

**Minutes of a Meeting of Usk Town Council held at The Sessions House,
Usk on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm.**

Prior to the meeting at 6.45pm Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson and Ms J Mee Sessions House Manager, gave an excellent presentation on raising the profile of The Sessions House.

P.C Rhydian Evans presented the Crime report for July/August 2015. This was followed by a short discussion with Sergeant Dave Seymour about the HGV issues in Usk.

Present:

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

8.2 To Accept Apologies for Absence

Cllr T. Keenan

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

County Cllr Strong – All planning
Cllrs M Evans & R. Galletley re:-Allotments

**8.4 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on
12th July 2015**

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

**8.5 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on
12th July 2015**

Item 6 .7 should read "Chief Constable" not "Police Constable"

**8.6 To receive the financial statement of accounts for July/August 2015
a) To finalize the audit for 2014/15**

Resolved:

The audit was approved and finalized.

8.7 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 8.8 and (see below)

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

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

8.9 Planning Applications.

DC/2015/00868 Erection of a detached bungalow. Castle Oak Usk NP15 1SG

Recommend Refusal

DC/2015/00879 Side porch, rear extension and garden store.
27 Ladyhill Close Usk NP15 1SJ

Recommend Approval

9.0 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee

Cllr Leathwood reported that separate discussions had taken place with the Police Commissioner and a business representative from Woodside to consider the introduction of two periods of HGV prohibition in Bridge Street. The HGV issue was further discussed with Sergeant Dave Seymour prior to this meeting.

Resolved:

Sergeant Dave Seymour will arrange a meeting with UTC, Gwent Police Traffic Management, Gwent Police Solicitor and MCC Highways (including their legal department).

UTC to consider calling a Public Meeting to inform residents of all the negotiations that have taken place.

9.1 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

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

See report dated 7th September 2015

- **Resolved:**

It was decided that the raising the profile of the Sessions House will feature on next month's agenda.

- **Transition Usk**

Cllr Evans reported this group is progressing and that there will be an Apple Day at Cefn Ila on Sunday 18th October 10am – 5pm

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

Resolved:

- Three dog poop bins have been installed in the following places
 - ❖ Owain Glyndawr
 - ❖ Conigar Walk.
 - ❖ Monmouth Road by the school
- Red spray chalk has been applied to the path on Conigar Walk and Monmouth Road near to the school in order to discourage dog fouling and highlight the need to clean up after your dog.

Clerk to arrange emptying of dog waste with MCC

9.3 To approve the "notification of declaration of interest" form

Resolved:

The "notification of declaration of interest" form was approved by Full Council.

9.4 To discuss the changes in Bridge Street

In the light of local businesses closing it was proposed that there be a conference that will bring together local businesses, UTC, Chamber of Trade and MCC in order to help start and encourage businesses in Bridge Street.

Resolved:

Clerk to contact MCC

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

Cllrs Watkins & Roderick had met with MCC officers to discuss The Priory.

It is hoped that a compulsive purchase order may be made by a charitable company on the property at some point.

9.6 To receive a report on the Usk Agricultural Show

Resolved:

There had been a good attendance at the Show.

The sharing of the marquee with Fair Trade, Usk Civic Society, and Usk in Bloom and Usk U3A had worked well.

Clerk to make enquiries about a flag pole & pennant in order to make the Usk Town Marquee more easily identifiable.

9.7 To discuss scalping at Factory Lane Allotments

A request has been received from the Allotment Committee for scalping to improve the roadway at the Allotment site.

Resolved:

Clerk to ask Allotment Committee to cost the work.

This to be included in next year's budget.

9.8 To discuss the Chamber of Commerce meetings

Resolved:

UTC to be represented at the Chamber of Commerce meetings – two Councillors to attend

9.9 To discuss car park signage around Usk

Resolved:

Clerk to contact Mark Lloyd MCC for an update on signage around the Town.

10.0 To discuss street lighting in Usk

Resolved:

Cllr Strong reported that a resident from Ladyhill had complained about lights being switched off at night in various locations in the Town. Cllrs were reminded that Roger Joy (Lighting Officer MCC) had reported this to UTC in Sept 2014 and

reluctantly UTC had agreed to lights being turned off due to cost -cutting measures. However, if certain areas were deemed to be dangerous or likely to lead to an increase in crime the public were able to contact either UTC or MCC to see whether the areas of concern justified leaving certain street lights on. This has already happened in certain areas.

10.1 To discuss the correspondence regarding the grave of St. David Lewis in St. Mary's

Resolved:

The Clerk to bring to attention the concerns the resident has about the lack of recognition of the grave of Saint David Lewis to the Church in Wales and the Catholic Church.

10.2 Correspondence:

From: Invitation to Usk in Bloom Town Awards Presentation 4th Oct 2015

From: British Weights and Measures Association re: units of measurements-garden allotments

From: Letter Saint David Lewis' grave in St. Mary's Church

From: Welsh Government re: Consultation on the Welsh Government's Draft Directions to the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales

From: Police Chief Constable re: HGV issues in Usk

From: Mark Hand – Head of Planning Introduction

From: BAE Systems Munitions, Glascoed – External (off-Site) Emergency Plan – Revised August 2015

From: MCC Financial Training for Community Councils 14th Sept 2015

From: MCC Tree preservation order number MCC259 (82 Maryport Street)

From: MCC Commercial obstruction in the carriageway: static advertising policy

From: Welsh Government The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015

From: Gwent & Powys Army Cadet Force

From: Welsh Government Shred Purpose – Draft statutory Guidance for the well-being of future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

From: NALC – Legal Briefing. Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – impact on standing orders and financial regulations adopted by councils

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

For Information up and coming events

- Tuesday 22nd September – Cheese and Wine Evening at Sessions House
- Saturday 10th October – Rotary Musical Evening at the Memorial Hall