

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at  
The Sessions House, Usk, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr A. Leathwood, Cllr G Roderick, Cllr M Evans, Cllr R Galletley, Cllr J Jeremiah Cllr K. Dancer  
Cllr J Richards, C. Cllr B Strong, Cllr T. Watkins, RFO Ms. J. Mee  
Town Clerk - Mrs. Tracey Huxley

**13.4 To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr C Wilkinson

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

Cllr Galletley disclosed a personal interest in Item 15.5 To discuss sponsorship of Usk Rugby Club

**13.6 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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

**13.7 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

- 12.0 The owner of The White House, Old Market Street has been served with an enforcement order to make the property safe
- The property in Ladyhill has been cleared of most of the rubbish in its garden

**13.8 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee**

See report dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**13.9 To receive the monthly finance report**

The reconciliation for October 2018 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

**14.0 To receive Planning Applications**

- a) **DM/2018/01566** Single storey extension to rear **9 Cassia Drive Usk NP15 1TZ**  
**Recommend Approval**
- b) **DM/2018/01481** **Listed Building Consent** Windows replacement and proposed patio door  
**Buxton House 39 Old Market Street Usk NP15 1AL** **Recommend Approval**
- c) **For Information.** This planning application has been **Approved**  
**Location:** Section of Former Railway Line Glascoed Lane Nr Glascoed  
**Proposal:** Change of use of former railway line to public footpath/cycle track

**14.1 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee**

Cllr Leathwood reported he has been in discussion with Roger Hoggins regarding a Project Manager for Usk to take forward recommendations from the Hamilton -Baille report and the Future Usk Survey

**Resolved:**

- The appointment of a full-time project manager will be too expensive.
- Cllr Richards has put together working groups to move forward with the Future Usk Survey. It is hoped dates will be made in the New Year to get together with Mon CC

**a) To receive an update on the 20mph limit in Usk**

**Resolved:** It is hoped the 20mph speed limit will be extended throughout Usk by March 2019

## **b) To discuss the 30mph speed limit extension request for the Llantrisant Road Usk**

**Resolved:** Cllr Strong has contacted Mon CC regarding the concerns of high speed of traffic leaving the town especially since the Prison field is now being used on a regular basis by various sporting organizations. UTC is waiting for a reply to extend the 30mph limit to the Llantrisant Road.

## **14.2 To receive an update on the proposed Youth Council**

### **Resolved:**

Cllrs Leathwood and Richards are working together on a criteria for the Youth Council representatives. It is the intention to invite young people to the Future Usk Survey workshops

## **14.3 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies**

### ➤ **Usk in Bloom**

It was reported UIB were delighted with the celebration reception hosted by UTC.

Special thanks went to Jan and Diane Richards for the wonderful food they served at the reception

### ➤ **Usk Twinning Association**

Cllr Richards reported the Tea Dance had raised £400 towards Cancer Research

The following events are planned

- Coffee morning 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018
- Sherry & tapas 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

## **14.4 Areas of concern around the Town**

### ➤ **Lack of toilets for Usk Park.**

UTC is looking to provide toilet facilities at the old morgue, situated in Mill St. Close

**Resolved:** UTC in process of seeking permission from Mom CC and looking to apply for funding.

Cllr Strong will liaise with Cabinet Members to see if a change of use is required

### ➤ **Some businesses need decoration on Bridge Street**

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Mon CC to enquire as to whether anything can be done

### ➤ **Poor lighting in Usk Memorial car park**

It was reported a resident had tripped in the car park as a result of poor lighting

**Resolved:** Clerk to notify Mon CC about the lack lighting in the car park

## **14.5 To update Cllrs on the Christmas Festival 2018**

Cllr Richards reported that the Festival is progressing.

The following Festival meetings are scheduled

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November t at 2pm
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

## **14.6 To receive an update from the Community Communication Committee**

The Future Usk Survey will be progressed once the demands of the Usk Christmas Festival have subsided

## **14.7 To receive a report from the Usk Business Forum**

Cllr Dancer reported on the "Love Usk Shop Local" launch of Usk businesses.

He thanked Cllr Richards for advertising local businesses within the Usk Christmas Festival

## **14.8 To receive an update on the litter picker volunteer scheme**

Cllr Roderick reported the Litter Action Group has recently been around the town.

#### **14.9 To receive an update on the promotion of “no plastic” in Usk**

No formal report. Cllr Richards reported Usk is formally on the “Sea to Surf” list

#### **15.0 To receive an update on the closure of Usk Post Office Counter services**

The following information has been received from Matthew Gatehouse Mon CC

*“Mon CC now has political approval to progress exploring this. This isn’t a decision that we will open a post office in the hub, its only giving us approval to develop the business case. This is still subject to call-in but there is no indication that there is any opposition to this from members.”*

#### **15.1 To discuss the boundary fence between Usk Park and Clos Croeso Usk**

Complaints have been received from a resident regarding children playing ball games against the Usk Park boundary fence.

**Resolved:** In order to resolve this UTC will examine putting up a “no ball games in this area” sign

#### **15.2 To discuss parking in**

##### **a) The Memorial Hall car park**

A letter to HMP Usk had been copied into UTC commenting on the lack of parking spaces in the Memorial Hall car park

**Resolved:** Comments were noted by UTC

##### **b) Maryport Street north car park – see letter from resident**

#### **15.3 To discuss the parking of long/large vehicles in the Maryport Street North car park**

A resident of Usk expressed concern about large white vans parked in the Maryport Street north car park.

**Resolved:** Clerk has contacted Amanda Perrin Mon CC, who will organize for a parking officer to visit and assess the situation.

#### **15.4 To review Remembrance Sunday and the Armistice Parade**

Cllr Leathwood reported it has been a memorable weekend with all the organized events to commemorate the First World War Centenary and he had felt very proud to be Mayor of Usk.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Royal British Legion to thank them for all the events that had taken place

#### **15.5 To discuss sponsorship of Usk Rugby Club**

**Resolved:** UTC will sponsor a game at Usk Rugby Club for £300.

Cllr Galletley abstained from the discussion

#### **15.6 Correspondence**

**From:** Sustrans re: Proposed Cycle Track from Usk to Little Mill

**From:** Usk resident regarding the parking of large/long vehicles in Maryport Street South car park

#### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

*By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the items listed on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

#### **Council went into Committee to discuss items 15.7**

#### **15.7 To receive the latest report on the Movement of Prisoners from HMP Usk to HMP Prescoed.**

Following discussion Council came out of Committee and returned to the main meeting

**15.8 Any other Business** *Any other business is at the discretion of and with prior notice to the Chairman*

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 8.30pm

For information

The Civic Carol Service will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6pm at The Baptist Church

Councillors will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to put the lights on the Bridge Street Christmas trees