

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Prior to the meeting Tony Kear Chairman of Usk in Bloom addressed Full Council.

Present: Cllr T Keenan, Cllr G Roderick, Cllr Mrs. J Jeremiah, Cllrs A Leathwood, R. Galletley, Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson, C. Cllr B Strong, Cllr Ms. I Brown, Cllr D Harding, Cllr M Evans, Town Clerk – Mrs. Tracey Huxley

10.0 To accept Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Leathwood and Watkins

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

County Cllr Strong, – All Planning

**10.2 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on
12th September 2016**

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

**10.3 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on
12th September 2016**

8.6 (7.1) Gutters along the Monmouth Road leading towards Factory Lane are blocked. It was reported that the mechanical sweeper has been, but the weeds need to be sprayed and removed.

Resolved:

Still waiting to hear from MCC regarding the spraying and removal of the weeds.

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

See report dated 3rd October 2016.

10.5 To receive the monthly reconciliation for September 2016 and to receive the six-monthly review of accounts

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

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

Cllrs received copies of the six-monthly report and review of accounts. Cllrs were satisfied that spending is within the budget limit.

10.6 To receive the Annual Return 2015/16

The Audit was approved and signed off by the Chairman and by the Town Clerk in the absence of the RFO.

10.7 Planning Applications.

1. **DC/2016/00575** Proposal to continue to use land beside Usk Castle as a camping site. Using moveable medieval tents and the addition of wooden structures (fort and shepherds hut) (up to 6 units in total) for accommodation purposes to visitors to Usk Castle.
Castle House Monmouth Road Usk NP15 Recommend Approval

2. **DC/2016/01056** Change existing shop front windows which are damaged and unsafe. Replace with wooden sash windows with 6.4mm safety glass **7-9 Bridge Street, Usk NP15 1BQ**
Recommend Approval

3. **DC/2016/00856** Change of use from library to music space, for band rehearsal practice/teaching and the storage of instruments.
18 Maryport Street, Usk NP15 1AE **Recommend Approval**

10.8 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee

Resolved:

- The 20mph speed limit plan between Usk Primary School & Usk bridge has been agreed by the Police.
- The plan has gone out for public consultation and should be in force by January 2017.
- Recent Air Quality meeting showed that the overall air pollution has not exceeded the acceptable limits
- Pinch points will soon to be in place on the Abergavenny Road

Monmouthshire County Council's meeting/workshop with UTC and Ben Hamilton-Baille to consider traffic and environmental improvements for Usk Town is scheduled for Friday 14th October. However, this is considered too short notice for UTC

Resolved:

Clerk to contact MCC and rearrange

10.9 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

Cllr Evans reported that the Eistedfodd Committee raised £28 500 towards their target of £30 000

11.0 Areas of concern around the Town

The weeds around the Town are still a concern

Resolved:

Clerk to contact MCC

11.1 To receive an update from the Community Communication Committee

- ❖ Facebook
Information and posts are being shared on Facebook and there are presently 241 "likes".

- ❖ Usk Show Questionnaires
Cllrs Wilkinson and Brown have completed a short analysis on the questionnaires taken at the Show.
Resolved:
The sub - committee plan to discuss further the information and issues raised.

- ❖ The Social Media Policy for FB
Cllr Brown presented the final draft copy of the Social Media Policy.
Resolved:
This was approved and adopted by Full Council
- ❖ Sessions House Christmas card
Resolved:
These are on order, proceeds will go towards the Sessions House

11.2 To receive an update from the Events Committee

The recent CODA night had been a very successful evening. The event had raised a £1000 towards the Usk Mayor's Appeal.

Resolved:

The Events sub- committee are meeting regularly with a view to organizing the Christmas Festival/Reindeer Parade.

11.3 To inform Councillors of the Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Initial Proposals

Resolved:

The report was noted by Members.

11.4 To discuss correspondence from a resident regarding bus services in Usk

The resident's concerns were noted by Council.

Resolved:

UTC to contact MCC Passenger Travel UTC in order to see how the bus service in Usk can be improved.

11.5 Correspondence:

From: SECTION 14 – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT. Temporary road closure for Old Market Street, Usk, to facilitate telecommunication works. It is proposed that the restrictions will come into effect on the 24th October 2016 for 5 days.

From: Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Section 211 Trees in Conservation Areas. Removal of a Holly tree from the garden of 16 Priory Street

From: Christian Eheim Burgermeister Graben- Neudorf

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 11.6

11.6 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

11.7 Any other Business

For information

The following was noted

- UTC have been informed that the Athletic Club intend to host a Firework Display
- UTC to have a volunteer work experience student for a few weeks

Hub Cluster Meetings

- It was reported that this had been a positive meeting. Seven Town & Community Councils (T&CC) had been present. There is to be an Agreement Workshop where each T&CC will put forward three main issues for discussion. UTC will take forward issues raised from the Usk Show questionnaire.

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 8.40pm.