

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held at Catbrook Memorial Hall on Monday 20 January 2020 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	Present
Penallt	David May	Present
Penallt	Mary Wakeling	Not present
Trellech	Christopher Edwards	Present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: with reference to Whitelye Common (agenda item 20012) Steve Greatorex-Davies told councillors of his correspondence and meetings with Gwent Wildlife Trust over the need for scrub clearance work to maintain its rare lowland heath habitat. He and other local residents were willing to carry out the work on a voluntary basis. Work needed approval from TUCC as landowner of the site.

20001. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Wakeling and Cty Cllr D Blakebrough

20002. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Poulter – item 20011, as his house adjoins Trellech Village Green. Cllr Poulter left the room during discussion of this item.

20003. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEBBY BLAKEBROUGH: None

20004. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 December: agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk

20005. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 19228: Training Session on Planning

Monmouth Town Council will host a course by Planning Aid Wales on “Responding to planning applications” on Monday 9 March, 6-9 pm. They will charge £20 per head for participants from outside Monmouth TC. Official invitations will be sent out shortly. The same course will run on 22 Jan at Rogiet Sports Pavilion at a cost of £40 per head.

Item 19241, 19233: Forthcoming road works on A466

MCC’s engineer, Ian Brain, had given the following details: plans are to resurface sections of the A466 at Bigsweir, Tintern Station and possibly Catchmays Court, if there is sufficient funding available. Works would require a daytime closure on weekdays (9.15 am to 3.30 pm), with a diversion route running between Monmouth/Trellech/Tintern. A four week closure will be allowed for, in case of adverse weather conditions, but engineers would endeavour to complete the work in a shorter period.

Item 19249: TUCC Defibrillators

These have now all been added to BHF’s Circuit, which has replaced the Welsh Ambulance Service database. The issue of spare pads and faulty batteries at the Llandogo defibrillator had not yet been

resolved. Richard McKeand had arranged for Zoll to provide a replacement defibrillator while they looked into repairing the original. A quote will be provided before any repairs are undertaken.

Clerk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 01954, Penallt, The Coach House, Hoop Rd, construction of standalone garage + air source heat pumps + shepherd's hut for home office. Fast track application. Councillors raised no concerns.
- 02053, Llanishen, land north of Carpenters Arms: reserved matters application for construction of 8 dwellings (appearance, access, landscaping, etc). Concerns were expressed over the proposed parking arrangements and several other issues. (1) The parking spaces for houses 1 and 2 require an extra access onto the highway, very close to a blind corner; the narrow lane is also not suitable for the "shuttling" that will be required because the spaces for each house are directly behind each other. (2) Clarification was also needed on the parking provision for the other six houses. Several properties had three spaces directly behind each other, and very little space was available on site for vehicles to manoeuvre. (3) Would the parking area have a permeable surface? Given drainage issues that already exist on the site, this was important. (4) Is street lighting planned? There are no street lights elsewhere in the village and TUCC requested no lighting be introduced to the development. (5) Does the landscaping plan adequately address biodiversity.

Clerk

20006. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 02013, Llanishen, Twyn Gorse, alterations to include stone cladding, new roof covering, extensions etc. Recommend approval

Clerk

20007. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00651 and 00652, Trellech, Coach House, re-submission of previous planning consent as new owner. Re-alignment of stairs and new chimney. Planning and listed building consents. Approved
- 00725, Penallt, Llananant Barn, conversion and change of use to dwelling. Approved
- 01220, Trellech, Greenway Farm, Garage Annexe, change of use from holiday let to residential. Approved
- 01733, Trellech, Land north of Rose Cottage, Beacon Rd, replace existing outbuildings with single new build annexe accommodation. Approved
- 01758, Penallt, The Coachhouse, The Argoed, single storey side extension. Approved

20008. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 01830, Llanishen, Tregairiog House, Llangovan, construction of garage and stables. Approved

20009. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £57,216.03.

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

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300188	Pelham Hall, hire 20/5/19 and 18/11/19	29.70
300189	J Hoskins, grass cutting Catbrook VG 2019	280.00
300190	Clerk, salary + 6 x Variera bins (£9)	424.07
300191	Llanishen Hall, hire 9/12/19	20.00

Clerk

20010. PARKING ON TRELLECH VILLAGE GREEN

Legal advice had been sought by TUCC, because some residents had drawn attention to the fact that vehicles should not park on Trellech Village Green, and yet there were commonly vehicles parked on it. The specialist solicitor had advised that it would be appropriate to put a chain link fence along the edge of Trellech Village Green, and had provided draft letters to residents directly affected, and to local residents in general.

It was resolved that Tucc should send a letter to the four properties adjoining the Green, with a copy posted on the notice board. The letter should follow the draft supplied by the solicitor, and indicate that Tucc may erect a fence.

Cllr Poulter left the room during discussion of this issue. It was acknowledged that there is a prescriptive easement for cars to access Cllr Poulter's garage, which predates registration of the village green. (Confirmed in solicitor's letter, 2009.) This easement does not however extend to parking on the green. When Cllr Poulter returned to the room, he was reminded of this. (Cllrs Bowden and May abstained from this resolution)

Clerk

20011. MANAGEMENT OF WHITELYE COMMON

It was resolved that Mr Greateorex-Davies could proceed with scrub clearance before the spring, in accordance with the programme he had agreed with Gwent Wildlife Trust.

20012. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY TUCC

It was resolved that in-house training should be requested from One Voice Wales (OVW) on this topic. OVW offer two modules on the subject and the clerk was asked to find out if a condensed one-session programme could be provided, with an emphasis on practical aspects of the subject.

Clerk

20013. NOTICE BOARDS

It was noted that the assets list includes a board in Llanishen that was installed many years ago on the wall of the garage. This property has changed a number of times and the board is no longer there; it is also a place where no pedestrians are likely to pass. It should be written off and removed from the list.

Councillors were asked to review the provision of boards in their own village. Ideally how many boards are needed, and in what locations? What is the state of repair of existing boards? When this information is collated then Tucc will be able to formulate a programme of renovation and replacement. This should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

All cllrs

20014. TRAINING

See minute 20012

20015. WEBSITE/DDA COMPLIANCE

To be discussed at the next meeting

20016. BABINGTON MEADOW: No report

20017. ANNUAL DINNER

A provisional date of 27 March was agreed. Cllr Blakebrough will contact The Fountain Inn, to see if they would be able to provide a suitable menu.

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20018. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- The Boundaries Commission for Wales hosted a meeting at County Hall: to the surprise of community and town councillors, it was announced that changes to boundaries have now been approved and will operate from the next election. At this time Llandogo will join with Tintern, and Trellech Grange will join Tucc. Residents in Far Hill will be in the Trellech rather than the Llanishen ward. County council constituencies will not correspond to the boundaries of community councils.
- Dog waste meeting. Community and town councils continue to report issues with Merlin Waste, but there are no alternative providers in the MCC area. MCC's Carl Touhig will calculate the cost of offering the service.
- Wye Valley Villages Group: the terms of reference for the consultation process have been agreed. The project will go out to tender in January. MCC is hoping to fund this consultancy process. No immediate costs to Tucc are foreseen. The group will continue to meet as and when necessary.

20019. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, S Beer, notes from meeting of Wye Valley villages group, 10 December
MCC, I Brain, details of road works on A466 near Llandogo
MCC, K James, form for 2020/21 precept request
MCC, R Rawlings, meeting prior to cluster group meeting, 21 Jan, 6 pm
MCC, R Rawlings, info on Viridor & Prosiect Gwyrdd Community Fund
MCC, J Skidmore, Cluster Meeting, Monmouth, 21 Jan, 6 pm
MCC, L Trigg, posters for campaign to recruit foster carers

Alan, P, dog waste bins on De Clere Way not emptied
S Greatorrex-Davies, management of Whiteley Common
Gwent Wildlife Trust, management of Whiteley Common
Monmouth TC, clerk, training session on planning, 9 March
One Voice Wales, Area Committee, agenda for 16 Jan
One Voice Wales, South Wales training schedule
Open Space, Autumn 2019
Urdd National Eisteddfod 2020, appeal for funding
WAG, consultation on changes to planning and related applications fees
Wye Valley AONB, A Blake, comments on draft brief for Wye Valley Working Group

20020. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- Community councils' powers to spend, including S137 and the Power of Wellbeing
- Provision of notice boards
- Website/DDA compliance

20021. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday, 17 February 2020 at the Millennium Hall, Llandogo

The meeting closed at 21:45