

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 13th June 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr T Keenan, Cllr G Roderick, Cllr Mrs. J Jeremiah, Cllrs A Leathwood, Cllr M Evans, Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson, Cllr D Harding, Cllr Mrs. C Williams, C.Cllr B Strong, Cllr Ms. I Brown RFO Ms. J Mee

Prior to the meeting at 7pm Alison Howard from Monmouthshire County Council addressed Full Council about the "Incredible Edible Gardens" situated in the grounds of County Hall.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor Isobel Brown to Usk Town Council.

3.7 To accept Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Galletley and Watkins

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

County Cllr Strong – All planning

Cllr Evans – Allotments

**3.9 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on
9th May 2016**

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

**4.0 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on
9th May 2016**

There were none

**4.1 To Approve and sign for accuracy the minutes of the
Annual Meeting held on 9th May 2016**

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

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

See report dated 13th June 2016

It was reported that the Sessions House has received a Quick Recorder code.

4.3 To receive the financial statement of accounts for May 2016

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

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

4.4 Planning Applications.

1. **DC/2016/00379** Proposed rear 2 storey extension and loft conversion. **8 Priory Street Usk NP15 1BJ**
Recommend Approval

2. **DC/2016/ 0000401** To replace 18 windows at the front of the house **Abbeyfield New Market Street Usk**
Recommend Approval

3. **DC/2016/00322** Construction of unit 6 (being final stage of overall development scheme for the retention of existing buildings – DC/2013/00367). Comprising detached single storey unit (12.6m x 11.1mx4m to eaves). **The Builders Yard Chepstow Road, Usk NP15 1HN** **Recommend Approval**

4. **DC/2015/00557** Two storey extension and alterations **15 Four Ash Street** **Recommend Approval**

5. **DC/2016/00606** White UPVC D/G conservatory 2.9x3.1 positioned on the rear south west corner of the property **31 Burrium Gate** **Recommend Approval**

4.5 To discuss attendance at the information sharing session for Town and Community Councils on Monday 20th June 6.30pm at County Hall
Resolved:

Cllrs Galletley and Brown will attend.

4.6 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

Cllr Evans reported that the Eistedfodd Committee has raised £23 000 to date. The committee will hold a stall during Usk Open Gardens weekend.

4.7 Areas of concern around the Town

- Scout Leaders wish to use the Owain Glyndawr Field for Archery practice
Resolved:
 Clerk to advise Scouts to contact Tim Bradfield MCC

- Football on the Owain Glyndawr Field
 Scouts are having repeated damage to the plastic downpipes and guttering caused by balls being kicked against the Centenary Hall.
Resolved:
 Clerk to contact Junior Football about the goal posts presently on the field

- It was reported that the area behind the houses in Mill Street adjacent to the park show evidence of drug use.
Resolved:
 Clerk to inform the Police and MCC

- Chepstow Road
 This road is in need of repair.
Resolved:
 A proforma has been received from Monmouthshire County Council informing Usk TC that the repair of the road is included in their schedule of work

- Post Box – there is no longer a postbox available in Bridge St.
Resolved:
 The Clerk has contacted The P.O and is waiting for their comments

4.8 To receive an update on Community defibrillators in Usk and to discuss the siting of the defibrillators in the Town

Resolved:

There are now two defibrillators available in the town as a result of the money raised by the Usk Church in Wales Primary School.

One is situated in the school and the other in Three Salmons Hotel which has 24hour access.

Cllr Harding will enquire about the delay in the defibrillators expected from HMP Usk

4.9 To receive a report from The Chamber of Commerce and Usk Festival/Market Committee and to discuss attendance at the Next Chamber of Commerce meeting

Resolved:

The preparations are progressing well. There will be lots of entertainment and stalls. The next meeting is Tuesday 21st June 6.00pm at The Three Salmons.

5.0 To discuss the street trading licence with reference to the Playden

Resolved:

Permission for street trading must now be obtained from Usk Chamber of Commerce.

5.1 To receive an update on the Velothon 2016

There has been numerous complaints about the lack of toilet facilities at the Memorial Hall for cyclists during the Velothon. Also local businesses reported a reduction in trade.

Resolved:

Usk TC to ask for a meeting with Run4Wales in order to discuss these issues.

5.2 To discuss Usk Town Council's participation in this year's Usk Agricultural Show

Resolved:

Usk Civic Society and Usk TC will share a marquee at this year's Show.

Usk TC plan to encourage community engagement at the event.

5.3 To receive an update from the Events Committee re: The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations - street party Sunday 12th June 2016

This was a fabulous event enjoyed by all ages of the community with many positive comments.

It has been suggested that the picnic becomes an annual event.

Resolved:

The committee will meet for a de-brief meeting.

5.4 To discuss the prospect of a promotional video/dvd for Usk

This was discussed.

Resolved:

It was agreed that this proposal be taken forward by the Events Committee.

They are due to meet next week.

5.5 To discuss forthcoming Usk Open Gardens and Cllrs availability to do tours of the Sessions House

Resolved:

A number of Cllrs are available to do tours of the Sessions House.
Clerk to put together a rota.

5.6 To discuss a request from speed watch regarding a contribution from UTC towards a traffic study by independent surveyors

Resolved:

Following discussion it was resolved that Usk TC will in principle contribute to a traffic study by independent surveyors. County Councillor Strong will discuss this with Paul Keeble of MCC.

5.7 To receive an update on the proposed Usk Town Council Facebook Account

Resolved:

The committee will meet next week to progress the Usk TC Facebook page

5.8 To discuss the Allotment Committee

Resolved:

Following discussion it was resolved that Cllrs Keenan and Brown will join Cllr Evans on the Allotment Committee

5.9 Correspondence:

From: Hanging Basket/Watering Service-Summer 2016

From: Temporary Street Closure New Market Street 11th June 2016

From: Heritage Lottery Fund 1-2-2 Funding Meeting 20th July 2016

From: Hans D. Reinwald Burgermeister the European referendum

From: Fair Trade re: Usk Agricultural Show

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 6.0

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

Discussed in Committee

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

For information

Jenny Mee reported that she recently attended the retirement of Hans D. Reinwald Burgermeister in Graben- Neudorf. UTC contribution of €120 towards the Church Welfare Centre in Graben-Neudorf in lieu of a gift had been gratefully received.

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

