

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held via Zoom on Monday 15 March 2021 at 7 pm**

Village	Councillor	Attendance
Catbrook	Guy Bowden	Present
Catbrook	Andy Pullan	Present
Llandogo	Bob Dagger	Present
Llandogo	Lynne Parker	Not present
Llanishen	Martin Blakebrough (Chair)	Present
Llanishen	George Weston	Present
The Narth	Rosemary Decker-Thomas	Not present
The Narth	Larry Stoter	Present
Penallt	David May	Present
Penallt	Mary Wakeling	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: none

21039. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Decker-Thomas and Parker had been prevented from attending by personal circumstances. **It was resolved** to accept these reasons for absence from the meeting.

21040. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Wakeling, item 21047 – charity donation. As treasurer of the nominated charity Cllr Wakeling abstained.

21041. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 February: agreed as a true record. Chair to print, sign and retain.

Clerk

21042. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 21029: Funding for village halls in 2021/22

All the village hall treasurers have been informed of grants available from TUCC in the next financial year. They have expressed thanks and appreciation.

Item 21030: SDF Fund application for the Narth Footpaths Group

The application has been submitted.

Item 21033: HM Land Registry Survey

The clerk had completed the survey. No details were required of land owned or land registered.

Item 21035: Dam on millpond in Whitebrook

An MCC engineer had visited but had not seen a need for urgent repairs.

21043. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 00121, Llandogo, Garden shed, land between Lion Cottage and Ty Dan Cledan. Recommend approval
- 00250, Catbrook, Llwyn y Celyn, Parkhouse, double garage including study in roofspace. Recommend approval
- 00252, Catbrook, Llwyn y Celyn, Parkhouse, 2 storey extension, new entrance steps. Recommend approval
- 00254, Llanishen, Keepers Lodge Farm, covered structure for silage storage. Recommend approval

21044. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

- 00221, Llanishen, Lower Cae Garw Farm, Far Hill, outdoor swimming pool. Recommend approval

Clerk

21045. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 2019/00904, Llandogo, Parklands, redesign of existing agricultural field entrance. Approved
- 2021/00026, Penallt, Highcroft, use of land in excess of 10 years as garden curtilage. Approved

21046. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS: none

21047. CHARITY DONATION

£100 remained in the budget for charities benefiting the local population. **It was resolved** to donate £100 to North Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation. Cllr Wakeling did not vote.

21048. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £52,488.80.

The comparison between the 2020/21 budget and expenditure to date was noted.

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed. Cllrs Dagger and Stoter were nominated to complete online authorisations for these payments.

BACS/20	Merlin Waste	£109.85
BACS/21	Clerk, salary + expenses (£144.31)	£570.76
BACS/22	Playworks, salary admin	£20.00
BACS/23	Whitebrook Village Hall, grant towards services	£500.00
BACS/24	Pelham Hall, grant towards services	£500.00
BACS/25	Llanishen Village Hall, grant towards services	£500.00
BACS/26	Trellech VH, Babington Centre, Hall, grant towards services	£500.00
BACS/27	Llanishen VH, grant towards repairs (min 20165)	£1500.00
BACS/28	Monmouthshire Meadows Group, Wet Meadow (min 19231)	£1300.00
BACS/29	One Voice Wales subscription	£411.00
BACS/30	N Gwent Cardiac Rehab	£100.00

Clerk, RD, LS

21049. GRANT APPLICATION FROM CATBROOK VILLAGE HALL

It was resolved to make a grant of £2,500 towards the purchase of a replacement boiler for the village hall. This represented 60% of the total cost and therefore met the criteria for grants in the 2021-22 financial year as set out in minute 21029.

21050. BIODIVERSITY: Postponed to the next meeting.

Clerk

21051. TUCC DEFIBRILLATORS

Six of the defibrillators owned by TUCC were in need of new pads. These are replaced free of charge by Welsh Ambulance Service if they have been used, but if unused the electrodes have a shelf life of five years and their use-by date is 26 March 2021. **It was resolved** that six replacement sets of pads should be purchased, at an approximate price of £80 a set, and new batteries should also be purchased since the life of batteries is approximately similar. The defibrillator cabinets in Llandogo and Trellech were faulty, with the locking mechanism for the Llandogo cabinet making access to the defibrillator itself very difficult. **It was resolved** that these two cabinets should be replaced, with non-locking models to ensure immediate access in an emergency. Supplies of cabinets are currently difficult due to Brexit, but prices were around £400-£500 each. Since there was no budget heading for these items the funds should be vired from non-allocated reserves.

Clerk

21052. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

The timetable for changes within the sector was noted.

Clerk

21053. BABINGTON MEADOW: No report

21054. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- It was noted that councillors have been sent several communications about the census that have been very long and complicated. It was felt that the information circulated by post to each household was adequate and no additional input from councillors was needed.

21055. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, Ellie Barker, census awareness
 MCC, S Beer, Wye Valley Villages project, stage 2 presentation, 11 and 30 March
 MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Organy Pool Rd, Catbrook, 29-30 March
 MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Pant Glas Rd, Llanishen, 29-30 March
 MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Pentwyn & Pen y Garn roads, 29 Mar-2 April
 MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Narth Lane, 12-16 March
 MCC, M Hand, forthcoming road closures affecting the Wye Valley
 MCC, M Hand, update on 20mph proposals
 MCC, M Hand, WG funding for residents and businesses affected by flooding since Sep 2020
 MCC Highways & Flood Management, M Jeffes, report on mill pond dam at Traligael, Whitebrook
 MCC, S Parkinson, Give Dog Fouling the Red Card, meeting 18 March
 MCC, R Rawlings, councillor handbook on census
 MCC, M Watkins, re condition of road surface and flooding, Back Lane, Catbrook
 A Bevan U Health Board, weekly vaccination update
 Babington Centre, J Roberts, application for £500 services support grant
 Catbrook Village Hall, A Pullan, application for grant towards new heating system
 The Circuit, defibrillator pads due to expire
 CPRW, e-bulletin February
 HMRC, confirmation of VAT claim
 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, annual report for 2021-22
 Llanishen Village Hall, J Hickling, application for £500 services support grant
 Llanishen Village Hall, J Hickling, invoices towards agreed £1500 grant (min 20165)
 Llanishen Village Hall, J Hickling, confirmation that TUCC £45 in credit (min 21021)
 B Mahony, Narth Footpaths Group, completed application for SDF funding
 S Mason, PCSO, February police report
 Monmouthshire Meadows Group, R Morgan, invoices towards agreed £1300 grant (min 19231)
 NSPCC, appeal for funds for Childline
 One Voice Wales, WG consultation on litter and fly-tipping prevention
 One Voice Wales, W Patience, online training offered in March
 One Voice Wales, summary of key provisions Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021
 One Voice Wales, The Good Councillor's Guide to Cybersecurity
 Pelham Hall, A Henstridge, application for £500 services support grant
 Planning Aid Wales, forthcoming online training offered: responding to planning applications
 Welsh Government, electoral newsletter
 Welsh Government, Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, commencement, implementation & guidance
 Whitebrook Village Hall, S Symondson, application for £500 services support grant
 Wye Valley AONB, A Blake, invitation to 50th Anniversary online talk

- It was noted that the necessary resolutions consequent on the IRPW report were passed at the October 2020 meeting: minute 20188

21056. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA: none

21057. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 19 April at 7pm, via Zoom. Members of the public will again be invited to contact the clerk in advance if they would like to join the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:17