

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at The Millennium Hall, Llandogo on Monday 21 October 2019 at 7 pm**

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	Guy Bowden	Present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger	Not 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	Not present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: None

19195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs B Dagger, C Edwards and L Stoter and County Cllr D Blakebrough

19196. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Poulter and Bowden item 19207, Parking on Village Greens. Neither took part in discussion of this item.

19197. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH: None

19198. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 September: agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

19199. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 19185: Donation to Homemakers Community Recycling

A letter of thanks had been received. They are hoping that the sewer will be in place by January. All councillors are welcome to drop in and pay a visit at any time.

Item 19186: Monmouthshire Citizens Advice

The CEO had written to thank TUCC for its donation, and to apologise for the error in conflating TUCC with Shirenewton CC.

Item 19188: Unity Trust bank account

The address on the account has been altered as requested

Item 19191: Lack of advance information on closures of B4293

Roger Hoggins had apologised on behalf of MCC and acknowledged that something had gone wrong. It was being investigated, to ensure that it did not happen again.

He had also informed TUCC that his role at MCC has changed, so he no longer heads up the group dealing with highways and waste. Paul Keeble is group engineer for Highways and Flood, under Mark Hand (Head of Placemaking, Housing, Highways and Flood).

19200. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 00734, Trellech, The Old Stables, Beacon Rd, change to mixed use. Recommend refusal. While local businesses are to be encouraged, and the polytunnel is acceptable, the proposed sign at 6'x4' is too large for a site within the AONB. The current smaller A board is adequate.
- 01503, Trellech, The Firs, retention of gate on agricultural land + new steel agricultural shed. No recommendation. Planners are requested to determine the purpose of the agricultural building, and that the colour and finish of the roof is acceptable. If acceptable answers are received then a condition of any planning approval should be that a planting scheme is included along the southern gable end of the building to screen it from the B4293 when driving north out of Trellech.
- 01540, Llanishen, Jubilee Bungalow, B4293, single storey extension. Recommend approval
- 01544, Catbrook, The Parkhouse, extensions. Recommend approval

Clerk

19201. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None

19202. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 2017/01213, Whitebrook, Pilstone Farm, conversion of traditional outbuilding to residential use. Amended plans. Approved
- 2019/00579, Trellech, Castle Comfort, rear extension. Approved
- 2019/00825, Catbrook, The Gethley, Parkhouse Rd, 2 storey side extension etc. Approved
- 00981, Trellech, Rose Cottage, Beacon Rd, minor alterations to elevation, installation of ground source heat pump, pv panels, etc. Approved
- 01474, The Narth, Manor House, Pen y Fan, single storey side extension. Approved
- 01534, The Narth, Thorneycroft, add solar panels to both properties. Approved
- 01601 and 01603, Penallt, The Argoed, crown lift and remove lower branches (T14 oak and London plane). Approved

19203. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 01582, The Narth, The Cabin, single storey side extension. Permitted development

19204. PLANNING TRAINING

It was resolved to approve the attendance of Cllr David May and Cllr Mary Wakeling at a training session provided in Monmouth by Planning Aid Wales on 11 November, at a cost of £35.

Clerk

19205. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £53,608.82.

The comparison between the 2019/20 budget and expenditure to date was noted.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300158	Cllr D May, training session on planning 11 November	£35
300159	R Bentley, repairs to Penallt village display board (min 19129)	£280
300160	Merlin Waste, collections 29 July-9 Sep	£187.50
300161	Llandogo Millennium Hall, services contribution	£500
300162	Llandogo Millennium Hall, hire 21 October	£18
300163	Clerk's salary	£415.07

- Councillors were reminded that if they did not wish to receive the annual councillor's allowance of £150, mandated by the IRPW and approved in the 2019/20 budget (minute 18270) they needed to write to the clerk. Cheques would be issued at the November TUCC meeting.
- A draft budget for 2020/21 will be presented at the December meeting for approval. Any proposals for the budget should be communicated as soon as possible either to the clerk or to a member of the finance group.

Clerk

19206. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT FOR 2018/19

It was noted that the external audit had now been completed, and there were no items to report to the council, other than the omission of a minute number and date, which had now been corrected. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been posted on the notice board in Llandogo and on the website, and the signed Annual Return added to the council website.

Clerk

19207. PARKING ON VILLAGE GREENS

Legal advice had been obtained on this in October 2009. The specialist solicitor consulted at that time would charge between £600 and £850 to update his advice. **It was resolved** to commission such advice, using funds from the £2000 allocated in the reserves for legal fees.

Clerk

19208. MULTI-COUNCIL MEETING ON ROAD SAFETY

Cllrs Bowden and Pullan had attended the first meeting of this group convened by MCC. They reported that it had ambitious plans, looking at the impact of traffic speeds not just on local residents but also on the tourist industry. MCC also planned to coordinate closely with the AONB, who were represented at the meeting. They noted that TUCC, along with other community councils, would need to make a budget provision for the group's future plans. In future only one representative would be needed from each council. **It was resolved** to appoint Cllr Andy Pullan, with Cllr Guy Bowden as deputy.

19209. S16 REPORT ON BIODIVERSITY

TUCC is required to produce a report by end 2019 on how it incorporates consideration of biodiversity into its work. A working group was formed to outline a draft policy, to be presented at the November meeting. Cllrs Bowden, Decker-Thomas and Wakeling agreed to be in this group.

GB, RD-T, MW

19210. MCC DRAFT ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Councillors welcomed the ambitious plans in MCC's draft report, and requested that an annual report on progress be issued. They were concerned that it needed to include demonstrable targets against which progress could be audited. It was also pointed out that while bike carriers on buses would be very welcome, the primary concern should be to guarantee the continuation of useful bus services in rural areas.

19211. MCC DRAFT ROWIP

The draft report was welcomed, but councillors regretted that MCC did not have the resources to enforce rights of way, or to improve them. It was noted that TUCC could actively encourage the formation of more volunteer groups, such as the one in the Narth.

Clerk

19212. BABINGTON MEADOW: Nothing to report

19213. ANY OTHER REPORTS: None

19214. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- MCC, Chairman's charity events, 14 March, 20 March, 15 April 2020
- MCC, H Clatworthy, MCC draft report on Climate Emergency
- MCC, P Cleary, temporary road closures for Trellech Beacon Dash, 3 November
- MCC, R Hoggins, on poor communication over B4293 roadworks, and new MCC roles
- MCC, R Hoggins, initial meeting on Wye Valley collaborative approach to road safety, 17 Oct
- MCC, R Rourke, draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- MCC, D Wong, 2019/00725 to go to delegation panel rather than Planning Committee

- AONB, A Blake, background documents for inaugural meeting on Wye Valley collaboration
- A Bevan UHB, Public meeting on future health service provision, Chepstow, 9 Oct
- CPRW, e-bulletin
- V Godier, letter about position of Penallt dog waste bin

Homemakers Community Recycling, letter of thanks for donation
R Hutchings, fee proposal for legal advice to TUCC
IRPW, draft annual report 2020
N Jukes, claim for financial support for Llandogo Millennium Hall
One Voice Wales, bulletin
One Voice Wales Monmouthshire/Newport Area meeting, 3 October, agenda and minutes
One Voice Wales, pro forma for statement of payments to members 2018/19
One Voice Wales, training sessions in S Wales in November
Planning Aid Wales, Introduction to Planning, Monmouth, 11 November
Unity Trust Bank, address details updated
S Vass, copy of correspondence with R Hoggins about Catbrook village signs
G Weston, stickers available for dog waste bins

19215. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- IRPW draft annual report 2020
- Payment of councillor allowances
- Charity donation of £300
- Report from working group on S16 Biodiversity

19216. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 18 November 2019 at Pelham Hall, Penallt

The meeting closed at 20:45