

**TRELLECH UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**held via Zoom on Monday 18 January 2021 at 7 pm**

<b>Village</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	Present
Trellech	Alan Poulter	Present
Whitebrook	Iain Stokes	Present
MCC	County Cllr Debby Blakebrough	Not present

**Clerk:** Ann Davison

**PUBLIC MEETING:** none

**21001. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** none

**21002. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none

**21003. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 December:** agreed as a true record. To be posted to chair for signature.

**Clerk**

**21004. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Item 20200, 20168: The Narth Footpaths Group**

Footpath work originally scheduled for 20 November was again postponed due to weather conditions.

**21005. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 01513, Penallt, Land to south of Becky's Bungalow, Green Pastures, single dwelling and private driveway. Recommend approval providing adequate visibility splay onto road can be assured
- 01817, Penallt, The Hythe, New Mills Rd, fence constructed to prevent deer entering garden. Recommend refusal and require replanting of the hedgerow. The fence in itself limits movement of small mammals, and removal of the original hedge has caused loss of habitat. Furthermore the fence is not in keeping with the village environment and a very unfortunate visual intrusion in the AONB.

**Clerk**

**21006. FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 01896, Llandogo, The Retreat, Catchmays Court, replace faux Victorian conservatory with one to match 1750s building. Recommend approval
- 01868, Whitebrook, Old Baptist Chapel, single storey rear semi subterranean extension. Recommend approval

**Clerk**

**21007. MCC PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 2019/02053, Llanishen, Land north of Carpenters Arms: reserved matters application for construction of 8 dwellings (appearance, access, landscaping, etc). Approved

- 01561, Catbrook, Lane Farm, Back Rd, single storey orangery extension and single-storey side extension. Approved
- 01586, Llandogo, Ty Bryn, re-roofing + solar panels, lean-to greenhouse to side and verandah to rear. Withdrawn

**21008. FURTHER MCC PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 2019/01775, Penallt, The Reynolds, Tregagle, single storey rear extension, 2 storey side extension, revert coach house to garage. Approved

**21009. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £56,103.26.

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

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

Merlin Waste	£109.85
Clerk, salary	£426.45
Playworks, salary admin	£20.00
Audit Wales, external audit 2019/20	£233.65
MCC, 5 boxes dog poo bags	£208.50
The North Village Hall, grant towards services	£500.00

Clerk, MB, LS

**21010. FUNDING FOR VILLAGE HALLS IN 2021/22**

A draft policy for award of grants was discussed. This will be on the agenda for the February meeting.

Clerk

**21011. REVIEW OF COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL WARDS**

The proposal circulated by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission was that Penallt should become part of the Mitchel Troy ward for county council elections. The council had received a letter from Mitchel Troy Community Council expressing its opposition to this proposal: both the Community Council and its County Councillor would request that an alternative solution be adopted, where the two county council wards would be amalgamated, with two county councillors to represent it. It was reported that County Councillor Debbie Blakebrough would also support this arrangement.

**It was resolved** that the clerk should respond to the LDDB consultation, opposing the proposal that Penallt be added to the Mitchel Troy ward, as this would cause difficulties for the county councillors and confusion for residents. TUCC's preferred solution would be that one large ward should be formed, with two county councillors to represent it. This would still achieve LDDB's aim that each councillor should represent around 1,599 residents.

Clerk

**21012. POWER LINES SUITABLE FOR UNDERGROUNDING**

The Wye Valley AONB had notified TUCC that a further round of funding was available for removing overhead low voltage power lines that were visually intrusive. Councillors proposed a number of power lines in the TUCC area, and the clerk was asked to pass on this list to the AONB for consideration.

Clerk

**21013. BABINGTON MEADOW:** None

**21014. ANY OTHER REPORTS**

- It was noted that roadworks on the A466 between Tintern and St Arvans are due to resume shortly.
- The recent police report mentioned a flooded house in Llandogo, due to a blocked culvert. It was noted that the heavy rainfall on 23 December had caused flooding problems in several areas in addition to Llandogo: Trellech, Broadstone and Whitebrook were all cited. In each case the problem had been caused by blocked drains/culverts. In the case of Whitebrook there had been requests over at least four years for the culvert to be cleared. The clerk was

asked to write to MCC to ask if there is a maintenance schedule for culverts. The letter should also note residents' appreciation for the rapid provision of sandbags when requested.

Clerk

**21015. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

MCC, S Beer, Wye Valley Villages Project inception meeting with Arup, 17 Dec  
MCC, Cllr P Fox, letter to chairs of town and community councils  
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure Birches Road, Penallt, 16-17 December  
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure Parsons Road, Whitelye, 18-20 December  
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure Bigsweir to Whitebrook, 8-12 January  
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure Pen y Lan road, Far Hill, 11-13 January  
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure Pen y Garn road, Penallt, 12-13 January  
MCC, G Freeman, emergency road closure New Mill road, Tregagle, 12-13 January  
MCC, G Freeman, temporary road closure Pentwyn Lane and Glyn Road, Penallt, 1-2 February  
MCC, S Parkinson, orders for new dog bins to be submitted  
MCC, R Rawlings, Replacement LDP growth & spatial options, community & town council consultation, 21 Jan  
MCC, K James, request for precept requirement  
MCC, M Moran, play provision in summer of 2021

A Bevan U Health Board, V for Vaccinations, talk offered  
CPRW, e-bulletin December  
B Mahony, footpath work in the Narth postponed to New Year due to weather  
S Mason, PCSO, December police report  
Mitchel Troy CC, clerk, proposal on new county council ward boundaries  
One Voice Wales, W Patience, online training offered  
One Voice Wales, proposed NHS, social care etc day, 5<sup>th</sup> July  
One Voice Wales, Monmouth/Newport Area meeting 21 Jan  
Planning Aid Wales, forthcoming online training offered  
A Pullan, correspondence on history of Whitelye Common  
J Roberts, thanks for grant to Babington Centre  
Save a Life Cymru, online training materials on defibrillators and offer of in person training  
Wye Valley AONB, S Seymour, opportunity to shift power lines underground

**21016. ITEMS FOR THE PRESS/NEXT AGENDA**

- Monmouth Beacon to be informed that the TUCC precept for 2021/22 would be significantly lower than in recent years, in recognition of the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

**21017. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, 15 February 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 20:19