catbrook	Present
Andy Pullan	Catbrook	Present
Bob Dagger (Chair)	Llandogo	Present
Lynne Parker	Llandogo	Present
Martin Blakebrough	Llanishen	Present
George Weston	Llanishen	Present
Rosemary Decker-Thomas	The Narth	Present
Larry Stoter	The Narth	Present
John Baldwin	Penallt	Not present
Tessa Murray	Penallt	Not present
Christopher Edwards	Trellech	Present
Alan Poulter	Trellech	Present
Iain Stokes	Whitebrook	Present
County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	MCC	Present

**Clerk:** Ann Davison

**PUBLIC MEETING:** none

**18001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs J Baldwin and T Murray

**18002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Cllrs C Edwards and A Poulter: planning application 01441 (friend of the applicant and close neighbour of the applicant, respectively). Neither councillor took part in the discussion of this item.

**18003 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH:**

- Broadband. The Superfast Cymru programme ended on 31 December. Its target was for 96% of Wales to receive more than 2Mbps. In Monmouthshire between 84 and 91% have been reached, although even some of those areas that have been upgraded are still encountering service problems, such as in The Narth. MCC is seeking a meeting with the manager of Superfast Wales and the WAG Minister for digital inclusion. It is recommending that individual complainants email these individuals too.
- Grit bins have been ordered for new Trellech estate
- Trellech speed reduction programme: 20 mph signs and new flashing vehicle activated signs should be installed in January.
- Leisure Centres, tourism and youth service: proposal to put out of direct MCC control.

**18004 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 December**

The minutes for 13 December were agreed and signed as a true record.

**18005 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 13 December**

**Item 17266: Trustees for Babington Education Trust**

Both Rees Rogers and Peter Garwood have accepted to be trustees and are therefore appointed.

**18006 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 01479, Llanishen, 16 Wayne Close, single storey extension to side and rear. Recommend approval
- 01441, Trellech, The Coach House, Trellech Green, internal alterations, listed building consent. No objection

**18007 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 2016/00513, Trellech, Archaeological research site, Tinkers Lane, temporary permission for outbuildings. Recommend approval: assume that planning authority will determine length of period.

**Clerk**

**18008 PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 00187, Trellech, Trelleck House, subdivision into two self-contained dwellings. Approved
- 01031, Trellech, The Garden House, new shed, garden wall and log store. Listed Building Consent. Approved
- 01265, Llandogo, Parklands, new vehicular access to separate access to Parklands from that to holiday let. Refused

**18009 FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS: none****18010 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £47,295.51

The comparison between the 2017/18 budget and expenditure to date was noted.

The bank statement and invoices for payment had been scrutinised and verified by Cllr Pullan.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300025	Llanishen PCC, churchyard maintenance	£450
300026	MCC, election charges	£419.65
300027	Llandogo VH, business rates + contribution to services	£709.58
300028	Llanishen VH, hall hire	£30
300029	M Camp, grounds maintenance Broadstone Green	£500
300030	MCC, additional dog waste bin for Llandogo	£107.40

Clerk

**18011 CHARITY DONATIONS FOR 2017/18**

It was noted that charities should benefit local residents. Councillors will bring suggestions to the next meeting.

All councillors

**18012 FUNDING FOR VILLAGE HALLS 2018/2019**

**It was resolved** to continue indefinitely to cover the element of business rates still charged to village halls. There will therefore remain three streams of funding to village halls in 2018/19: business rates, up to £500 towards services (see minute 17043), plus up to £1000 for capital projects (minute 17012). The clerk will write to village hall treasurers to inform them of this.

Clerk

**18013 FUNDING SCHOOL PROJECTS 2018/2019**

The approved budget for 2018/19 includes £2,000 for schools. It was clarified that this sum may only go towards non-statutory provision by the schools. There will be a maximum of £1000 per school and up to 50% of any given project. Nominated school governors will inform the two schools.

BD, JG

**18014 SNOW CLEARANCE ON MINOR ROADS**

MCC Highway Operations contract out snow clearing operations to local farmers etc. Each contractor is allocated an area in which to clear the lanes of snow to the best of their abilities. Although MCC had said that they did not require information from community councillors, the clerk was asked to request a list of contractors in each village. This would enable feedback (good and bad) to be sent to MCC.

Clerk

**18015 ANNUAL DINNER**

Provisionally set for The Fountain on 9 March

JG

**18016 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD: No report****18017 BABINGTON MEADOW: No report****18018 OTHER REPORTS: None****18019 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, S Baldwin, closure of A466 south of Tintern from 12 Feb for roadworks  
MCC, F Baker, review of charges for payroll service offered by MCC  
MCC, K James, precept notification form  
MCC, A Jones, Monmouthshire Wellbeing Plan, consultation  
MCC, P Keble and H Crane, snow clearance  
MCC, J Keech, removal of oak tree, Greenway Lane, Trellech  
MCC, J Pinell, update to emergency contacts directory  
MCC, M Sellick, road closure of School Road, The Narth, 2-26 January 2018  
MCC, P Thomas, consultation on pre-application procedure for planning applications

CPRW, members' bulletin, December 2017

Garwood, P, confirmation that willing to be trustee for Trellech Babington Educational Trust

James, N, clerk to Devauden CC, on payroll provision

Law Commission, consultation on planning law in Wales, open to 1 March 2018

Lazenby, J, clerk to Goytre CC, possible training on Code of Conduct

Newland Parish Council, new planning application for Stowe Quarry by Breedon

One Voice Wales, Monmouth/Newport Area Committee, meeting agenda, 18 Jan, 7 pm, Usk

One Voice Wales, training programme in S Wales, Feb-July 2018

One Voice Wales, news bulletin, Dec 2017

One Voice Wales, L Evans, bilingual layout of bulletin amended

Planning Aid Wales, training: community-led housing - innovation and opportunities, 23 Jan, Cardiff

Rogers R, confirmation that willing to be trustee for Trellech Babington Educational Trust

Scheele, E, grant application for Llanishen churchyard

Symondson, S, Whitebrook VH application for rates and expenses support

Weston, G and NRW, clearance of fallen trees from Wye Valley Walk

- Consultation on pre-application procedure for planning applications. The clerk was asked to suggest that the AONB be added to the list of consultees.
- Training on code of conduct. 3 councillors were interested in training.

**18020 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- MCC increase in charge for payroll services
- Charities

**18021 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 12 February 2018 at The Millennium Hall, Llandogo

The meeting closed at 20:32