

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at Pelham Hall, Penallt on Monday 19 November 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	Not present
Llanishen	George Weston	Present
The Narth	Rosemary Decker-Thomas	Present
The Narth	Larry Stoter	Present
Penallt	David May	From item 18236
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: The applicant for 2018/01508, Mistletoe Cottage, explained that although the shed referred to in the planning application had previously been used as an office, it was no longer needed for that purpose. The application was to move it into a paddock, where it would be used for agricultural storage.

18234 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Blakebrough

18235 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Stoter – item 18247, grant to Narth Village Hall. Currently chair of the hall committee. Cllr Stoter explained the application but did not vote upon it.

18236 CO-OPTION TO PENALLT WARD

It was resolved to appoint David May as councillor for the Penallt ward. Ms Scarr had withdrawn her application. Having completed the Declaration of Acceptance form, Cllr May joined the meeting.

Clerk

18237 CO-OPTION TO CATBROOK WARD

No election had been requested within the due date, and co-option notices had therefore been distributed. As yet no candidates had put themselves forward. It was agreed to extend the application date to 8 December, and to consider this item at the TUCC meeting on 10 December.

Clerk

18238 PRICES BRIDGE

John Griffin updated the council on this issue. The Planning Inspectorate had required MCC to resolve the public footpath dispute by November 2018 (see Minutes 18108, 17190, 17067). MCC now expects to complete this process by January 2019.

However ownership of the parcel of land on which the footpaths lie has also been disputed. Although it historically belonged to the Crown Estates, then to the Forestry Commission and subsequently to Natural Resources Wales, it was missed off a critical map defining Forestry Commission land holdings. In October 2013 the land was fenced off by the owners of Moor Farm, and they claimed ownership. Mr Griffin explained that there is little chance of regaining public ownership of the land, although it is registered as Open Access land. He is pursuing a complaint against NRW, alleging that they were both complacent and incompetent in handling the matter. This is a Category 2 complaint and will be the subject of an independent investigation.

18239 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH:

- Pen y Garn phone mast: MCC monitoring officer has visited. The mast is now working. Planning Condition 5 must still be fulfilled - to establish a connection to a community facility (Pelham Hall). It is hoped this will successful soon.
- Broadband: cabinet 20 in Penallt (and several others in the area) remained unfinished when money ran out. BT Openreach is now waiting for Phase 2 finance from the Welsh Assembly. If they win the contract the cabinets may be completed next year.
- Some residents in Llandogo have requested a bus shelter for children travelling to school in Chepstow.

18240 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER:** agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

18241 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 18100: Parking on Pentwyn Green

The clerk had been notified that the Babington Committee were holding a car boot sale on the Meadow on 17 November, and planned to use Pentwyn Green for overflow parking space if necessary. This complied with the agreement reached at the public meeting held prior to the Tucc meeting in May 2018, and minute 18119.

Item 18216: Telecoms mast at Tump Farm

Following a letter from the clerk both David Davies MP and Nick Ramsay AM had submitted comments on the Planning Portal. The planning application will be heard at Planning Committee in due course.

18242 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 01508, Whitebrook, Mistletoe Cottage, relocation of timber shed. Amended. No further comments
- 01670, Penallt, Croes Faen Bungalow, extension. Recommend approval
- 01824, Catbrook, Sunnydene, Whitelye Rd, single storey front extension and workshop/garage. No comment – property lies in Tintern CC area.

Clerk

18243 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 01890, The Narth, Narth Farm, Robins Way, add external flue to ridgeline. Recommend approval

Clerk

18244 MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00141, Catbrook, Boxtree Cottage, renewal of existing consent DC/2014/01346 – Outline application
- for a new dwelling with all matters reserved. Approved
- 01281, The Narth, Hawthorns, Pen y Fan, ground array PV panels in field adjacent to house. Approved
- 01414, Whitebrook, Wye Valley House, conservation repairs to vestiges of mill building. Approved

- 01432, Penallt, Bryn Tirion, outbuilding for workshop and store. Approved
- 01458, Penallt, Cherry Orchard Farm, agricultural building. Approved
- 01640, Catbrook, Moor Farm, Whitelye, corrugated metal agricultural storage building. Ag notification. Acceptable

18245 FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS: None

18246 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Item 18248 was considered at this point. See minute below.

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £45,632.03

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.

300096	Llandogo Village Hall, rates and services	£715.88
300097	The Narth Village Hall, rates and services	£638.78
300098	J Hoskins, grass cutting Catbrook VG	£280
300099	Clerk's salary	£402.40
300100	Playworks, salary admin Sep-Nov	£60
300101	Merlin Waste, dog waste collection	£270
300102	P Moore	£361.54

Clerk

18247 GRANT TO THE NARTH VILLAGE HALL

The village hall committee for The Narth had requested a grant of £1000 towards the cost of refurbishing their "conservatory style" storage area, total costs for which had been estimated at around £3,500. **It was resolved** in principle that the grant should be approved. This is subject to the usual terms, with copies of invoices being submitted after the work is completed.

Clerk

18248 ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN LLANDOGO

It was noted that TUCC had agreed to cover campaign costs up to £250 (minute 18181).

Considerably more than this had been spent, and the campaign group had submitted invoices with a request for a larger grant. **It was resolved** to make a final payment of £361.54.

Clerk

18249 PRICES BRIDGE

Following Mr Griffin's report on these issues (min 18238) **it was resolved** to write to John Griffin offering TUCC's full support, and asking him to alert the council when it would be appropriate for TUCC to make a contribution to the process.

Clerk

18250 OWNERSHIP OF VILLAGE GREENS

This issue had come to the fore again, following a request from a local resident to fell a dangerous tree growing on Pen y Fan Green, which was threatening his property. The Green is registered with MCC as VG6, with TUCC as the presumed owners since no-one else had claimed the land. Along with other village greens in the TUCC area it has not been formally recorded with the Land Registry. However, the Lord Marcher of Trelleck had placed a caution on the title for the land.

In this particular instance the resident had a full report from a recognised tree surgeon, indicating that the tree needed to be removed as soon as possible. The clerk had sent an email indicating that TUCC had no objection to the tree being felled. The resident had responded that he would now instruct a tree surgeon to proceed; he had also confirmed that all the waste materials would be removed from the Green.

It was noted that previous attempts to formally register TUCC's ownership of Village Greens had not progressed far. To challenge claims such as those of the Lord Marcher of Trelleck would be both costly and time consuming, and was judged to be not in the public interest.

18251 OWNERSHIP OF LAND AT NEW MILLS JUNCTION

This refers to the triangle of land where the former phone box and notice board are situated. Cllr Stokes was awaiting confirmation of the current situation, but the Land Registry had no registered claims upon it in 2000. To be discussed again when full information is available.

18252 TUCC NEWSLETTER

The text was agreed. But councillors decided to postpone printing until December, in the hope that a full list of councillors could be included once an appointment had been made for Catbrook.

18253 CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD: No report

18254 BABINGTON MEADOW

A car boot sale held on 17 November as a fundraiser.

18255 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Pentwyn Green: the standard of grass cutting by MCC is problematic
- Llandogo speed campaign. Police officers are interested in ANPR; but councillors felt that an enforcement camera might be more effective

18256 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, L Bermingham, Monmouth Community Hub newsletter
MCC, T Gunn, re 2018/01640 and query over its being an Agricultural Notification
MCC, S Parkinson, dog fouling meeting agenda and minutes, 7 Nov
MCC, J Pearson, no request for election received for vacancy in Catbrook ward
MCC, N Perry, Central Mon Area Committee, agenda, MCC HQ, 21 Nov
MCC, R Rawlings, draft plan for tackling loneliness and social isolation. Offer to attend TUCC meeting
MCC, R Rourke, Rights of Way Improvement Plan workshop, Shire Hall, Monmouth, 21 Nov

CPRW, members' bulletin

CPRW, Rural Wales, Autumn 2018

D Davies MP, comment sent to MCC re Tump Farm telecoms mast planning application

N Hilu (to Cllr C Edwards), concerning the felling of a dangerous oak tree on Pen y Fan Green

D May, feedback on co-option process for Penallt ward

Monmouthshire CAB, invitation to AGM, 3 December, 2 pm, Raglan, annual report and accounts

P Moore, request for further funding for expenses and for actions by TUCC on speeding in Llandogo

One Voice Wales, conference dates for 2019

One Voice Wales, Mon/Newport Area, minutes of meeting 4th Oct

One Voice Wales, invitation to evening with Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Cwmbran, 21 November

One Voice Wales, bulletin, October 2018

One Voice Wales, training module on local government finance, Usk, 29 Nov

Open Space, Autumn 2018

Open Spaces Society, draft Strategic Plan 2019-2024

N Ramsay AM, comment sent to MCC Planning re Tump Farm telecoms mast planning application

A Robertson, request to use Pentwyn Green for overflow parking for car boot sale 17 Nov

- Councillors would like to invite an MCC speaker on the subject of loneliness and social isolation.

Clerk

18257 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- Trellech School lights, on at weekends and during holidays, wasting electricity

18258 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10 December 2018 at The Hall, Llanishen

The meeting closed at 21:01