

TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held via Zoom on Monday 17 August 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	Not present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

Clerk: Ann Davison

PUBLIC MEETING:

Footpath maintenance

Brian Mahony spoke in relation to item 20147, definitive map modification orders. He indicated that there is currently strong interest nationally in identifying paths missed when the Definitive Maps were drawn up in the 1940s and 1950s. TUCC had been pro-active on the issue in the 1990s, requesting that a number of paths in The Narth be added to the map, but after 28 years a substantial group of these requests is still outstanding. A number of problems ensue, as the paths are not maintained if they are not on the map, and the community has changed in the meantime. Also paths have no protection from accidental or deliberate blockage - one in the Narth has been blocked since the end of March this year by a neighbour. He asked that TUCC confirm its support for the registration process, request that all the applications for DMMOs are expedited, and ask MCC to provide a timetable for their completion. He added that there are active footpath groups in the Narth and Penallt, with Llandogo considering forming a group. These groups work as MCC volunteers to maintain the paths, but the terms of MCC's insurance mean they can only work on registered rights of way. The groups would like to be able to work on unregistered paths and NRW paths. Llanbadoc Community Council offers suitable public liability insurance for its footpath group. Please could TUCC do the same.

20135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Wakeling (due to difficulty in joining the Zoom meeting by phone) and Cllr Edwards

20136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none

20137. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 July: agreed as a true record. To be posted to chair for signature.

Clerk

20138. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 20116, 19247: MCC Summer Play Activities

Thirty free playpacks have been ordered, to be delivered to Cllr May on 18 August. Councillors will collect packs to be offered within their wards.

Item 20042: Wye Valley River Festival

Sarah Sawyer had said that the festival would be all online this year, between 21 and 27 September. There would be ways for schools and communities to take part through art projects: details would be on their Facebook page and on the website <https://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk/>.

20139. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 2019/02053, Llanishen, land north of Carpenters Arms: reserved matters application for construction of eight dwellings. Re-consultation, to include pumping station. When this application was first considered in January 2020 TUCC had significant concerns about parking provision, as well as street lighting and other issues. Although some changes had been made, the parking for houses 3 and 4 did not allow for vehicles to enter and exit in forward gear, and since vehicles would be parked in front of each other there could be frequent need for shuttling, entailing vehicles reversing onto a single track lane. Councillors had a strong preference for access to all parking spaces being from within the site and not onto the lane. Parking spaces for dwellings 1 and 2 could be on the green triangle, with spaces for dwellings 3 and 4 moved to the rear of the plots. This would result in no direct access to properties from Church Lane. This would in turn mean that delivery vans would enter the estate instead of blocking the lane. The other points made in January still stood.
- 01064, Penallt, Glyn Farm, convert redundant barn to annexe. Recommend approval

Clerk

20140. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: none

20141. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS

- 00811, Llanishen, Quarry Cottage, equine stable block. Approved

20142. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS:

- 00779, Llanishen, Twyn Gorse, addition of balcony and porch. Approved

20143. DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

It was resolved to make a donation of £400 to the Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA); £300 to the Marie Curie Foundation and £200 to Gwent Young Farmers, as provided for in the budget under S137.

20144. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £51,493.19.

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

The following accounts were presented and payment agreed.

300228	Clerk's salary	£415.07
300229	Severn Area Rescue Association	£400
300230	Marie Cure Foundation	£300
300231	Gwent Young Farmers	£200

Clerk

20145. PURCHASE OF DOG WASTE BAGS

MCC had previously provided waste bags free of charge, thanks to a grant from the Welsh Government. This grant no longer existed, so MCC would now charge £31.85 per box of 5000 (plus VAT). **It was resolved** to pay this sum. The clerk to order five boxes.

Clerk

20146. TUCC RESERVES

Further to Minute 20124, it had become apparent that only two signatories would be allowed for a Monmouthshire Building Society account, one of whom must be the (only) designated administrator with online access to the account. This would imply the clerk as one of the signatories, which was not currently provided for in Financial Regulations. Given the exceptionally low interest rate available, **it was resolved** to revisit this matter in six months' time.

Clerk

20147. DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

MCC had issued a consultation letter on changes to public footpaths in the Narth that had been requested by TUCC in 1992. While acknowledging that the countryside management team at MCC is very small, **it was resolved** to send two letters to MCC, confirming TUCC's continuing support for registering the paths, encouraging progress on the outstanding applications, and requesting a timetable for their completion. The clerk was also asked to check with the council's insurance company about public liability insurance for volunteer footpath maintenance, after first consulting

with the clerk to Llanbadoc CC. It was noted that each footpath group consists of about ten individuals, and no power tools are used.

Clerk

20148. TUCC WEBSITE

It was resolved to approve the new website provided by Vision ICT.

Clerk

20149. PURCHASE OF ZIPWIRE FOR BABINGTON MEADOW

Precise details were still needed from Alastair Robertson, on both costing and planning permission. The clerk was asked to check with Tucc's insurance company about any increase in premium that might be incurred. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Clerk

20150. BABINGTON MEADOW: no report

20151. ANY OTHER REPORTS

- Re-opening of village halls and future Tucc meetings. Llandogo village hall will not re-open before January. Llanishen is hoping to open towards the end of September, but the meeting room could only hold a maximum of eight people socially distanced. **It was resolved** that Tucc meetings should continue by Zoom until further notice.

20152. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, A Jones, advice on re-opening of multi-use community venues
MCC, M Mussell, consultation on DMMOs in The Narth
MCC, S Parkinson, notes from dog fouling meeting 7 July
MCC, J Pinnell, emergency contacts directory update
AONB, S Sawyer, Wye Valley River Festival re-imagined
Babington Centre trustees, thanks for promise of grant
K Christofi, thanks for promise of funding for additional Chromebooks for Trellech School
CPRW, e-bulletin
Citizens Advice Monmouthshire, thanks for grant
Governor Support Unit, confirmation of renewal of term for Tucc-appointed governor to Trellech School
J Hickling, treasurer Llanishen Hall, application for grant
Monmouth Town Council clerk, ordering more MCC summer art packs
One Voice Wales, letter to Housing & Local Government Minister to revisit the community boundaries review
One Voice Wales, online training available, and bursaries for training
Open Spaces Society, launch of charters
Planning Aid Wales, online training available
A Robertson, proposed zip wire at Babington Meadow
R Robertson, financial statements for Babington Meadow Committee, to October 2018 and 2019

20153. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA

- Grant application by Llanishen Hall

20154. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 21 September 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