

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at The Babington Centre, Trellech on Monday 17 September 2018 at 7pm**

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	John Gooding	Not present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger (Chair)	Present
Llandogo	Lynne Parker	Not present
Llanishen	Martin Blakebrough	Present
Llanishen	George Weston	Present
The Narth	Rosemary Decker-Thomas	Present
The Narth	Larry Stoter	Not present
Penallt	vacant	vacant
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:

Friends of the 65 Bus. Two local residents explained that this group had formed to campaign to keep the bus service, when it was recently under threat. Paper and online petitions gathered more than 1400 signatures, and the community had been very relieved when it was announced that the service would continue while a general review of public transport was undertaken. The group is continuing however, and is working hard to encourage more people to use the bus, which already provides a vital community service. They are putting up timetables, clearing bus-stops so that they are more visible, and now have a social media presence (#friendsof65bus). They are also working closely with Visit Monmouthshire, who are very receptive and have offered a page on their website. Through this they seek to promote tourism along the bus route, highlighting places of interest, events such as Trellech Teas, linear walks, using the bus to return, and an itinerary using the 65 bus in one direction and the 69 bus to complete a circular tour. The group would like to identify a representative from each village as a link person.

18190 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs L Parker and L Stoter

18191 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Stokes – item 18197, planning application 2018/01415 – friend of the applicant. Cllr Stokes took no part in the discussion of this item and did not vote on it.

18192 MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Shirley Lightbound, CEO of Monmouthshire CAB thanked TUCC for its donation. She emphasised that while the four CAB offices in Monmouthshire were merged administratively five years ago, they still offer a local service for the communities in which they work.

CAB funding is mainly from MCC, with this amount being nearly matched by town and community councils collectively. There is also a contract with CAB Cymru to employ four caseworkers for

specific benefits and housing issues. This contract is under threat however, and MCC funding has been greatly cut in recent years. CAB is constantly fund raising in order to expand its services. In addition to the offices, there is a telephone Adviceline open 9 am-5 pm on five days a week, and webchat is also being piloted.

CAB always welcomes new volunteers for a variety of roles, if they can offer a minimum of six hours a week. Full training is provided.

18193 RESIGNATION OF CLLR JOHN BALDWIN

Cllr Baldwin had sent a letter of resignation and MCC had issued a Notice of Vacancy, which is on the Tucc website and local notice boards. If no election is requested by 25 September then Tucc may co-opt a new councillor. In this eventuality the clerk was asked to issue notices advertising the opportunity for co-option, so that the co-option procedure can take place at the October Tucc meeting. The clerk was also asked to write to John Baldwin thanking him for his service as a councillor, and especially for his diligence over Pentwyn Green.

Clerk

18194 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH:

Traffic calming in Trellech is now in place. A road safety campaign is now underway in Llandogo and Cty Cllr Blakebrough will present a petition to full council later in the week.

The planning application for a telephone mast above Whitebrook (2017/00868) will go to full planning committee. A community councillor will need to speak at that meeting.

LDP review. Insufficient housing sites are being developed, and MCC is proposing that sites not earmarked in the LDP could be considered. Strict ground rules will be put in place if this is approved.

18195 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST: agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

18196 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 18169, 18036: Grant to Trellech School

The new footpath had been completed and copies of the relevant invoices submitted to Tucc.

Item 18169, 18156, etc: Trellech Traffic Calming

Paul Keeble had confirmed that grounds maintenance staff had been asked to trim foliage around the 20mph signs, to ensure that they are visible. In answer to the Tucc query he said that there is no need for repeater plates within a 20mph zone with traffic calming features. He was concerned not to put up more signs than necessary, in order not to spoil the character of Trellech. A further query had been raised with him about the section of road still within the 20 mph zone, between the church and the Pound, where there are no traffic calming features.

The Vehicle Activated Sign approaching Trellech from the south had not been functioning due to a problem with the electricity supply. This had now been rectified.

18197 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 01281, The Narth, Hawthorns, ground array PV panels in field adjacent to house. Recommend approval
- 01415, Whitebrook, Wye Valley House, conservation repair work to vestiges of mill. Recommend approval
- 01432, Penallt, Bryn Tirion, outbuilding for workshop and store. Recommend approval

Clerk

18198 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 01458, Penallt, Cherry Orchard Farm, agricultural building. Recommend approval

Clerk

18199 MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 01218, Penallt, Amberley, garden shed. Approved
- 01219, Llanishen, Keepers Lodge Farm, agricultural storage building. Acceptable

18200 FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00940, Trellech, Chadwick, Church Street, extension to rear & 1st floor, + replacement garage/workshop. Approved

18201 CATBROOK VILLAGE HALL, GRANT APPLICATION

The village hall committee had applied for a grant towards the cost of building alterations, creating a changing room to the side of the stage with associated works. Invoices had been supplied and since the application complied with the conditions set out in minute 18012 **it was resolved** to approve a grant of £1,000.

18202 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £50,131.16

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 Pullan.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300089	Catbrook Village Hall grant	£1,000
300090	MCC (Trellech School grant) mins 18036, 18013	£1,000
300091	R Dagger, travel expenses (18186) + chair's allowance (18012)	£550.75
300092	A Davison, salary and expenses	£506.89

Clerk

18203 BROADSTONE PLAYGROUND, REPLACEMENT SWING SEATS

It was resolved that two replacement seats should be purchased from Wicksteed at £48 + VAT. Mick Camp had offered to fit them at no cost, and councillors recorded their thanks to him.

Clerk

18204 MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE

The clerk reported that while the Libre Office suite was adequate, a lot of working time was wasted trying to make documents appear correctly. **It was resolved** to purchase Microsoft Office Suite at a cost of £119.99 incl VAT.

Clerk

18205 COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR S106 FUNDING

The clerk was asked to write to village hall committees to ask if they had schemes they would like to propose for the list that MCC will hold ready in case funding is generated by planning schemes.

Clerk

18206 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD: No report.

18207 BABINGTON MEADOW

The AGM was held on 11 September. The Meadow is looking very good, and is well used by families with young children. The committee will prioritise the minor issues identified in the recent safety inspection. A car boot sale will be held on 17 November.

18208 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Trellech Beacon Dash will take place on 28 October; proceeds to Babington Centre
- N Gwent Cardiac Rehab will hold an open day at Nevill Hall Hospital on 1 October
- Stop Speeding in Llandogo campaign. Public meeting in Millennium Hall 20th Sep
- It was noted that filming in Llandogo over the summer (by Netflix and Sky) has led to problems with parking and temporary road closures
- Road safety conference in Langstone: Cllr Pullan reported that the conference was very useful. He has circulated information from it to councillors
- MCC road safety workshop, 5 October. Cllrs Pullan and Stokes will attend.

- Land adjacent to the recent housing development in Trellech is fenced off but left for weeds. The clerk was asked to investigate its ownership and if there are any plans for its use.

Clerk

18209 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, S Baldwin, update on works on A466 south of Tintern
 MCC, P Cleary, VAS sign in Trellech problem with electricity supply
 MCC, R Dutson, link to recycling questionnaire
 MCC, T Hacker, monthly enforcement lists
 MCC, R Hoggins, road safety workshop, Shire Hall, Monmouth, 5 Oct, 10 am
 MCC, P Keeble, on repeater signs within Trellech 20mph zone
 MCC, J Pearson, notice of vacancy for councillor to represent Penallt ward
 MCC, R Rawlings, delivery agreement for revised LDP
 MCC, J Skidmore, minutes of Cluster Group meeting 19 June; next meeting 25 September
 MCC, P Thomas, latest staffing structure diagram for Planning Department

J Baldwin, resignation as community councillor for Penallt ward
 A Bevan Health Board, public meeting, 5 Oct 2-4 pm, Shire Hall, Monmouth
 M Camp, price for swing seat replacements for Broadstone playground
 Community Transport Association, Transport Innovation Network South Wales, Swansea, 18 Sep
 Llanishen PCC, thanks for grant for graveyard maintenance
 Monmouthshire CAB, thanks for donation and analysis of support from town and community councils
 One Voice Wales, August news bulletin
 R J Smith Memorial Trust, thanks for donation towards road safety conference
 D Stenner, copy of invoice for new path at Trellech School and invitation to formal opening event
 Wales Audit Office, free seminar on Building Resilient Communities, 11 Oct, Cardiff
 S Westwood, application for grant aid to Catbrook VH

18210 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA: none

18211 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 15 October 2018 at The Millennium Hall, Llandogo

The meeting closed at 20:46