

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held via Zoom on Monday 18 October 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	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
MCC	County Cllr Richard John	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING: none

21179. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr C Edwards

21180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none

21181. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 September: agreed as a true record. Chair to print and sign.

21182. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 21110: Summary Accounts

Outstanding wayleave payments from Openreach had finally been received, following confusion over the change of council address. The sum of £57.30, representing payments from 2020 and 2021, was now in the Tucc bank account. (The payments from Western Power were received in June 2021.)

Item 21111: Annual Accounts

Audit Wales had advised that due to delays caused by Covid they had not completed external audits in time to meet the legal deadline of 30 September. Councils were therefore required to publish their unaudited accounts, along with a note that the audit had not yet been completed. Tucc accounts for 2020/21 were now on the council website as required.

Item 21163, 21157: Road closure in Llandogo

Gareth Freeman at MCC had apologised that the road closure applicant had apparently not followed their own traffic management plan. The closure would not have been approved had the traffic management plan included no diversion route or inadequate signage. While

it was not directly managed by MCC, he promised that Highways would in future double check that signage matched the traffic management plan provided.

Item 21164: Planning Application 01089, Silver Circle Distillery

As requested the clerk had asked Planning Enforcement to take action on this matter. Other than an acknowledgement nothing further had been heard. The clerk was asked to pursue this as a matter of urgency, requiring positive action from MCC planners.

Clerk

Item 21171: Dog Waste Collection

MCC would order more supplies of waste bags when sufficient requests had been received. None of the TUCC wards required additional bags.

Item 21173: New Council Boundaries

Lyn Cadwallader, CEO of One Voice Wales, had promised that advice would be available once the Senedd signed off the expected changes.

21183. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 2019/00184, Catbrook, Old Park Cottage, Parkhouse, log pod with composting toilet, hedgerow moved. An extension to consultation period to be requested.
- 2021/00953, Penallt, The Forge, Farm Rd, Lydart, 2nd storey extension, new porch and balcony. Recommend approval
- 01162, The Narth, Chapel View, Maryland, extension and alterations. Re-consultation. Recommend refusal. This property was unquestionably in need of significant restoration and modification, but no further work should be allowed until an application has been approved. Significantly incorrect statements in the application have still not been amended; still no clear indication of materials to be used; still no Design & Access Statement - difficult to determine if proposal complies with LDP; revised plans for main property remain large and contrary to LDP H5, H6, RE2; proposed fence to protect part of site too late - part of this area has already been damaged; bat surveys to date found no evidence of roosting bats because ceilings removed before initial survey - propose resurvey in spring 2022 to determine species present; still no approval by MCC Highways of new access; drainage from treatment plant needs proper clarification
- 01399, Trellech, The Firs, revised location for steel agricultural shed, ref 2019/01503. TUCC comments on the original application in October 2019 still stand. What agricultural purpose is the shed to serve? Screening is also important: currently vehicles parked on the site can be seen from the B4293, so a large shed would be very prominent.
- 01526, Llanishen, Well Cottage, replacement porch and single storey side extension. Recommend approval

Clerk

21184. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None

21185. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00977, Llandogo, Parklands, outline planning for two extensions to existing poultry units to upgrade staff facilities. Approved
- 01283, Catbrook, Rannoch House, 7 Coombe Lea, single storey extension. Permitted development

21186. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 2020/01555, Catbrook, Badgers Drift, Parkhouse, 2 storey extension. Approved
- 2021/00916, Trellech, 2 Demesne Cottages, timber-framed garden room. Approved
- 2021/01160, Llanishen, Penybryn, Quarry Rd, replace conservatory with garden room, etc. Approved

21187. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance: £45,970.07.

The comparison between the 2021/22 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/72	Merlin Environmental Services Ltd	£154.92
BACS/73	Clerk, salary + expenses (£80)	£482.65
BACS/74	HMRC PAYE (October)	£23.80
BACS/75	Playworks (Katherine Watkins), salary admin	£20.00

Clerk, RD, LS

21188. WYE VALLEY VILLAGES SCHEME

Cllr Bowden reported on a meeting to share feedback from the consultation. Reactions from residents in the various villages had been more uniform than had been expected. Arup were now back tracking on some of the “blue sky thinking”, such as proposals to use private land, where landowners had not been consulted. They had also apologised for some of the terminology and language in the report which was unhelpful. The next step will be to hold a workshop to develop an action plan, focusing more on speed limits, road safety and ecology for the network of villages, and less on tourism. They aim to produce a final report by mid-November.

21189. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FROM IRPW: No comments

21190. BABINGTON MEADOW: No report

21191. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Cllr Stoter reported that he had met with Tom Blythe, Senior Land Management Officer at NRW and Brian Mahony in Whitebrook, to look at Horse Way, one of the unclassified county roads open to all traffic. Tom Bligh had been shocked at its state, and suggested that NRW had a budget to repair tracks. Cllr Stoter will follow this up with NRW and AONB, but MCC Highways needed to be involved too. He also reported that the previous weekend there had been many motor cyclists out and about despite Operation Harley being underway, and a riding event taking place in the same area.
- Trellech School lighting. External lights had been turned on 24/7 for the last six days, wasting energy and causing light pollution. The clerk was asked to take this up with Will McClean at MCC.

Clerk

21192. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, G Freeman, response to report of traffic chaos in Llandogo
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Tregagle road, 28-30 Sep

MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Gethley Road, Parkhouse, 12-13 Oct
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure, Pentwyn Lane, Penallt, 14-18 Oct
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure, Church Rd, Llanishen, 18-22 Oct
MCC, L James, Halls Together Project
MCC, N Leaworthy, re mowing of Llanishen Village Green
MCC, S Parkinson, notes from dog waste meeting, 23 Sep
MCC, J Pearson, polling district and polling place review

ABB Health Board, weekly vaccination update
ABB Health Board, new guidance on testing and isolating, and NHS Covid Pass
AONB, N Moore, request to report Himalyan Balsam beyond the Wye Valley
Audit Wales, delays to audits and instructions to publish accounts
British Heart Foundation, information on CPR training available
CPRW, members e-bulletin September
CPRW, agenda for AGM 9 October, annual report
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, draft annual report 2021, for consultation
Narth Footpaths Group, B Mahony, work schedule for 15 Oct
One Voice Wales, L Cadwallader, update on advice on boundary changes
One Voice Wales, news bulletin
One Voice Wales, remote training sessions in October
One Voice Wales, Monmouth/Newport Area Meeting, 21 Oct
Openreach, payment of outstanding wayleaves
PCSO, C Watkins, September police report
S Symondson, enquiry about grant for Whitebrook Village Hall
Welsh Local Government Association, councillor survey

21193. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA: Meetings to continue on zoom?

21194. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 15 November 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 20:05