

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at the Millennium Hall, Llandogo on Monday 18 February 2019 at 7pm**

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	Guy Bowden	Present
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	Not present
Penallt	David May	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: Phil Moore and Justin Nicholls reported on the Llandogo campaign for traffic calming. They noted that it was now five years since the issue was flagged up as a major concern of residents, when the Community Led Plan was drawn up. It was 6 months since a well-attended public meeting expressed residents' frustration to MCC officials and Gwent police, and a petition with 400 signatures was delivered to MCC. Despite the fact that MCC then agreed to a number of measures there had been no progress at all. They requested the help of TUCC in putting pressure upon MCC to bring about some action.

19024. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs M Blakebrough, C Edwards and L Stoter

19025. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none

19026. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH

- Committed to remind R Hoggins at MCC of his promises with respect to Llandogo traffic calming.

19027. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY: agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

19028. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 19003: MCC's new recycling policy

Cllr Weston had forwarded to MCC his comments and suggestions.

Item 19006, 18276, etc: Lighting at Trellech School and Street Lighting Strategy

Roger Hoggins had still not replied about the lighting at Trellech School, with the latest "chaser" email to him dated 6 February. With regard to street lighting, he had explained that the company which had been providing remote control of lights using mobile phone technology had gone into administration. MCC was now reassessing whether or not to use remote control. MCC had also received an interest free loan to replace 5000 street lights with LED lights. He had acknowledged that this might be an opportune moment to also revisit the dark skies concept. Cllr Poulter had also contacted him about carefully chosen lantern lights in the Trellech conservation area being replaced with inappropriate modern units, but had received no response. The MCC officer responsible for lighting is Steven Harry.

Clerk

Item 19008: Enforcement cases

Manorside Cottage, Pen y Fan: MCC planners and NRW held a site meeting and concluded that no further action was needed, due to the small scale of the operation and the lack of any observable environmental pollution at the time of their unannounced visit. NRW would advise the land owner of their responsibilities and keep the situation under review.

Old Stables, The Beacons, Trellech: the continued unauthorised display of advertisements would be investigated. The enforcement officer had advised that a change of use complaint would need a new case to be opened. The clerk was asked to request such a case to be opened.

Clerk

Item 19009: Consultation on applications for tree work

MCC's tree officer had acknowledged that the wording of the standard letter was confusing, and had now modified it. He also assured councillors that he would only consult on an application (as opposed to informing councillors) where tree works would have a significant effect on the local landscape.

Item 19016: Code of Conduct Training

This session had been booked through One Voice Wales for Monday, 8th April, 6.30-9 pm, to be held at the Babington Centre in Trellech. One Voice Wales had advertised the course to other councils, and seven people had already booked places, with a further person on a waiting list. If twelve TUCC councillors plus the clerk attend, all 20 available spaces were taken. The cost of the course was £399, with travel for the trainer estimated by One Voice Wales to cost £41, and hire of the hall and provision of refreshments approximately £50. It was agreed that these costs should be shared at £25 per head. The clerk was asked to invoice those other councils that had booked places, requesting payment by 1 April.

Clerk

Item 19017: Catbrook Football Field

The terms of the lease, which runs until 31 December 2029, specified "use of the said field as a Recreation Ground and not for any other purpose whatsoever...." The clerk had enquired of MCC's legal and estates officers what this term encompassed, but had not yet had a reply. The clerk was asked to contact the local press asking people to put forward ideas. Proposals could then be checked with MCC before any decisions were taken.

Clerk

19029. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 2019/00059, Penallt, Site adjacent to Croes Faen Bungalow, modification of condition 12 (materials and external finishes) to 2017/00584. Recommend approval
- 2019/00097, Catbrook, Brynderwen, Back Rd, demolish & replace garage. Recommend approval
- 2019/00149, Llanishen, The Oaks, extension to and remodelling of existing house. Recommend approval

Clerk

19030. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 00061, Forest Cottage, Ceciliford, building for storage of implements and log store. Recommend approval
- 00195, The Narth, Dickensfield, removal of two chimneys Recommend approval

Clerk

19031. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 2018/01508, Whitebrook, Mistletoe Cottage, relocation of timber shed. Approved
- 2018/01874, Catbrook, Pleasant View Barns, change of use, agricultural building to microdistillery. Approved
- 2018/02083, Llandogo, Ty Bryn, change of use to C3 dwelling house. Approved

19032. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS: None

19033. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £52,650.94

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.

300112	Llandogo Millennium Hall, hire 15 Oct, 30 Nov 2018 + 18 Feb 2019	42.00
300113	Monmouth Band (min 19014)	620.00
300114	Clerk, salary	402.40
300115	One Voice Wales membership	379.00
300116	Whitebrook Village Hall, rates + services	599.72
300117	M Camp, maintenance of Broadstone Green in 2018	500.00
300118	MCC, summer playscheme	450.00
300119	Pelham Hall, services	500.00
300120	Merlin Waste, dog waste collection	270.00
300121	Playworks, payroll admin for three months	60.00

Clerk

19034. SIGNATORIES TO TUCC BANK ACCOUNT

Cllr Wakeling provided a signature, and three existing signatories to the account counter-signed the application.

Clerk

19035. TUCC INSURANCE POLICY 2019-20

It was resolved to accept the insurance quotation from Zurich, to include a long-term agreement for three years, at an annual premium of £476.63. It was noted that this could be extended at any point for a further two years at the same premium.

Clerk

19036. PENALLT INFORMATION BOARD AND VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS

It was resolved to allocate up to £200 for materials to replace the wooden information board in Penallt. Local councillors will take this forward.

DM, MW

Several councillors had noticed the village entrance signs to Tintern that had recently been erected. The clerk was asked to find out where they had been purchased, and at what price. This should be on the next agenda, with councillors considering how many signs might be needed for each village.

Clerk

19037. MAINTENANCE OF BROADSTONE GREEN 2019-20

Mr Camp had offered to continue to maintain the Green in 2019, at the same rate of £500 per annum. **It was resolved** to accept this offer.

Clerk

19038. RENOVATION OF FORMER BT KIOSK IN WHITELYE

The kiosk is in a poor state of repair, but local residents would like to use it to house a map of the area and tourist leaflets. **It was resolved** that up to £400 could be spent on materials, providing volunteers are willing to carry out the work.

Clerk

19039. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT TO WAG

It was noted that most of Tucc's suggestions had been incorporated in the final report to the Welsh Assembly, including the transfer of Far Hill from Llanishen to the Trellech Town ward, and inclusion of Trellech Grange in Tucc. Tucc had not supported the transfer of Llandogo to join Tintern Community Council, but this had been over-ruled. Llandogo residents should be encouraged to respond direct to the WAG consultation, whether they supported or opposed the final recommendation of the Boundary Commission.

19040. BABINGTON MEADOW

The committee had not met recently, due to Mr Robertson's ill health. The fund-raising Easter Egg hunt will take place as usual.

19041. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- A466 south of Tintern due to close for seven weeks starting on 8 April. The Llandogo to Trellech road would also be closed in March for resurfacing.
- Llandogo traffic calming. It was noted that Roger Hoggins should reply to correspondence direct to the clerk, and not communicate through the county councillor. Councillors also felt aggrieved that agreements already reached on a site visit had apparently been forgotten by MCC. Since the end of the financial year was approaching the clerk was asked to request whether MCC could locate any spare funds for the two agreed Vehicle Activated Signs (flashing up drivers' speeds), which TUCC had already promised to match fund.

Clerk

19042. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, C Bambridge, legal meaning of "recreational uses"
 MCC, S Baldwin, dates for closure of A466 for road works
 MCC, S Baldwin, drop-in session on A466 closure plans, Wye Valley Hotel, Tintern, 21 Feb, 5-7 pm
 MCC, G Delamere, update on enforcement cases
 MCC, D Ford, closure of Trellech/Bargain Wood road, 11 March for four weeks
 MCC, L Greer, Gwent Music Monmouthshire Showcase Concert, Monmouth Comp, 15 March
 MCC, R Hoggins, re street lighting policy
 MCC, J Keech, wording of letter on tree works in conservation areas
 MCC, Monmouth Community Hub, newsletter
 MCC, A Pankhurst, update on enforcement case
 MCC press release, consultation on secondary school catchment areas
 MCC, R Rourke, notes from workshop on Rights of Way Improvement Plan
 MCC, J Skidmore, Community Networking Event, rescheduled to 27 March
 A Bevan Health Board, Talk Health Public Meetings, 19 and 21 February
 Camp, M, record of maintenance work at Broadstone Green 2018-19 and confirmation of charge for 2019-20
 Griffin, J, letter to MCC on rights of way
 R Lewis, Rural transport survey, Zipabout
 Langollen International Music Festival, appeal for funds
 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, Report and Recommendations to WAG, Review of community arrangements in the county of Monmouthshire
 One Voice Wales, February training sessions
 One Voice Wales, Mon/Newport Area, minutes and follow-up papers, 17 Jan
 One Voice Wales, W Patience, booking bespoke training course on Code of Conduct
 One Voice Wales, news bulletin
 One Voice Wales, Monmouthshire GovTech Zipabout project
 One Voice Wales, renewal of membership, details of services provided to members
 One Voice Wales, Shan Bowden, ref lack of promised consultation by Boundary Commission
 L Parker, P Moore, Llandogo Speed Campaign lack of progress
 Pelham Hall, A Henstridge, utility bills
 L Price, overgrown hedge on field with Virtuous Well, Trellech
 J Rundle, Llandogo PCC, request for higher grant
 Shirenewton CC, H Counsell, booking for TUCC code of conduct training
 Wales Audit Office, report on financial management & governance, town and community councils, 2017-2018
 Wales Audit Office, fee scheme 2019-20
 WAG, K Carroll, Catbrook Football Field registered as Bee Friendly
 Zurich, insurance quote for 2019-20

19043. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- Catbrook football field
- Village entrance signs

Clerk

19044. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 18 March 2019 at The Babington Centre, Trellech

The meeting closed at 20:44