

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at Whitebrook Village Hall on Monday 18 June 2018 at 7pm**

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	John Gooding	Not present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger (Chair)	Present
Llandogo	Lynne Parker	Present
Llanishen	Martin Blakebrough	Not present
Llanishen	George Weston	Present
The Narth	Rosemary Decker-Thomas	Present
The Narth	Larry Stoter	Present
Penallt	John Baldwin	Present (until item 18129)
Penallt	Mary Wakeling	Present
Trellech	Christopher Edwards	Present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: none

18126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs M Blakebrough and J Gooding

18127 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs B Dagger and L Parker: item 18132, planning application 00889. Both councillors are members of Llandogo Hall Committee.

18128 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH

- Planning application 00528, Argoed Cottage: Cty Cllr Blakebrough has requested that this go to full Planning Committee. Cllr Stoter will speak at the Committee on behalf of TUCC
- Whitebrook/Tump Farm phone mast. The story has been passed to the Monmouth Beacon
- Mitchel Troy recycling site. A number of residents have complained about queues, and the gates being shut too often during opening hours. There is a suggestion that S106 monies be spent on improving the site. This will be taken to the Central Monmouthshire Committee
- Food waste recycling. It is alleged that the new contractor requires the use of plastic rather than starch collection bags, in conflict with WAG and MCC policies to reduce plastic use.
- Land adjacent to New Mill phone kiosk is very overgrown, with a large tree stump. The land belongs to MCC, and they will be asked to clear it.

18129 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY

The minutes for 21 May were agreed and signed as a true record, with one amendment to the last sentence in item 18104. This should read: "The ombudsman found against Cllr Gooding but had however found that no action needs to be taken."

Cllr Baldwin had not been at the meeting of 21 May, but expressed disagreement with the conclusions drawn from the public meeting about parking on Pentwyn Green. Councillors confirmed that the minutes reflected what was said at the meeting. Cllr Baldwin left the meeting at that point.

Clerk

18130 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 18097: Babington Educational Foundation

This item should not have been included under "Representation on External Bodies", as both Nora Roberts and Christopher Edwards have been appointed through to November 2021 (min 17106), and since 2017 John Roberts has been co-opted rather than appointed by TUCC.

Item 18097: Llandogo School Governor

MCC no longer has any involvement in school governors, with SEWAS (South East Wales Education Achievement Service) having taken over responsibility in 2012. They have simply asked that TUCC and Tintern CC inform them of their appointee. Tintern CC next meets on 25 June. It has been proposed that both councils formally minute that they will consult with each other over the issue when the position is next due for renewal. This was acceptable to councillors.

Item 18112: Registration with ICO

The clerk has not yet registered, as the online form requires information about the council's Data Protection Officer, although the requirement for community councils to have a DPO was removed from the legislation by a government amendment to the Bill on GDPR.

18131 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 00868, Penallt, Hazelwood House, Lone Lane, alterations and extensions. Recommend approval but a tree survey should be required, and a condition that the trees along the boundary with the Babington Meadow should not be damaged
- 00911, Llanishen, Quarry Cottage, modification of existing structure to reduce height and then form ancillary living accommodation. Recommend refusal.
This building would still constitute a new building in the open countryside (the "existing structure" having been subject to enforcement, and the subsequent planning application refused). Councillors are concerned that the pre-application advice quoted on the application form appears to suggest a work-around, which would nullify the refusal of the previous application, thereby legitimising a new building in the open countryside.
The application is also incorrect in two places: (a) the site can be seen from the highway, and is in fact immediately adjacent to it, and (b) the drawing titled "existing structure" shows four rectangular sides of equal height, whereas the two gable-ends have been built on the north and south elevations.
- 00920, The Narth, Woodcroft, School Lane, two single-storey rear extensions and demolition of conservatory. Recommend approval

Clerk

18132 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 00471, Trellech, Tom Thumb, remodelling of dormer bungalow to improve external appearance and energy efficiency. Recommend refusal. Both the flat roof and composite timber cladding are out of keeping with the character of Trellech village and the property is in a prominent position at the entrance to the village from the Wye Valley direction
- 00861, Catbrook, 7 Tintern Heights, addition of orangery. To be considered at next meeting

- 00889, Llandogo, Millennium Hall, permanent replacement access ramp. Recommend approval providing that the surface of the ramp is such that it is not slippery in either wet or icy conditions
- 00941, Penallt, Highcroft, (retrospective) erection of stable in grounds and outside fireplace/pizza oven attached to patio. To be considered at next meeting

Clerk

18133 MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 2017/00584, Penallt, 1 Croes Faen, erection of two new detached dwellings with detached garages with associated access, landscaping and drainage works. Approved
- 2017/01267, Trellech, Churchwood House, single storey extension and 1st floor extension to north wing and two storey extension on west wing. Approved

18134 FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS: none

18135 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £49,012.76
 The comparison between the 2018/19 budget and expenditure to date was noted.
 The bank statement and invoices for payment had been scrutinies and verified by Cllr Pullan.
 The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300057	Pelham Hall Committee, business rates	£822.40
300058	A Davison, salary	£402.40
300059	Merlin Waste, dog waste collection March-May	£270

Clerk

18136 TUCC NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that an information leaflet, giving contact details for councillors and explaining the work of the community council, would be of value. This could be a trifold leaflet, which residents could keep for reference purposes. A working group consisting of Cllrs Decker-Thomas, Stoter and Wakeling will produce a draft.

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18137 CHARITY DONATIONS

It was noted that there is £600 available in the budget for the current financial year for donations to charities that benefit local residents.

It was resolved to donate £200 to Kaleidoscope and £200 to North Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation Aftercare Charity.

Proposals for the remaining £200 will be welcomed.

Clerk

18138 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD: No report

18139 BABINGTON MEADOW

It was noted that there is a wonderful array of wild flowers growing in the meadow.

18140 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Cllr Stokes had attended a training session on planning enforcement, the background documents from which had been circulated to councillors by email. He found the session very helpful, and recommended future training courses offered by Planning Aid Wales.
- Cllr Dagger noted that some of the benches outside the Millennium Hall in Llandogo were broken. They were not purchased by TUCC and are not on the TUCC assets list. MCC also claim no responsibility, and the current hall committee have no knowledge of who provided the benches. The clerk will try to find out more information.

Clerk

- Cllr Dagger reported that he had recently attended a meeting of Tintern CC, where disquiet had been expressed about the poor diversion signage provided by MCC during road closures on the A466. He recalled that such issues had originally led to the formation of the Wye Valley Consortium of Councils, so that joint approaches from councils along the Valley could be made to both MCC and Gloucestershire County Council. The Consortium had been suspended; but he will speak with Richard Crighton, clerk to Staunton PCC about its possible re-formation.

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18141 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, C Leacock, Cluster Group meeting, Monmouth, 19 June, agenda
 MCC, S Parkinson, confirmation of locations for two extra dog waste bins
 MCC, S Parkinson, dog poo bags ordered
 MCC, R Rawlings, planning enforcement training, 11 June
 Age Cymru Gwent, offer of support for over-50s clubs
 D Dolbey, renovation of adopted BT kiosk in Whitelye
 CPRW, members e-bulletin, May 2018
 Home Start, Monmouth, invitation to AGM, 12 July
 IRPW, pro forma to complete for payments to councillors 2017-18
 A May, request for rates refund, Pelham Hall
 One Voice Wales, news bulletin, May 2018
 One Voice Wales, new model Standing Orders
 One Voice Wales, notice of Monmouth Cluster Group meeting, 19 June, 6 pm, Shire Hall, Monmouth
 One Voice Wales, Area Committee meeting and AGM, Usk, 19 July
 Open Spaces Society, Notice of AGM, Annual Report, Open Space summer 2018
 Peacock, S, request to amend draft minutes of TUCC meeting on 21 May
 Pensions Regulator, compliance statement for completion
 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, outcome of complaint against a TUCC councillor
 Tintern CC, E Greateorex, appointment of governor for Llandogo School
 WAG, consolidation and amendment of Use Classes Order and Permitted Development Order
 WAG, inquiry into diversity in local government

18142 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- Trellech – water running down the road, opposite school

18143 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 16 July 2018 at The Hall, Llanishen

The meeting closed at 21:29