

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at  
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr T Keenan, Cllr G Roderick, Cllr Mrs. J Jeremiah, Cllrs A Leathwood, T Watkins, R. Galletley, Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. C Williams, C. Cllr B Strong, Cllr Ms. I Brow, RFO - Ms. Mee RFO, Town Clerk – Mrs. Tracey Huxley

**6.1 To accept Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Harding, Cllr M Evans

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

County Cllr Strong – All planning

**6.3 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

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

**6.4 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

(4.7) Scouts are having repeated damage to the plastic downpipes and guttering caused by balls being kicked against the Centenary Hall.

**Resolved:**

It was reported that the Scout leader will contact the owner of the football goal posts on the field with a view to resolving the problem

(4.7) It was reported that the area behind the houses in Mill Street adjacent to the park show evidence of drug use.

**Resolved:**

Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) plan to trim the trees from the ground up to the top of the rear fences of the houses in Mill Street. It is hoped this will stop problems in this area.

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

See report dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

It was reported that repairs to the roof have commenced and are going well.

**6.6 To receive the financial statement of accounts for June 2016**

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

The reconciliation for June 2016 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

A budget review for the first quarter was undertaken.

**6.7 Planning Applications.**

1. **DC/2016/00645** Agricultural Notification. An extension onto the end of an existing agricultural steel frame building **Castle Farm Monmouth Road, Usk NP15 1SD**

**Noted for Information only**

2. **DC/2015/01457** Listed Building Consent The replacement of a ground floor window and timber beam with steel lintel **40 Maryport Street, Usk NP15 1AE Recommend Approval**
3. **DC/2015/00263** Appeal Ref: APP/E6840/A/15/3140244  
Excavation of car parking area to front of house - removal of wall and earth  
**10 Abergavenny Road, Usk, Monmouthshire NP15 1SB**  
**Noted for Information only**
4. **DC/2016/00562** Replace existing fascia sign and fit new projecting sign **67 Bridge Street, Usk, NP15 1BQ**  
**Recommend Approval**
5. **DC/2016/00598** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and provision of new front porch **56 Mill Street, Usk NP15 1AW**  
**Recommend Approval**

### **6.8 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee**

#### **Resolved:**

Usk Town Council (UTC) has been advised by Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) that they have recommended refusal of the traffic order suggesting two periods of HGV prohibition along Bridge Street.

MCC will write to Usk businesses stating that as UTC efforts to impose the new Traffic order have failed the (MCC) will be contacting the Police to request the existing Traffic Order be enforced.

### **6.9 To receive a report on the information sharing meeting with the Chief Executive of MCC and Town and Community Councils held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

The purpose of the meeting had been to talk about relationships and the desire to build better relationships between Mon CC and Town and Community Councils Specific areas had been discussed

- MCC's liaison with all councils in Monmouthshire
- MCC's Response to criticism about their lack of responsiveness to requests for action/information on different subjects
- Local Government reorganization/ Elections in 2017

#### **Resolved:**

It was agreed that MCC would meet with Town and Community Councils three times a year. MCC will produce a schedule but the agenda will be set by all participants.

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

#### **Usk in Bloom**

- Wales in Bloom judging will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Usk Town judging 27<sup>th</sup> July
- Wales in Bloom judging 16<sup>th</sup> September will be in North Wales
- Fundraising events planned
  - ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> August Fundraiser at the Royal British Legion

- ❖ 31<sup>st</sup> July A bus trip to Scatterford Garden, Newland

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

- The wooden fence on the Conigar walk is need of repair  
**Resolved:**  
Clerk to notify MCC
- Porthycarne Street the yellow lines on the road need repainting  
**Resolved:**  
Clerk to notify MCC
- Gutters along the Monmouth Road leading towards Factory Lane are blocked  
**Resolved:**  
Clerk to forward a request to a request to MCC to ask if the mechanical sweeper can incorporate this stretch of road in its schedule.

### **7.2 To receive a report from Usk Festival/Market Committee on the recent Usk Festival**

It was reported that the Festival had been successful.

#### **Resolved:**

Future road closures with the Chamber of Commerce to be discussed at the next UTC Events sub- committee meeting.

### **7.3 To receive an update on the Velothon 2016**

UTC'S concerns over the Velothon have been raised with the organizers.

#### **Resolved:**

Organizers will contact UTC with a date in order to discuss issues related to the Velothon.

### **7.4 To discuss Usk Town Council's participation in this year's Usk Agricultural Show**

UTC and Usk Civic Society will share the marquee this year.

The Usk Timeline is to be an inspiration/feature of UTC's involvement at this year's Usk Show.

#### **Resolved:**

- Participation in the show to be discussed at the next Events sub-committee meeting.
- Clerk to send a request for Councillor's attendance at the show in order to put together a rota

### **7.5 To receive an update on the Usk Town Council Facebook Page**

Cllr Brown has given a presentation on Facebook (FB) to members of UTC. It was agreed by Council that FB is the way forward to communicate with members of the public.

Cllr Brown reported that the "One Piece of Litter" campaign will run in partnership with Usk in Bloom and Usk Primary School. The school plan to run a competition.

#### **Resolved:**

The Communications sub – committee will meet and to discuss Facebook guidelines and administration of the site.

## **7.6 To receive an update on Speed watch**

### **Resolved:**

Speed watch on the Abergavenny Road has been temporarily suspended while a review of community Speed watch site is undertaken.

It has been suggested that hashed markings be painted under the railway bridge in order to help reduce speeding vehicles along Abergavenny Road.

## **7.7 To discuss an Usk Town Calendar – Community Engagement/fundraiser**

It was suggested that UTC

- Hold a photo competition on Facebook - the best twelve photos would be chosen for the calendar.
- UTC produce a Christmas card

### **Resolved:**

Community Communications Committee to discuss and consider the viability of the calendar and Christmas card at their next meeting.

## **7.8 Correspondence:**

**From:** MCC -Notification of proposed tree works in Usk Conservation Area 80 Maryport Street, Usk

**From:** Ombudsman Annual Report 2015/16

**From:** One Voice Wales Annual Meeting 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**From:** Welsh Government Buildings Regulations Advisory Committee for Wales

**From:** Paul Mathews, MCC --Council Relationships.

## **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 receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee and to discuss item 7.9, 8.0, 8.1

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

## **8.0 To receive an update on the proposed skate park/Borstal Field**

## **8.1 To consider the appointment of a new Honorary Burgess**

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

## **8.2 Any other Business**

### **For information**

CLlr were reminded of the reception for the New Zealander visitors on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm at The Sessions House

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 8.50pm.