

**Minutes of a Meeting of Usk Town Council held at The Sessions House,
Usk on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Prior to the meeting at 7.00pm Nick Ramsay AM addressed Full Council on his "Save Monmouthshire Campaign".

Prior to the meeting there was a minute's silence in remembrance of Vince Kenneally Honorary Burgess of Usk who sadly passed away at Christmas.

Present: Cllr D Harding, Cllr B Strong Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson,
Cllr. A Leathwood, R. Galletley, Cllr Mrs. J. Jeremiah, Cllr M Evans,
Cllr. P Phillips, Cllr, G Roderick, Cllr Watkins
Ms. J Mee - Sessions House Manager/Responsible Finance Officer

17.2 To accept Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Keenan & Cllr Mrs. C Williams

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

Cllr B. Strong – All Planning
Cllr Galletley & Evans – Allotments

17.4 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2015 were approved as an accurate record with one correction

16.5 The Minutes should read "It was agreed that details of monies spent from Allotment rents and an account of 2014 rental monies, would be supplied to the Allotment sub - committee."

17.5 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

No report

17.6 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2015

None

17.7 To receive the financial statement of accounts for December 2015

No report

17.8 To receive the latest report on the Movement of Prisoners from HMP Usk to HMP Prescoed.

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 15.4 Movement of Prisoners from HMP Usk to HMP Prescoed and also to discuss items 17.9, 18.0 and 15.8 (see below)

17.9 To receive an update on the proposed skate park/Borstal Field

Discussed in Committee

18.0 To receive an update on the state of the Priory in St. Mary's Way

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

18.1 To discuss Usk Post Office proposed move to new premises & branch modernization

A resident has sent a letter to UTC with concerns over the disabled access to the proposed new premises. This was discussed by Council.

Resolved:

Clerk to contact the Post Office raising concerns about the disabled access to the proposed new premises

18.2 Planning Applications.

1. **DC/2015/00093** Garage Extension 51 Maryport Street
Recommend Approval
2. **DC/2015/01495** Listed Building Consent. Renewal of windows, application of external insulation and render lime wash finish, alteration of single storey lean to roof to form gable. The Castle House Monmouth Road, Usk
Recommend Approval

18.3 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee

It was reported that Paul Keeble MCC met with Gwent Police and they have agreed to proceed with formal consultation on the part-time "traffic order plug" restricting HGVs through Usk.

18.4 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

The Events Committee reported that there will be a Casino Night on Saturday 13th Feb at Sessions House. Funds towards the Mayor's Charity Appeal. Next events meeting is this Thursday 14th Jan at 5.30pm

18.5 To receive an update on the "Give Dog Fouling the Red Card" pilot scheme.

Mr. Terry Smith has offered to distribute the leaflets to houses in Usk

18.6 To discuss the possibility of Community defibrillators in Usk

Cllr Harding reported that HM Prison Usk may be in a position to present a defibrillator to the Town.

Resolved:

Cllr Harding will investigate this possibility.

18.7 To discuss the Allotments at Factory Lane

Discussion followed.

Resolved:

Allotment Committee to meet and discuss issues. A report to be submitted to UTC

18.8 To discuss Community Awards in Usk for 2015/16

Cllrs will consider nominations for next month's meeting

18.9 To discuss attendance at

- **the Next Chamber of Commerce meeting on 14th January**
- **the Usk Festival/Market Committee on 21st January**

Councillors will attend the meetings as previously agreed

19.0 To receive an update on Usk Brass Band

It was reported that the band have had a good meeting with the REET and it is hoped that they will have premises in which to rehearse.

19.1 To discuss Vale of Usk local Action Group

Discussion followed

Resolved:

Cllr Roderick to visit the website for the Vale of Usk local Action Group

19.2 To discuss the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations

- ❖ **"Clean for the Queen Friday " 4th-6th March 2016**
- ❖ **The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon**
- ❖ **The Patron's Lunch/ street parties Sunday 12th June 2016**

These items were discussed.

Resolved:

Events Committee to meet and discuss the above

Correspondence:

From: HM Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent -The Patron's Lunch

From: HM Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent – Cleanup for the Queen

From: Bruno Peek re: The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons 21st April 2016

From: Callum Phillips re: defibrillators in Usk

19.3 Any other business. *Any other business is at the discretion of and with prior notice to the Chairman*

There will be a meeting of UTC on Monday 18th January at 6.15pm in order to ratify the decisions taken this evening.

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