

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
held at The Babington Centre, Trellech on Monday 19 August 2019 at 7 pm**

<b>Village</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Catbrook	Guy Bowden	Present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger	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	Present
Penallt	Mary Wakeling	Not present
Trellech	Christopher Edwards	Present
Trellech	Alan Poulter (Chair)	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

**Clerk:** Ann Davison

**PUBLIC MEETING**

- (a) Planning application 01119: a neighbour explained his reservations about the application. These included an inaccurate representation of the boundary, and proposed roof lights very close to his property. He also felt that the lean-to part of the existing property was not capable of conversion as it was little more than a tin shed in a very poor state of repair. The applicant also spoke, and stressed that she was very willing to speak with the neighbours in order to reach agreement over the design.
- (b) Road safety in Catbrook. A local resident expressed his dismay that TUCC had resolved in July not to replace the village signs, as the existing ones were badly in need of repair. It was explained that repair of the existing signs was the responsibility of MCC. The discussion at TUCC had been over the provision of more attractive "gateway" signs to the village. The subject was not however closed, as MCC might bring forward plans to enhance road safety in villages in the near future (minute 19163).

**19160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs M Blakebrough, M Wakeling and Cty Cllr D Blakebrough.  
The Deputy Chair, Cllr Alan Poulter, chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Martin Blakebrough.

**19161. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Cllrs Parker and Dagger: planning application 01227, as the applicant and close neighbour respectively.  
Cllr Poulter: planning application 00652, as a close neighbour.  
None of them participated in the relevant discussions or voted thereon.

**19162. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 July:** agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

**19163. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Public meeting prior to 15 July TUCC meeting: Gwent Clinical Futures**

Richard Morgan-Evans had promised to provide a copy of his presentation. The clerk was asked to remind him of this.

Clerk

**Item 19150, etc: 30 mph zones and village entrance signs**

Roger Hoggins had confirmed that the request for 30 mph zones had been added to MCC's highways project plan list, and the request for a village sign for Whitebrook had been logged.

MCC was looking at a wider "road safety and village enhancement" project, and more information would be forthcoming in the near future.

**Item 19151: Refuse and Recycling Collections**

MCC's Carl Touhig had advised that a number of changes would be made to collection schedules from 29 July to try to resolve ongoing problems. From that date any missed collections reported on the My Monmouthshire app or on the MCC website would not only be "mopped up" but also investigated. The investigation process should prevent repeat missed collections. A councillor reported however that since 29 July new issues had arisen in the Pen y Fan area, with hygiene waste not being collected despite several requests.

Clerk

**19164. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 2018/00317, Trellech, Lion Inn, single storey side extension. Recommend approval
- 2019/00652, Trellech, Coach House, re-alignment of stairs. Listed building consent. Recommend approval
- 00904, Llandogo, Parklands, redesign of existing agricultural field entrance. Recommend approval
- 01083, The Narth, Tircwar, erection of new standalone double garage. Recommend approval
- 01119, Catbrook, Land south of The Gazebo, conversion of existing barn to single dwelling . Recommend refusal, as it would require a substantial rebuild rather than conversion.
- 01172, Penallt, Tregagle, Grace's Cottage, refurbishment and extension. Recommend approval
- 01220, Trellech, Greenway Farm, Garage Annexe, change of use from holiday let to residential. Recommend approval, but with a condition that it should remain an annexe to the house and not become a separate dwelling
- 01226, The Narth, Woodfield House, Moor Lane, single-storey kitchen extension on north elevation. Recommend approval
- 01227, Llandogo, Stoneleigh, first floor extension. Recommend approval

Clerk

**19165. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None**

**19166. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 00306, Whitebrook, Grist Mill, proposed vehicle access and parking area on land with public rights of way. Approved
- 00903, Trellech, Middleton House, fell Lawson Cypress and two cedar trees due to disease, prune one limb from ash tree. Approved
- 00994, The Narth, Kwetu, external staircase to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of garage. Approved

**19167. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS: None**

**19168. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £50,382.60.

The comparison between the 2019/20 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.

300146	Narth Village Hall renovation works (min18247)	£1000
300147	Clerk, salary	£415.07
300148	Society of Local Council Clerks, annual subscription	£106
300149	CPRW, annual subscription	£20
300150	Llanishen VH, hire 16 July	£45
300151	Merlin Waste, dog waste collection May-July	£270
300152	Llanishen PCC churchyard maintenance	£500

Clerk

**19169. SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES IN 2019/20**

It was noted that TUCC had allocated £600 in the budget for donations to charities that benefit local residents. **It was resolved** to donate £300 to Gwent Young Farmers' Clubs. An application for funds had been received from Homemakers Community Recycling. This should be included on the agenda of the next meeting for full discussion.

Clerk

**19170. CLERK'S HOUSE MOVE**

It was noted that the clerk will be moving house from 16 September. TUCC's email will be unaffected. The address will be modified on TUCC documents and website. The current telephone number is a landline, so will no longer be functional. **It was resolved** that TUCC should purchase a mobile phone with a dedicated phone number for TUCC, to a maximum budget of £200. Usage should initially be on a pay as you go basis, to be reviewed in six months.

Clerk

**19171. BABINGTON MEADOW**

GAVO had commended the Committee, for encouraging volunteering. Planning for this year's Art in Penallt is well underway. The grass will be cut shortly.

**19172. ANY OTHER REPORTS**

- Dog fouling. Abergavenny Town Clerk had convened a small meeting to air concerns about over-reliance on Merlin Waste. MCC would prefer the use of normal litter bins (from which 90% of waste goes to incineration), rather than specific dog waste bins with waste going to landfill. No conclusions have yet been reached.
- Thorneycroft, The Narth. There was concern that planning conditions specified in Planning consent 00280 were not being complied with. The clerk was asked to write to MCC's Planning and Highways requesting enforcement of the planning conditions. Vehicles associated with the building work were also causing obstructions on the lane, with no advance notice being given to residents.
- Whitelye Common. Local residents are keen to carry out conservation work, and are seeking advice from Gwent Wildlife Trust. They will report back once a plan is drawn up, to seek approval from TUCC.
- Road works – better advance notification needed. Councillors were reminded of the weekly road works list available on the MCC website.

Clerk

**19173. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- MCC, S Baldwin, update on road closure, A466
- MCC, D Ford, temporary closure of Pool Lane, The Narth, 23-25 July
- MCC, D Ford, temporary closure of Narth Lane, 3-5 September
- MCC, R Hoggins, 30 mph zone requests logged and update on road safety to follow
- MCC, N Leaworthy, response on refuse/recycling collections in Llanishen
- MCC, K Lloyd, proposed removal of BT payphones
- MCC, S Parkinson, dog fouling meeting, 4 July, minutes
- MCC, C Touhig, on recycling schedules and investigations where properties missed

A Bevan CHC, engagement events, 7-15 August, Cwmbran  
A Bevan UHB, public meeting on future of health services in the county, Monmouth, 10 September  
A Bevan UHB, Your Local Health News  
J Griffin, response from NRW to comments on report re Price's Bridge  
J Griffin, news on PROW at Price's Bridge  
Keep Wales Tidy, Long Forest Project, free app for hedgerow surveys  
Langstone Community Council, RJS Road Safety Conference, 11 October  
Llanishen PCC, A Porter, request for grant towards churchyard maintenance  
Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice, appeal for funding  
One Voice Wales, Governance & Accountability, Practitioner's Guide Wales, 2019  
One Voice Wales, news bulletin  
One Voice Wales, Monmouth Newport Area Committee, 18 July, minutes  
One Voice Wales, revised model financial regulations  
One Voice Wales, south Wales training programme, Sep-Dec 2019  
Planning Aid Wales, forthcoming training courses  
Wye Valley AONB, annual study tour, 20 September, invitation to all councillors

- It was noted that none of the payphones that BT is currently proposing to remove is within the TUCC area

**19174. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- Parking on Village Greens
- CAB funding
- Homemakers Community Recycling

**19175. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 16 September 2019 at the Babington Centre, Trellech.

The meeting closed at 20:50