

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

held at The Millennium Hall, Llandogo on Monday 15 October 2018 at 7pm

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	vacant	vacant
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger (Chair)	Present
Llandogo	Lynne Parker	Present
Llanishen	Martin Blakebrough	Present
Llanishen	George Weston	Present
The Narth	Rosemary Decker-Thomas	Not present
The Narth	Larry Stoter	Present
Penallt	vacant	vacant
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: Phil Moore updated the council on the Llandogo road safety campaign. A community meeting had been very well supported; David Davies MP had visited; and a site meeting held with MCC officers. The campaign had several requests for the community council: (a) addition to the campaign funding of £250 already promised, to cover an extra £192 that had been spent; (b) match funding for two vehicle activated speed signs, which cost £4,500 each (with MCC offering to install them free of charge); (c) a request from TUCC to MCC to remove the yellow line parking restriction through the village; (d) match funding for the installation of a pedestrian crossing, possibly in 2020, which has been costed at about £30,000.

18212 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs R Decker-Thomas and C Edwards

18213 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

18214 CO-OPTION TO PENALLT WARD

Two candidates had put themselves forward for the vacancy: David May and Nikki Scarr. **It was resolved** to defer the appointment until the November meeting, since Ms Scarr was unable to attend the meeting.

Clerk

18215 RESIGNATION OF CLLR JOHN GOODING

Cllr Gooding had sent his resignation by email. MCC had issued a Notice of Vacancy, which will be posted on the TUCC website and local notice boards. If no election is requested by 6 November then TUCC may co-opt a new councillor. The clerk was asked to issue notices advertising the opportunity for co-option if appropriate, so that the co-option procedure can take place at the November TUCC meeting. The clerk was asked to write and thank Mr Gooding for his long service to the community.

Clerk

18216 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH:

The MCC budget for next year will be even more restricted, as the Welsh Government has announced a settlement 1% lower than last year. Meanwhile pension and salary increases, and the increased costs for statutory services will all need to be met. It is likely that Highways funding will be adversely affected.

The planning application for a telephone mast at Tump Farm will be on the agenda for the November meeting of the Planning Committee. (Cllr Stoter will speak on behalf of TUCC.) Cty Cllr Blakebrough had been trying to persuade the company to at least move the mast to a corner of the field, which would greatly reduce its visual impact; but she had received no response. The Home Affairs Select Committee is due to review the programme for emergency services communications, as it is over budget. Meanwhile, the mast at Tump Farm would in fact remove emergency coverage for the entire village of Whitebrook and part of the North (since the existing mast would be decommissioned), while providing coverage for a section of the A466 in Gloucestershire. After hearing this report, the council asked the clerk to write to both David Davies MP and Nick Ramsay AM, seeking their opposition to the planning application.

Clerk

18217 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER:** agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

18218 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 18187: Presentation on MonLife by Tracey Thomas

A presentation had been scheduled for this meeting; but MCC had postponed all presentations until the New Year, as discussions were still underway over details of how the new company will work.

Item 18205: Wishlist for S106 funding

The following items had been submitted so far: (a) Trellech 2020 plans a wooden cabin outside the Babington Centre to house the playgroup, thus freeing up the Babington Centre for use by other groups. This is estimated to cost £100,000. (b) Whitebrook Village Hall Committee would like to level the ground in front of the hall, to create parking space. (c) Trellech, a pedestrian footway is needed opposite the post office.

Item 18288: land adjacent to new housing development in Trellech

Mark Hand had established that the fenced-off piece of land is in the ownership of Edenstone, and they plan to clear it up in the near future.

18219 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 00340, Trellech, Lion Inn, single storey side extension. Listed building consent. Recommend approval
- 01340, Trellech, Church Cottage, roof extension and larger porch. Recommend approval
- 01508, Whitebrook, Mistletoe Cottage, relocation of timber shed. Recommend refusal. The shed is used as an office and is not an agricultural building and the "paddock" has been incorporated into the garden. An application is needed for change of use for the land, and the current application misrepresents the facts on the ground.
- 01545, Catbrook, Highbeech Farm, Whitelye, residential extension. Recommend approval

Clerk

18220 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None

18221 MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00471, Trellech, Tom Thumb, remodelling of dormer bungalow to improve external appearance and improve energy efficiency. Approved
- 00985, Penallt, The Forge, Farm Rd, Lydart, extension and alterations. Approved
- 01035, Trellech, Penlan Cottage, Greenway Lane, garage and garden store. Approved

- 01334, Catbrook, St Johns Cottage, carry out works as recommended in tree report T003, T004 and T006. Approved
- 01289, Llandogo, Orchard House, change of use of existing residential annex to become part of main dwelling and construction of link extension. Approved
- 01434, Catbrook, Chapel Lawns, remove two Roble Beech trees along roadside. Approved

18222 FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00181, Llandogo, insertion of agricultural access to land adjacent A466 north of Llandogo. Approved
- 01415, Whitebrook, Wye Valley House, conservation repair work to vestiges of former mill. Approved
- 01519, The Narth, Copper Beeches, School Lane, single storey rear extension. Approved (permitted development)

18223 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £47,055.52

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.

300093	Llanishen Village Hall, rates and services	£731.30
300094	Open Spaces Society, subscription	£45
300095	Clerk's salary + swing seats (18203) + Microsoft Office (18204)	£647.19

Clerk

18224 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS FOR LLANDOGO

It was noted that TUCC allocated reserves include a sum of £5000 for Vehicle Activated Signs. **It was resolved** to offer this £5000 to MCC as match funding. The clerk was asked to write to Roger Hoggins offering this sum as match funding for two VAS signs, to be installed in Llandogo in the first instance. Evidence showed that VAS signs need to be moved every few months to be effective. Furthermore they could be used in any village with or without a speed limit, as they are simply advisory that drivers are going "too fast". Any signs partially funded by TUCC should therefore be moved regularly between villages within the TUCC area, and MCC should inform TUCC of the schedule for such moves.

Clerk

18225 IRPW DRAFT REPORT

The draft report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales was noted.

18226 MCC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Councillors in each ward will complete the MCC questionnaire.

All cllrs

18227 TUCC NEWSLETTER

Postponed to the November TUCC meeting.

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18228 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD

No report. It was noted that Cllr Gooding had been the official link person on this issue. Cllr Pullan will take over the role.

18229 BABINGTON MEADOW

No report

18230 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Trellech Beacon Dash to be held on Sunday, 28 October, causing traffic delays. All money raised will support the Babington Centre
- Llandogo has a deputy Lord Lieutenant appointed to attend its Remembrance Service on 11 November

18231 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, M Hand, overgrown land by Trellech housing development responsibility of Edenstone
MCC, R Hoggins, draft road safety strategy
MCC, R Hoggins, water leak in Trellech logged as case 028624
MCC, S Parkinson, additional dog bin for Whitebrook ready for installation
MCC, J Pearson, no request for election received for vacancy in Penallt ward
MCC, R Rourke, Rights of Way Improvement Plan under review, questionnaires
MCC, T Thomas, further information on MonLife and postponement of visit to council

CPRW, 90th anniversary event at St Fagans, 13 October
CPRW, members' bulletin
D Dolbey, progress on Whitelye K6 kiosk
J Gooding, letter of resignation as councillor
IRPW, draft annual report for consultation
Llanishen Hall, J Hickling, application for grant towards services and business rates
D May, expression of interest in vacancy for Penallt ward
P Moore, update on road safety campaign in Llandogo and meeting with MCC
Narth Village Hall, M Dunkelman, application for grant towards building improvements
Newland Parish Council, update on Stowe Hill quarry planning process
One Voice Wales, Mon/Newport Area Meeting, 4 October
One Voice Wales, bulletin, September 2018
One Voice Wales, invitation to evening with Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Cwmbran, 21 November
Open Spaces Society, membership renewal
K Powell, suggestion for future S106 funding – Busybodies cabin
B Price, Lower Wye Ramblers, locations of defibrillators in TUCC area for new walks book
N Scarr, expression of interest in vacancy for Penallt ward
WAG, review of town and community council sector in Wales, final report
Welsh Local Government Association, survey of problems with unadopted roads

18232 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- to investigate registering ownership of the triangle of land at New Mills
- Prices Bridge: a presentation by John Griffin

18233 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 19 November 2018 at Pelham Hall, Penallt

The meeting closed at 20:47