

**Minutes of a Meeting of Usk Town Council held at The Sessions House,  
Usk on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm.**

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

Prior to the meeting there was a minutes silence in remembrance of  
Dave Rennels BEM former Mayor and Councillor with Usk Town Council who has  
sadly passed away.

**12.4 To accept Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Harding, T Watkins

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

County Cllr Strong – All Planning  
Cllr R Galletley – Allotments

**12.6 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 2015**

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

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

See report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

**12.8 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

There were none.

**12.9 To receive the financial statement of accounts for October 2015**

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

The reconciliation for October 2015 showed no erroneous receipts or payments

**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 the Movement of Prisoners from HMP  
Usk to HMP Prescoed and also to discuss items 13.0, 13.1 and 13.7 (see below)

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

Information regarding this matter is available to all residents on the local  
Electoral register on request from the Clerk.

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

Discussed in Committee.

**The Meeting was temporarily adjourned in order for PC Evans to give the Police report.**

### **13.2 Planning Applications.**

**DC/2015/01130** Listed building consent. Proposed conversion of attic space with new staircase serving second floor. Insulation to be installed to converted loft space. Formation of emergency escape window in east elevation wall and replacement windows to existing east elevation gable. **Wellesley Coach House 27A New Market Street, Usk** **Recommend Approval**

**DC/2015/01131** Proposed attic conversion and dormer window. Replacement and new window to rear of elevation. **Wellesley Coach House 27A New Market Street, Usk** **Recommend Approval**

**DC/2015/01204** Proposed dwelling on land adjacent to **2 Ladyhill Close, Usk** **Recommend Refusal**

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

No further progress to report

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

➤ Events Committee

There has been an Events Safety Advisory Meeting today about the Christmas Markets/Reindeer Parade

Resolved:

The Events Notification Application, Management Plan and Risk Assessment have been approved by MCC

➤ Twinning

There is to be a new group within "Friends of Twinning"

### **13.5 To receive an update on the "Give Dog Fouling the Red Card" pilot scheme.**

**Resolved:**

The "Give Dog Fouling the Red Card" leaflets are currently being printed and will then be circulated around the Town.

### **13.6 To discuss the changes in Bridge Street**

Correspondence has been received from MCC following on from the last meeting suggesting a survey be completed.

**Resolved:**

Clerk to meet with Debbie McCarty MCC to discuss the survey along with other issues and to enquire about "Town Teams".

### **13.7 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

### **13.8 To discuss scalping at Factory Lane Allotments**

Correspondence has been received from the Allotment committee stating that they consider UTC to be too remote to organize the allotments effectively.

#### **Resolved:**

UTC Allotment Committee to meet in order to discuss the issues raised.

### **13.9 To discuss parking issues in Usk – see resident’s letter**

#### **Resolved:**

Following discussion it was resolved that the introduction of parking charges will not benefit the Town. Clerk to write to resident.

### **14.0 To discuss the problem of parking outside Usk Church in Wales Primary School**

UTC has received complaints about the lack of parking for parents at the school following the tidying up of the area on Monmouth road. This has also resulted in parents parking on the grass verge outside the school, where bulbs have been planted by Usk in Bloom.

#### **Resolved:**

County Cllr Strong to discuss a solution with MCC

### **14.1 To discuss car park signage around Usk**

#### **Resolved:**

Old signage has been removed and the new signage installed around the Town. There are a few issues noted by Mark Lloyd from MCC, who will take these up with the signage company

### **14.2 To discuss attendance at the Next Chamber of Commerce meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

#### **Resolved:**

Cllr Keenan will attend the meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm at The Three Salmons

### **14.3 To discuss the introduction of no parking lines at the end of the Owain Glyndawr Field adjacent to Mill St Close**

There is a problem with cars parking too near to the end of the path thus preventing access into Mill St Close particularly for mobility scooters.

#### **Resolved:**

County Cllr Strong to speak with MCC with a view to having road markings in order to alleviate this problem.

Cllr Strong will also speak to MCC regarding the dangers of crossing the road outside Barclays Bank.

### **14.4 To discuss the installation of the Christmas Lights**

#### **Resolved:**

The Christmas lights will be switched on once all the features are installed during week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **14.5 To discuss a request to meet with the Usk Brass Band**

#### **Resolved:**

There is to be a meeting with the Chair of Usk Brass Band on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. Cllrs Harding, Keenan, Leathwood, Wilkinson, Williams, Roderick and Jeremiah will attend. Clerk to notify Usk Brass Band

#### **14.6 Correspondence:**

**From:** MCC Temporary Street Closure relating to Armistice/Remembrance Parade

**From:** The Royal British Legion Invitation to the Armistice Parade on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**From:** Welsh Government seeking views on healthcare in Wales

**From:** A letter from a resident regarding car parking issues in Usk

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

#### **Notices**

- Armistice Day Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November – Members are invited to be present at this Act of Remembrance, meeting at the Castle at 10.45am
- 60's Night Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 8 `til Late Tickets £8. All proceeds to the Mayor's Appeal
- Usk in Wales in Bloom and Britain in Bloom, a recording session of BBC Radio 4's hardy perennial programme, Gardeners' Question Time, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Memorial Hall, Usk. Doors open at 5.30pm and the session will start at 6.30 pm. Tickets cost £4.50

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 9.00pm