

Usk Town Council

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD

Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting by Usk town Council held in Sessions House on Monday 16th May 2022 at 6.30pm

Present Cllr Roderick, M Howells, Cllr A Ivin, Cllr A Morgan, Cllr S O'Brien, Cllr D Harrison, Cllr K Peacock R.F.O Mrs. D. Richards, Town Clerk Mrs. T Huxley

1.0 To accept apologies for absence.

All Councillors present

1.1 To disclose personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:

Cllr Harrison expressed an interest in all matters concerning Welsh Water

1.2 To approve the Minutes held on 11th April 2022

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed

1.3 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 11th April 2022

There were none

1.4 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

No report available

1.5 To receive the monthly finance report for April 2021

No report available

1.6 To receive the following Planning Applications.

- a) **DM/2022/00244.** Proposed rear extension to rear of the premises at 27 Bridge Street, Usk to create an office. Alteration to front window. (Geoffrey Townsend Solicitors).

Recommend Approval

- b) **DM/2022/00470** Listed building consent. Replace six windows on Twyn Square side of house. 4 Denbury Mews, Usk.

Recommend Approval

- c) **DM/2022/00349** Internal alterations, loft conversion 7 single storey rear extension.

- d) Minden 8 Church Street, Usk, NP15 1AG

Recommend Approval

- e) **DM/2022/00541.** Erect a porch to the front elevation. 1B Ladyhill, Usk.

Recommend Approval

- f) **DM/2022/00503** Proposed garage at 26 Ladyhill, Usk, NP15 1SH

Recommend Approval

1.7 To receive an update on the Masterplan for Usk

Resolved: There is a meeting scheduled with MCC at 10.30am on Wed 8th June at Sessions House.

1.8 To receive an update on the Digital Information Board

Resolved: Former Cllr Steve Williams is working on this

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1.9 To receive an update on the markets being held on the site of the former Usk Household Recycling Centre (UHRC)

Resolved: The markets are going well and MCC have agreed on markets being held in the car park spaces adjacent to the former HWRC.

2.0 To receive a report from the Events Committee

Cllr Howells reported the Casino Night had been a great success and had raised around £400 for the Usk Mayor's Appeal

There is to be a Jubilee Quiz on Sunday 29th May at the Royal British Legion in aid of the Usk Mayor's Appeal.

2.1 To receive an update on the planned Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Resolved: All preparations are coming together. The working party will meet again on Wed 1st June at 7pm in the Royal British Legion.

2.2 To receive an update on Usk as a Smart Town

No update

2.3 To receive an update on a Memorial for The Platinum Jubilee.

Resolved: There will be a tree planting by the Deputy Mayor of Usk at 10.30am on Saturday 21st May 2022 near to Usk Primary School

2.4 To receive an update from NRW Discharge of Sewage into the River Usk

Resolved: A great deal of work is going on in the background by the "Save the River Group".

There is a walk planned on Saturday 11th June at 10am to help raise awareness of pollution in the river

2.5 To receive an update on Community Speed watch

No update

2.6 To receive an update on the Memorial Hall car park

MCC has reported works are nearing an end.

Proposed dates for resurfacing are

- Tuesday 17th May until Friday 20th May.
- Wednesday 25th until Thursday 26th May.

During these times there will be pedestrian diversions in place.

All works should be completed by 10th June

Resolved: Members were presented with the proposed layout of the car park which was deemed acceptable.

2.7 To receive an update on Monmouthshire Councils Review of Parking in Usk

No update

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2.8 To discuss the poor condition of Chepstow Road, Usk.

No Update

2.9 To receive an update on the Priory Gatehouse

No Update from MCC

The building and the area within the herras fencing remains in a poor state of repair and maintenance.

Resolved: County Cllrs Howells & Kear will take this matter forward with MCC.

3.0 To receive nominations for the Almshouse Committee by Usk Town Council

The Almshouses have four nominative Trustees chosen by UTC. They do not have to be councillors (but often have been in the past). Present members of the Almshouse Committee, former councillors Roger Galletley, Alec Leathwood & Tony Watkins have all indicated that they would be happy to continue.

Resolved: It was felt it would be of benefit having some continuity, especially when existing trustees have a good knowledge of the local community and therefore it was agreed the above members remain on the Almshouse committee.

3.1 To discuss UTC's participation in the Usk Show

Resolved: Following discussion it was resolved that due to the lack of availability of councillors, UTC would not take a stall at the Show this year.

3.2 To discuss correspondence from a resident regarding the parking of cars on the pavement in Four Ash Street

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles obstructing the pavement and the inability of enforcement, due to the lack of double yellow lines in this area

Resolved: Following discussion Cllr O'Brien informed members new legislation will be coming into force in July 2022 which will hopefully address this problem. Clerk to contact Enforcement Officer at MCC for their advice.

3.3 Correspondence

From MCC an invitation to "Talk All Things Food" event 25th May 6pm – 8pm

From Usk Choral Festival - an invitation to the event 30th June- 3rd July

3.4 Matters of information

- Complaints and concerns have been received about the amount of pavement space occupied by 49 Bridge Street opposite the Co-op – to be discussed at next month's meeting
- The Chair thanked Cllr O'Brien for repainting the Jubilee Arch
- Help was requested for the putting up of bunting and gazebos in preparation for the Jubilee celebrations

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 7.50pm