

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

held at The Babington Centre, Trellech on Monday 16 September 2019 at 7 pm

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	Guy Bowden	Present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger	Present
Llandogo	Lynne Parker	Present
Llanishen	Martin Blakebrough (Chair)	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	Present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Not present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: None

19176. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs I Stokes, L Stoter and Cty Cllr D Blakebrough

19177. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Poulter, item 19189 (parking on village greens), as he lives adjacent to Trellech Village Green. Cllr Poulter left the room during discussion of this item.

19178. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH

Although not present at the meeting, it was reported that she is working to find a solution to the recycling problems in Llanishen.

19179. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 August: agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

19180. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 19163: Public meeting prior to 15 July TUCC meeting: Gwent Clinical Futures

A copy of the presentation had now been circulated to councillors.

Item 19170: Clerk's house move

The dedicated mobile phone number for TUCC is: 07594 515701. The new address is: 46 Chapel Road, Abergavenny, NP7 7DS. TUCC stationery and website have been updated with the new phone number and address.

Item 19172: Thorneycroft

MCC had advised that the developers had complied with planning conditions. Any issues over vehicles blocking the highway should be reported to the police rather than to MCC.

19181. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 01339, Penallt, Maes y Dalar, Penygarn Road, 1st floor extension. Recommend approval
- 01358, Penallt, Maes y Dalar, Penygarn Rd, demolition of existing garage & shed. Proposed new double garage with workshop and flat above. Recommend approval

Clerk

19182. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 00579, Trellech, Castle Comfort, rear extension. Recommend approval
- 01402, Llandogo, Bramleys annexe, change of use from ancillary accommodation to holiday let. Recommend approval
- 01441, Llanishen, Quarry Cottage, new drive entrance gate. Recommend approval
- 01442, Llandogo, Bigsnap Cottage, replacement single storey entrance, single storey boot room extension to back, 2 storey rear extension replacing existing garden room. Recommend approval
- 01474, The Narth, Manor House, Pen y Fan, single storey side extension. Recommend approval

Clerk

19183. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 01064, Penallt, The Granary Annexe, Glyn Farm, single storey extension. Approved
- 01226, The Narth, Woodfield House, Moor Lane, single-storey extension on north elevation. Approved
- 01227, Llandogo, Stoneleigh, first floor extension. Approved
- 01352, The Narth, Thorneycroft, discharge of condition 5, 2019/00280, appointment of arboriculturalist

19184. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 01083, The Narth, Tircwar, erection of new standalone double garage. Approved
- 01346, Llandogo, Falls Cottage, installation of 18 kW ground source heat pump system, supplied by 3 x 120m boreholes. Permitted development
- 01411, Penallt, Cae Dee, Upper Ferry Rd, 2 new windows at upper floor height on north elevation. Permitted development
- 01479, Catbrook, The Gethley, 4 x timber sheds. Agricultural notification

19185. HOMEMAKERS COMMUNITY RECYCLING

An appeal for funds had been received from Homemakers, to extend and improve their facilities in Abergavenny. Councillors recognised the value of the service provided by Homemakers to all Monmouthshire residents, including those in the TUCC area. A donation would fall under s137 of the LGA 1972. The remaining budget provision under s137 for 2019-20 was £300, but TUCC was permitted to spend up to £17,750 in the financial year under s137.

It was resolved to vire the sum of £2,000 from general contingency reserves.

It was further resolved to make a donation of £2,000 to Homemakers Community Recycling.

It was also noted that the remaining £300 in the budget for donations to charity should not be affected by this decision. The allocation of this amount to charity should appear on a future agenda.

Clerk

19186. MONMOUTHSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE

It was resolved to donate £3,000 to Citizens Advice, as provided for in the budget.

The clerk was asked to bring to their attention that their Newsletter appeared to conflate TUCC with Shirenewton CC.

Clerk

19187. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £59,693.53.

The comparison between the 2019/20 budget and expenditure to date was noted. The clerk was asked to circulate by email to councillors the monthly summary accounts sheet.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300153	Gwent Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs	£300
300154	Clerk, salary (£415.07) + expenses (£291.64)	£706.71
300155	Playworks, salary admin June-August	£60
300156	Homemakers Community Recycling	£2000
300157	Monmouthshire Citizens Advice	£3000

Clerk

19188. AMENDED ADDRESS ON UNITY TRUST ACCOUNT

In order that the address for the council be amended, the bank required two approved signatures. The appropriate form was signed by two councillors.

Clerk

19189. PARKING ON VILLAGE GREENS

The minutes of the Tucc meeting held in Penallt on 21 May 2018 record that a public meeting about parking on Pentwyn Green preceded the formal Tucc meeting. "The consensus was that there is only occasional parking on the Green, when special events are taking place at the Inn or in the village. For an event such as Art in Penallt, the lack of available parking elsewhere is a big problem. Residents suggested that they might informally marshal parking when such events take place, and ask drivers to park elsewhere if the ground is wet. There was no requirement for the Community Council to take any further action about parking.

Minute 18100 records: "It was noted that residents had made clear that they did not want the Community Council to introduce measures to prevent parking. Any issues that arise will be resolved by the local community."

Since that date a number of Tucc residents had complained verbally to councillors that Trellech Village Green was routinely used as a car park.

Councillors had studied the guidance published by DEFRA and by the Open Spaces Society on vehicles and Village Greens. Their understanding was that occasional parking for events that afford recreation for local residents is allowed under the legislation. The use of Pentwyn Green discussed at the Tucc meeting in May 2018 is therefore permitted. For clarity however **it was resolved** that a formal request should be made to Tucc on each occasion that such an event is planned. A notice to that effect should be added to the Penallt website; the clerk was also asked to write direct to the landlord of the Penallt Inn to inform him of this new policy.

Clerk

The parking on Trellech Village Green was different, as it was habitual and not related to community events. Legal advice had most recently been obtained on this and other issues relating to Tucc's village greens in October 2009. The clerk was asked to contact the same specialist firm of solicitors, and to obtain a quotation for updating the advice on the best approach to this issue.

Clerk

19190. BABINGTON MEADOW: Nothing to report

19191. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Dog waste bin in Penallt. A local resident had complained that the bin nearest to Pelham Hall was positioned in such a way that he had difficulty in manoeuvring large farm equipment through the field gate opposite the bin. He had requested that it be moved some 6 metres along the verge. Merlin Waste had quoted a price of £10 for moving the bin. **It was resolved** that the bin should be moved accordingly.
- Joint Community Council meeting on road safety and traffic problems. The chair of St Arvans Community Council had proposed a meeting between members of St Arvans and other A466/local Community Councils to develop a common approach to traffic problems, particularly speeding. Councillors agreed to support this initiative.
- Llandogo street lights. Sodium lights had been replaced with LEDs, provoking both complaints and enthusiasm from different residents.

Clerk

- Road closures for resurfacing on B4293. There had been a lack of advance warning from MCC. The clerk was asked to pursue this with MCC.

Clerk

- Bigsweir Bridge had sustained damage many weeks ago. The clerk was asked to request that MCC ask GCC to repair it speedily.

Clerk

19192. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, Highways, response on obstruction of road in The Narth by construction traffic

MCC, Highways, temporary closure of Cae Garw road, Farhill, 9-10 October

MCC, Planning Enforcement, response to TUCC comments

MCC, S Parkinson, dog bin in Whitebrook installed

S Banfield, Chair of St Arvans CC. Proposal to hold joint meeting over road safety matters

A Bevan UHB, R Morgan-Evans, copy of presentation to TUCC at July meeting

Abergavenny TC, Jane Lee, briefing note following meeting on dog waste service

CPRW, members' e-bulletin

V Godier, position of dog waste bin in Penallt

D Ivall (Merlin Waste), quote for moving dog bin

Langstone CC, Road Safety Conference, 11 October, Celtic Manor Conference Centre

One Voice Wales, preliminary info on Environment Wales Act 2016 - Community & Town Councils Duty under Section 6

One Voice Wales, S Wales training sessions, September/October

- It was noted that no councillor was available to attend the road safety conference organised by Langstone Community Council.

19193. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- Environment Wales Act 2016 s6
- St Arvans traffic and road safety initiative
- £300 to be donated to local charity

19194. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 21 October 2019 at the Millennium Hall, Llandogo

The meeting closed at 20:48