

**Minutes of a Meeting of Usk Town Council held at
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 12th October 2015 at 7.30pm.**

Prior to the meeting at 6.45pm Cath Fallon and Peter Davies from Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) addressed Full Council and Members of the Chamber of Commerce about the regeneration of businesses in Usk. They will liaise with Usk Town Council (UTC) and the Chamber of Commerce in order to help with the economic development of Usk.

Police Inspector Huw Jones gave the Police report. Concerns were raised regarding recent antisocial behaviour in the Town.

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

10.4 To Accept Apologies for Absence

Cllr R. Galletley and Cllr P. Phillips

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

County Cllr Strong – All Planning

Town Clerk – Planning Application [DC/2015/01131](#)

**10.6 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on
14th September 2015**

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

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

See report dated 5th October 2015

10.8 To discuss raising the profile of the Sessions House

This matter was discussed following on from last month's presentation.

Resolved:

Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson and Ms. J Mee RFO, will proceed with raising the profile of the Sessions House

**10.9 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on
14th September 2015**

There were none.

11.0 To receive the financial statement of accounts for September 2015

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

The reconciliation for July/August 2015 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

11.1 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.

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 11.2 and (see below)

11.2 To Receive an update on the proposed skate park/Borstal Field

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

11.3 Planning Applications.

DC/2015/01137 Planning Permission. Replacement of boundary fence with new 1.8m high powder coated green bowtop fencing to front of Usk Primary School.

Recommend Approval

DC/2015/01059 Planning Permission. Rear single storey extension and detached double garage.
10 Ladyhill, Usk.

Recommend Approval

DC/2015/00170 Appeal against refusal. New two storey rear extension & replacement garden room, pitched roof over garage. 6 Cloes Croeso, Usk

This was noted by UTC

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

11.4 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee

Cllr Leathwood reported that the recent meeting with MCC, and the Police had been both positive and productive.

As a result of the meeting Cllr Leathwood put forward the following proposal to Council "a plug order between the bridge and the Three Salmons Hotel during the hours of 8am – 11am and 2pm – 6pm, this would revoke the existing order which would result in no restrictions to HGV's outside these hours"

Resolved:

Members of UTC unanimously agreed with the proposal. They also acknowledged that all HGV's could access Bridge Street outside the prohibited periods. UTC to advise MCC of this decision.

11.5 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

➤ **Events Committee**

The recently combined Usk Rotary & UTC concert had been a tremendous success. The Chairman described the event as being a team effort with special thanks going to Cllr & Mrs. Watkins for organizing the event, Jenny and Lyn for preparation of the ploughman's supper.

➤ **Armistice/Remembrance Day Parade**

Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance will take place on Friday 30th October at St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a presentation to the Poppy Sellers at the Royal British Legion at 7.00pm
Cllr Roderick reported that the Parade will take place on Sunday 8th November. Leaving the Royal British Legion at 2.45pm

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

Resolved:

UTC have produced a leaflet that will be distributed around homes in order to highlight the responsibilities of dog ownership.

11.7 To discuss the changes in Bridge Street

MCC will liaise with UTC and the Chamber of Commerce in order to promote the economic development of Usk.

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

No update

11.9 To discuss scalping at Factory Lane Allotments

Resolved:

UTC have not budgeted for this work, therefore, Allotment holders will need to make a contribution in order to pay for the scalplings.

12.0 To discuss the recent success of Usk Town Band

Resolved:

Following the Band's recent success UTC will hold a reception in recognition of this achievement.

12.1 To discuss car park signage around Usk

Resolved:

MCC are currently updating signage around the Town.

Cllr Evans mentioned the possibility of Finger Posts around the Town.

Cllr Harding to enquire at the HMP Usk workshop about Finger Posts.

12.2 Correspondence:

From One Voice Wales re Newport Area Committee meeting

From: Thank you from the Monmouthshire National Eisteddfod 2016 for UTC donation

From: GAVO Annual Meeting, Nomination papers & Membership offer 2015

From: HMP Usk & Prescoed Annual Report 2014-15

From: Monmouthshire Existing Active Travel Routes Maps Consultation

From: Community Governance – Review Findings & Recommendations

From Welsh Government Preparing for Public Services Boards Conference 26th November 2015

From: Welsh Government Responses to consultation on a "Land Transaction Tax"

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

For information

- Nick Ramsay AM will attend a meeting of UTC to discuss the issue of the Welsh Assembly's proposal to abolish the County of Monmouthshire and merge it with Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Torfaen and Newport creating a new super – region of almost 600 000 people.

- Brain of Usk Competition will be held on Sunday 25th October 7.30pm at the Royal British Legion. £5 per person to include light refreshments. Teams of up to six.

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