

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at The Hall, Llanishen on Monday 16 July 2018 at 7pm**

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

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: none

18144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs C Edwards and A Pullan

18145 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: none

18146 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH

- 65 bus, threat of service removal. MCC had planned to end the bus service at the end of July, as part of a money-saving plan. Following a large number of complaints, coverage in the Monmouth Beacon and signatures now being collected on petitions, the policy is being re-considered.
- Mitchel Troy waste centre. On the agenda for Monmouthshire Central Area Committee, 18 July – both current problems and future plans.

18147 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE: agreed and signed as a true record.

18148 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MCC Monitoring Officer

Robert Tranter is leaving MCC on 10 August to take up a post at Caerphilly. His successor, Matt Phillips, will start work on 28 August.

Clerk

Item 17180, 16266, 16250: Whitelye telephone kiosk

This kiosk was adopted by TUCC in August 2017; following correspondence BT promised to remove their equipment from the kiosk on 13 July, but had not done so by the 17 July.

18149 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 00861, Catbrook, 7 Tntern Heights, addition of orangery. Recommend approval, but use blocks to match original building rather than rendered walls
- 00940, Trellech, Chadwick, Church St, extension to rear and 1st floor, replacement garage. Recommend approval
- 00941, Penallt, Highcroft, (retrospective) erection of stable in grounds and outside fireplace/pizza oven attached to patio. Plans were not yet available online. Clerk will bring this to attention of the planning officer.
- 00947, Trellech, Dunley Farm, removal of lean-to and extensions to two livestock sheds. Recommend approval
- 01020, Trellech, 3 Roman Way, 2-storey side extension, render, demolition of existing outbuildings. Recommend approval
- 01035, Trellech, Penlan Cottage, Greenway Lane, garage and garden store. No objection in principle, but proposed building is too tall and too large in relation to the cottage

Clerk

18150 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None

18151 MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00483, Penallt, White House Farm, The Craig Road, change of use and conversion, existing agricultural building to holiday let. Approved
- 00519, Llanishen, Tyr Ywen, Far Hill, 2 storey extension to replace existing single storey extension. Approved
- 00567, The Narth, Petersbrooke, Pen y Fan, amendments to approved 2014/00397, detached garage and dependent relative’s annex. Approved
- 00574, Llanishen, Tyr Ywen, Far Hill, replace existing pole barn with new portal barn with timber cladding. Approved
- 00911, Llanishen, Quarry Cottage, modification of existing structure to reduce height and then form ancillary living accommodation. Approved

18152 FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00420, Penallt, The Bowles, Hoop Road, 1st floor extension on northwest elevation. Approved

18153 HIRE OF CATBROOK HALL FOR OMBUDSMAN’S VISIT

It was resolved to pay £20 for the hire of Catbrook Village Hall in October 2017, when the Ombudsman held a meeting with Cllr Gooding.

Clerk

18154 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £47,499.96

The comparison between the 2018/19 budget and expenditure to date was noted.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300060	Whitebrook Village Hall, hire 18 June	£25
300061	A Davison, salary	£402.40
300062	Kaleidoscope (min 18137)	£200
300063	N Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation Aftercare Charity (min 18137)	£200
300064	CPRW membership renewal	£20

300065	Play Inspection Company	£156
300066	J Gooding	£150
300067	A Pullan	£150
300068	R Dagger	£150
300069	L Parker	£150
300070	M Blakebrough	£150
300071	G Weston	£150
300072	R Decker-Thomas	£150
300073	L Stoter	£150
300074	M Wakeling	£150
300075	C Edwards	£150
300076	A Poulter	£150
300077	I Stokes	£150

Each councillor was paid £150 in accordance with instructions from the IRPW, "for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc". See minute 18060

Clerk

18155 65 BUS SERVICE

It was resolved to write to MCC to urge that the bus service be retained, in recognition of the number of vulnerable people who would be impacted by removal of the bus service, as well as businesses whose clients who would not be able to access them. It should also be pointed out that Penallt was designated as a 'development village', with permission for a housing development being granted, on the grounds that it was on a bus route. The letter should be sent to Paul Matthews and to Peter Fox, copied to Roger Hoggins, Bryan Jones, and Debby Blakebrough.

Clerk

18156 TRELLECH TRAFFIC CALMING AND DRAINAGE ISSUES

Despite the fact that the traffic calming scheme was approved, with "money allocated" in March 2017, work has started but never been completed. Residents consider the half-finished scheme has increased the danger, since a pinch point has been introduced with no 20 mph zone to accompany it. Nor are there any functioning flashing speed signs for the original speed restriction. A letter should be sent to Paul Matthews and Roger Hoggins, requesting a definitive date for completion of the work.

Clerk

The water leakage onto the main road has been unresolved for three years. Whether the leak is the ultimate responsibility of the Water Board or of BT, damage is being caused to the highway. MCC is therefore responsible, and need to take action to resolve the issue. A letter should be sent to Roger Hoggins at MCC requesting action.

Clerk

18157 DOG WASTE BIN FOR WHITEBROOK

Residents of Whitebrook have requested that a bin be installed close to the start of the railway track, by Tump Farm. **It was resolved** to purchase an additional bin through MCC, at a cost of £90.

Clerk

18158 PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The annual safety inspections had highlighted some items of "moderate" risk. The Babington Meadow Committee has promised to deal with those relating to Babington Meadow. Cllr Gooding and the clerk will produce costings for repairs necessary at Broadstone Green.

Clerk, JG

18159 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD: The annual hay crop has been taken

18160 BABINGTON MEADOW

Art in Penallt is booked for the end of August with some really excellent exhibitors.

Both the Old School and Capel Pentwyn are now on the market. Mr Robertson has checked the easement on the septic tank and confirmed that it is in order, since the drainage from Capel Pentwyn was disengaged from it. He noted that since he has owned both properties he had taken responsibility for maintaining all boundary hedges and fencing around their borders. He proposed that this arrangement be continued, as it would save the Meadow some maintenance costs, and that he ask his solicitors to insert an appropriate clause in the title deeds.

It was resolved to accept this offer, and to thank Mr Robertson for his suggestion.

Clerk

18161 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Cluster group meeting. Cllr Parker reported that attendance at these meetings had dwindled. The agenda had been dominated by discussion of a clustering conference.

18162 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, R Blount, posters for village halls about single use plastic items

MCC, T Hacker, planning enforcement notices for June

MCC, A Jones, planning enforcement by MCC and communication with community councils

MCC, S Parkinson, Give Dog Fouling the Red Card, agenda, 4 July and minutes

MCC, R Tranter, leaving MCC on 10 August.

MCC, Central Monmouthshire Area Committee agenda, 18 July

BT, due to remove equipment from Whitelye kiosk, 13 July

Corcoran, R, correspondence about planned withdrawal of 65 bus

Gwent Archives, Tony Hopkins, instructions for depositing council minutes

Langstone Community Council, Wales Road Safety Conference, 7 Sep

Monmouth Town Council, invitation to Civic Service, 29 July

One Voice Wales, news bulletin, June 2018

One Voice Wales, AGM and Conference, Royal Welsh Showground, 29 Sep

Play Inspection Company, annual inspection report and stock valuation, Babington Meadow & Broadstone Green

Play Inspection Company, 2019 inspections booked

Rebecca Roberts, offer of English/Welsh translation service

A Robertson, boundaries of Babington Meadow and sale of The Old School and Capel Pentwyn

Seymour, L, lack of progress on traffic calming in Trellech

Stokes, I, request for dog waste bin in Whitebrook

Stokes, I, growth in traffic on Whitebrook road

Stoter, L, reported plan to withdraw 65 bus service

Unity Trust Bank, confirmation of annual budget requested, for FSCS protection

It was noted that Cllr Pullan will attend the Wales Road Safety Conference promoted by Langstone Community Council.

18163 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- 65 bus (letter to Monmouth Beacon)
- TUCC newsletter
- Increased traffic in Whitebrook

18164 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 20 August 2018 at The Babington Centre, Trellech

The meeting closed at 20:52