

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at The Babington Centre, Trellech on Monday 20 August 2018 at 7pm**

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	John Gooding	Not present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Not 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	Not present
Penallt	Mary Wakeling	Present
Trellech	Christopher Edwards	Present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING:

Phil Moore, of the Llandogo Speedwatch group, spoke about the ongoing problem of speeding traffic on the A466 through the village. Police have measured vehicles travelling at up to 73 mph in the village, and the Speedwatch group regularly find 15-30 vehicles speeding in each hour that they monitor the main road. The group is very active and is currently planning a community event to raise awareness and recruit new members. He asked if TUCC might provide some financial support towards this event, especially as this problem was highlighted as one of the major concerns in the Llandogo Community Action Plan.

18165 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs M Blakebrough and A Pullan, and Cty Cllr D Blakebrough

18166 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr L Stoter – item 18176, donation to CAB (CAB volunteer). Cllr Stoter did not participate in the discussion or vote on this item

18167 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH: none

18168 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY:** agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

18169 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 18036: Grant to Trellech School

Thanks to fundraising by the PTFA the new footpath should be constructed this month. They will forward a copy of the invoice when work is completed, so that the promised TUCC grant may be released. The head teacher hoped to be able to launch the Daily Mile on Friday 7th September and

had invited a representative from TUCC to join the school, parents, friends and supporters (the time to be confirmed by the start of that week).

Item 18129: Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May

Councillors noted receipt of a letter from Cllr Gooding on this issue, which they had read, but no further action will be taken on the matter.

Item 18148, etc: Whitelye telephone kiosk

BT has now removed its equipment from the kiosk, which is in need of refurbishment.

Item 18155: 65 Bus Service

Roger Hoggins had responded that the decision to withdraw the 65 bus service had been suspended, pending a review of the entire public transport system within Monmouthshire and the entire region.

Local residents had formed a Friends of the 65 Bus group, to campaign for retention of the service.

Item 18156: Trellech Traffic Calming

Roger Hoggins apologised for the delays, caused by staffing problems. The traffic order came into effect on 17 August, with VAS signs due to be installed before the end of August. It was noted that the 20mph sign near the school is obscured by the hedge. The clerk will inform MCC Highways

Clerk

Item 18156: Trellech drainage issue

Roger Hoggins had apologised that he had overlooked this item.

Item 18157, 18073, 17244: Dog waste bins

A bin for Whitebrook had been added to the next order that MCC will place. The additional bins for Pentwyn Green and Trellech had now been installed. The clerk now had a store of waste bags, and councillors took a supply for each village.

Item 18158: Broadstone Playground repairs

Mick Camp carries out regular safety checks of the playground, and had independently noted the need to replace the swing seats. He had obtained costings, but had not yet passed these on to the clerk. He had also offered to carry out the repair work.

18170 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 2017/00868, reconsultation. Whitebrook, Tump Farm, telecoms mast. Amended application. It was noted that EE had made no compromise over siting of the mast, despite meeting with local and AONB representatives, with the proposed location still being in the line of sight. Recommend refusal for same reasons as the original application. Councillors requested that the application go to full Planning Committee, where a councillor would present the TUCC case.
- 00985, Penallt, The Forge, Farm Rd, Lydart, extension and alterations. Recommend approval
- 01149, The Narth, land adj Manor View and Manor Wood Cottage, new dwelling & change of curtilage to residential. Recommend approval
- 01218, Penallt, Amberley, Pentwyn Park, garden shed. Recommend approval

Clerk

18171 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 01289, Llandogo, Orchard House, change of use of existing residential annex to become part of main dwelling and construction of link extension. Recommend approval
- 2017/01213, Whitebrook, Pilstone Farm. Amended plans, conversion of traditional farm building to residential use. Recommend approval

18172 MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00711, Llandogo, Wyeholm Bungalow, side & rear extension and new detached garage. Approved
- 00861, Catbrook, 7 Tintern Heights, orangery extension. Approved
- 00868, Penallt, Hazelwood House, Lone Lane, alterations and extension. Approved
- 00889, Llandogo, Millennium Hall. Permanent replacement of access ramp. Approved
- 00920, The Narth, Woodcroft, School Lane, 2 single-storey rear extensions and demolition of conservatory. Approved
- 00947, Trellech, Dunley Farm, removal of lean-to and extensions to two livestock sheds. Approved
- 00976, Trellech, Three Stones Farm, Changes to the internal layout and the lowering of the first floor level negotiated and agreed with the Heritage Manager.
- 00987, Llanishen, Gadr Farm, Pentre Rd, Llangovan, agricultural style building. Acceptable
- 01020, Trellech, 3 Roman Way, 2 storey side extension, render, demolition of existing outbuildings. Approved

18173 FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00528, Penallt, Argoed Cottage, Tregagle, replacement dwelling. Approved
- 00941, Penallt, Highcroft, retrospective for stable in grounds and outside fireplace/pizza oven. Approved

18174 PLANNING APPEALS LODGED

- 2017/01261 and 01275, Trellech, Lloysea Farm, alterations and 2 storey extension to Grade II listed barn. Listed building consents. Noted

18175 DONATION TO ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE, LANGSTONE

Cllr Pullan will attend the Wales Road Safety Conference on 7 September, and Phil Moore of Llandogo Speedwatch will also attend. There is no admission charge, but donations to the Rhiannon Jade Smith Memorial Trust (a registered charity) were welcomed. **It was resolved** to make a donation of £100 from the budget for S137 expenditure, to cover the two attendees. Councillors requested a report to TUCC following the conference.

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18176 DONATION TO MONMOUTHSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

It was resolved to make a donation of £3000, as included in the current budget. Councillors would like a speaker from CAB to attend a future meeting. They also requested information on how much other town and community councils donate.

Clerk

18177 DONATION TO BABINGTON MEADOW COMMITTEE

It was resolved to donate £850 for grounds maintenance, as included in the current budget. It was noted that the treasurer of the Committee had reported that summer grass cutting, hedge trimming and bramble clearance had cost £850 and winter work a further £205.

18178 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £44,696.56
 The comparison between the 2018/19 budget and expenditure to date was noted. The bank statement and invoices had been scrutinised and verified by Cllr Stokes.
 The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300078	Llanishen Village Hall, hire 16 July	£20
300079	A Davison, salary	£402.40
300080	Playworks, salary admin June-Aug	£60
300081	Catbrook Village Hall hire (min 18153)	£20
300082	Merlin Waste, dog waste collection June-July	£180
300083	Llanishen PCC, churchyard maintenance	£500
300084	Trellech & Penallt PCC, churchyard maintenance	£1000

300085	SLCC membership subscription	£100
300086	Monmouthshire Citizens Advice	£3000
300087	Babington Meadow maintenance	£850
300088	R J Smith Memorial Trust (Wales Road Safety Conference)	£100

Clerk

18179 COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF TUCC ACCOUNTS 2017/18

It was noted that the external audit had now been completed, and there were no items to report to the council. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been posted on the notice board in Llandogo, and the signed Annual Return added to the council website.

18180 ROAD TRAFFIC IN WHITEBROOK

Cllr Stokes reported that residents perceived traffic through the village to have increased markedly since the mini roundabout had been installed by the Wye Bridge at Monmouth. Delays in Wyesham led drivers to seek an alternative route. They were also concerned that forthcoming road works on the A466 will lead to a further (temporary) increase. The clerk was asked to write to MCC Highways for advice on appropriate traffic calming measures for each end of the village.

Clerk

18181 ROAD SAFETY IN LLANDOGO

The initiatives of the Llandogo Speedwatch Campaign were welcomed. **It was resolved** to fund the activities of the group up to £250 – invoices to either be sent direct to TUCC for payment, or from individuals with receipts.

Clerk

18182 COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR S106 FUNDING

It was noted that MCC Planning had requested that each Community Council compile a list of possible S106 projects, as such projects now need to be specified in detail during the pre-planning procedure, allowing little time for consultation. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Footpaths in Trellech (outside school and by the shop) were suggested.

Clerk; all councillors

18183 TUCC NEWSLETTER

Cllrs Stoter, Decker-Thomas and Wakeling were thanked for their draft, which was discussed and suggestions made. A further draft will be developed.

R D-T, LS, MW

18184 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD

It was noted that a member of the public had enquired about the field. The clerk had told her that the field was leased by TUCC from MCC; and invited her to contact the Catbrook councillors if she was interested in using the field.

18185 BABINGTON MEADOW

The annual return to the Charities Commission had now been made, as required by law, although the group's accounts for 2016-17 had not yet been formally approved due to difficulty in holding a quorate meeting. The AGM is scheduled for 11 September.

Clerk

18186 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- MCC's planning Delegation Panel met in Llandogo to consider application 2018/00181. The panel had noted that neither the applicant nor planning officer had mentioned the number of mature trees that would need to be removed.
- Llandogo councillors had visited Rodborough Common to find out about their ANPR (number plate recognition) camera. The camera was very successful in picking up large number of speeding drivers, and police then visited frequent offenders. But the camera cost £8000 + VAT and incurred considerable running costs. They wondered if the forthcoming road safety conference might have alternative suggestions.
- 20mph zone in Trellech. Are there sufficient repeater signs for enforcement? The clerk was asked to write to MCC Highways.

Clerk

- Penallt building site near Greenmeadows, work is taking place 6 days a week 7am-7pm. It was suggested that conditions in the planning consent be checked, and Environmental Health be contacted if necessary.

18187 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, J Edge, revised LDP 2018-2033, invitation to submit candidate sites
 MCC, M Hand, S106 funding, community facilities and aspirations
 MCC, R Higgins, update on Make Trellech Safe timetable
 MCC, R Higgins, 65 bus route not suspended; county-wide review of public transport provision
 MCC, C Leacock, mapping social isolation and loneliness in Monmouthshire
 MCC, R Rawlings, Highways Programme of Works
 MCC, M Sellick, A466 closure Bigsweir to Redbrook, 24 September to 9 November 2018
 MCC, S Parkinson, dog bags arrived; additional bin added to next order
 MCC, T Thomas, MCC's new company MonLife
 Arts Council of Wales, Night Out scheme
 M Camp, report on need to replace swing seats at Broadstone Green
 R Corcoran, formation of Friends of the 65 Bus (F65B)
 CPRW, e-bulletin
 Dolbey, D, BT equipment removed from Whitelye kiosk, but kiosk in bad condition
 Gooding, J, amendment of TUCC minutes for May 2018
 Kaleidoscope/GDAS, thanks for donation
 Langstone CC clerk, Lord Marcher of Trellech
 Llanishen PCC, request for grant towards graveyard maintenance
 Monmouthshire CAB, request for funding
 NALC, analysis of changes to new model Standing Orders
 N Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity, thanks for donation
 One Voice Wales Area Committee, minutes of AGM and meeting
 One Voice Wales, bulletin, July 2018
 One Voice Wales, training programme
 Open Spaces Society, newsletter
 A Robertson, future of Babington Meadow Committee
 SLCC, membership renewal
 B Southall, enquiry about Catbrook Football Field
 D Stenner, update on fundraising for Daily Mile project at Trellech School
 Trellech & Penallt PCC, request for grant towards graveyard maintenance
 Unity Trust Bank, interest rate on Instant Access Account, 0.4% from 3 August 2018
 WAG, Independent Review Panel, summary of conclusions and recommendations
 WAG, presentation in IRP's conclusions, 15 August, Llandrindod
 WAG, survey in delivery of housing through the planning system
 WAG, survey in amending building regs in use if combustible materials to clad high-rise buildings
 Wye Valley AONB, invitation to join JAC tour, 21 September

- MCC's Tracey Thomas will attend the October TUCC meeting, to give a presentation about MonLife, the new company delivering tourism, leisure, culture and youth services for MCC
- Any councillors wishing to join a OVW training session should inform the clerk

18188 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA: none

18189 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 17 September 2018 at The Babington Centre, Trellech

The meeting closed at 21:39