

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held via Zoom on Monday 19 April 2021 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	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: none

On behalf of the council the chair congratulated Christopher Edwards on his recent election as County Councillor in Chepstow.

21058. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Stoter

21059. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none

21060. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 March: agreed as a true record, with one amendment to item 21040, that Cllr Wakeling was a member of the fund-raising committee rather than the treasurer of the charity. Chair to print and sign.

Clerk

21061. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 20221, 20207 etc: Council boundary changes in 2022

One Voice Wales still had no guidance on this issue, and were awaiting further information and ratification of the Order by the Welsh Government. They have however suggested that it would be helpful for councils to gather a list of queries and items of concern (such as transfer of assets).

Item 21021, etc: A466 road closures, Wyndcliff

The four-week closure had been postponed, probably now to commence on 26 April. This was due to the unusually low night-time temperatures affecting bat hibernation. NRW had issued a licence for the work to be carried out and it was imperative that MCC complied with its requirements. Throughout the road closure period (now expected to be 4 weeks from 26th April), a full diversion would be in place allowing traffic to travel between Chepstow and Tintern. Drivers were asked to follow the diversion signs and not rely on satnav, as many of the local lanes are so narrow. Cyclists would still be able to use the A466 during the closure.

Item 21042, 21030, Public Meeting 15/2/21: SDF Fund application for Narth Footpaths Group

The application had been approved.

Item 21051: TUCC Defibrillators

As resolved in minute 21051 six replacement sets of pads and batteries had been purchased, along with two replacement unlocked cabinets. The new cabinets were a different brand, which was immediately

available as it was not imported from the EU; they also carried a 5-year guarantee compared to a 1-year guarantee for the previous cabinets, and would provide more protection from direct sunlight, which had caused the carry bag for the Llandogo defibrillator to deteriorate. They did however require an electricity supply at mains voltage, so would need to be installed by a qualified electrician.

Item 21055, 20188: IRPW Report

The mandated payments to councillors and chair were now due to be paid, as noted in minute 20188. Councillors were reminded that if they wished to opt out of receiving the £150 then they needed to notify the clerk in writing. Further, if payment is to be made by bank transfer, they needed to send the relevant details to the clerk before the next meeting.

All cllrs

21062. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 00109, Penallt, The Sycamores, Glyn Rd, extension to existing general purpose agricultural building. Recommend approval
- 00415, Penallt, Clarence House, replace damaged fence with new stock fencing. Recommend approval
- 00423, Penallt, Adj to Frostlands Bungalow, convert 2 derelict stone buildings to 1-bed holiday lets. Recommend approval
- 00438, Penallt, Woodpecker Cottage, double garage. Recommend approval
- 00442, Penallt, Mulberry House, replace existing fence with stock fencing. Recommend approval
- 00480, Penallt, Croes Faen Bungalow, extension and alterations. Recommend approval
- 00501, Penallt, Mulberry House, 1.2m featherboard fencing to rear of house. Recommend approval
- 00511, Catbrook, Oaklands, Parkhouse, addition of garden room. Recommend approval
- 00541, Trellech, Penlan Cottage, Greenway Lane, link extension, PV panels, ground source heat pump. Recommend approval
- 00542, Trellech, The Lodge, Babington Close, replace porch. Recommend approval
- 00584, Penallt, Llanant Farm, new agricultural barn. Recommend approval
- Footpath diversion, Badgers Drift, NP25 4PU. No objection

21063. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

- 00676, Penallt, Ty Cefn, Tregagle, add 2 dormer roofs. Recommend approval
- 00665, Penallt, Ty Cefn, Tregagle, mobile shepherds hut. Recommend approval
- 00612, Catbrook, Ty Bryn, Parkhouse, single storey extension to bungalow. Recommend approval

Clerk

21064. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 2019/01716, Penallt, Site adj to Croes Faen Bungalow, affordable housing to be reconsidered due to its adverse impact (2017/00584). Approved by delegated panel
- 2020/01817, Penallt, The Hythe, New Mills Rd, fence constructed to prevent deer entering garden. Approved

- 2020/01868, Whitebrook, Old Baptist Chapel, single storey rear semi subterranean extension. Approved
- 2020/01896, Llandogo, The Retreat, Catchmays Court, replace faux Victorian conservatory with one to match 1750s building. Approved
- 2021/00076, Llanishen, Twyn Gorse, single storey rear annexe to connect garage to house. Approved
- 2021/00291, Penallt, Holly Tree House, Green Pastures, rear single storey extension. Permitted Development

21065. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS:

- 00121, Llandogo, Garden shed, land between Lion Cottage and Ty Dan Cledan. Approved

21066. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £47,366.56.

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

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed. Cllrs Poulter and Decker-Thomas were nominated to complete online authorisations for these payments.

BACS/31	Merlin Waste	£112.67
BACS/32	Clerk, salary + expenses (£78.90, printer cartridges)	£481.55
BACS/33	Babington Meadow, grass cutting	£1000.00
BACS/34	Clerk, Defibrillator cases and consumables	£1936.80
BACS/35	Vision ICT, website hosting 2021-2222	£210.00
BACS/36	Playworks (Katherine Watkins), salary admin	£20.00

- It was noted that the cost of dog waste collections had increased by 10p per bin, to £4 from 1 April 2021. This cost could be covered by the approved budget. (No alternative service was available.)

Clerk, AP, Rd-T

21067. BIODIVERSITY: Postponed to the June meeting.

Clerk

21068. WYE VALLEY VILLAGES ROAD SAFETY MEETING

A very positive meeting had been held on 30 March, followed by individual meetings for each community council with Arup and MCC. The general consensus had been that all villages should be covered by a speed limit of either 30 or 20 mph. Public consultation on the Arup plan will follow, and then action plans with costs. It was noted that St Arvans Community Council had already pledged £10,000 towards the scheme. It was noted that TUCC had £10,000 allocated reserves for "village road safety, signage etc" in the 2020-21 budget, which had not been spent. This had not been listed separately in the allocated reserves for 2021-22. The allocation of reserves should be reviewed at the next TUCC meeting, given that there is a general contingency of £28,907.

Clerk

21069. INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS AT ART IN PENALLT

The director of Art in Penallt had asked whether TUCC insurance might cover their volunteers at this summer's event. TUCC insurance automatically covers all volunteers carrying out work on behalf of the council; however, Art in Penallt is a separate organisation with its own bank account. The event was also being held at a venue unconnected to TUCC. TUCC insurance was not therefore appropriate, but the council would consider an application from Art in Penallt for a grant towards its own insurance.

Clerk

21070. HOLDING OF FUTURE TUCC MEETINGS

It was noted that under the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the council is enabled to continue with remote meetings. The holding of meetings in person will be reviewed in July.

Clerk

21071. BABINGTON MEADOW: No report

21072. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Catbrook Education Trust had advertised locally the availability of grants.

21073. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, S Baldwin, updates on work at Wyndcliff site, A466
MCC, S Beer, Wye Valley Village project, road safety workshop, 14 April
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Bargain Wood road, Cleddon, 4-6 May
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Moorcroft Rd, Penallt, 6 April
MCC, G Greeman, temporary road closure, Lone Lane, Penallt, 20-22 April
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Pant Glas rd, Llanishen, 15-17 April
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Whitelye Road, Botany Bay, 21-23 April
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Glyn Rd & Upper Ferry Rd, Penallt, 26 April
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, C48-17 Penallt, 4-7 May
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Narth Lane, 12-18 March
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Pen y Lan road, Farhill, 8-9 April
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Pentwyn Lane, 7-19 April
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Ty Hir rd, Llanishen, 14-16 April
MCC, H Owens, Env Health, misuse of dog-poo bins and use of Community Protection Notices
MCC, S Parkinson, minutes from Give Dog Fouling the Red Card meeting, 18 March
MCC, S Pritchard, proposed footpath diversion at Badgers' Drift, NP25 4PU
AONB, S Sawyer, award of SDF funding for Narth Footpaths Group
Audit Wales, D Evans, annual return documents
A Bevan U Health Board, weekly vaccination update
A Bevan CHC, Patients' Voice news bulletin
CPRW, e-bulletin March
CPRW, manifesto for the Senedd elections
S Mason, PCSO, March police report
NFWI, Digital Connectivity Survey
North Gwent Cardiac Rehab Charity, letter of thanks for grant
One Voice Wales/SLCC, joint event 13 May
One Voice Wales, final wording of refreshed Countryside Code
One Voice Wales, Area Committee meeting, 15 April, agenda etc
One Voice Wales, news bulletin
One Voice Wales, W Patience, online training offered in April
Pensions Regulator, re-enrolment confirmed
Planning Aid Wales/One Voice Wales, Regenerating Towns and Communities post-Covid, 23 June
S Powell, request about Pen y Fan phone box
A Robertson, request for insurance cover for Art in Penallt volunteers
R Robertson, request for annual maintenance grant for Babington Meadow
A Webb, forwarded notice of delay to A466 works at Wyndcliff
Welsh Government, implementation of Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021

21074. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA: none

21075. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 17 May 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 20:37