

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at  
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Prior to the meeting PC Evans gave the Police report.

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

**8.3 To accept Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mrs. C Williams

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

County Cllr Strong, – All Planning

Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson and Cllr Mrs. J Jeremiah - Planning

**8.5 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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

**8.6 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

- 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:**

Clerk to contact MCC to request spraying and removal of the weeds.

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

See report dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Cllr Leathwood thanked Cllr Wilkinson and RFO Jenny Mee on behalf of the Council for all their hard work in helping to promote the Sessions House.

**8.8 To receive the financial statement of accounts for July & August  
2016**

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

The reconciliation for July & August 2016 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

Councillors were asked to give consider any recommendations for 2017/18 Usk Town Council budget. Following which there will be full discussion.

### **8.9 Planning Applications.**

1. **DC/2016/00745** Proposed detached double garage with garden store. Home office/studio in roof space **12 New Market Usk NP15**  
**Recommend Approval**
2. **DC/2016/00743** Demolition of existing garage. Construction of new garage. Single storey side extension. Internal alterations and loft conversion **3 Abergavenny Road Usk NP15 1SB**  
**Recommend Approval**
3. **DC/2016/00862** Single storey lean-to extension on the rear of the property to provide indoor swimming pool and pump room and enclose garden room with sliding folding doors and under a riven slate roof **27 Burrium Gate Usk NP15 1TN**  
**Recommend Approval**

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

Cllr Leathwood reported that there had been a positive meeting with MCC which had provided an opportunity to rethink the way in which the town deals with its traffic problems.

The following was agreed

- Ben Hamilton Bailey (of shared space fame) to carry out an analysis/review/design of the town with a view to make recommendations as to how to make Usk a much safer town for shoppers. The costs of this will be shared equally between MCC and Usk Town Council (UTC). This will be done as soon as the consultants have available dates.
- Consideration was given to the introduction of “pinch points” giving priority to vehicles leaving the town in order to try to dissuade rather than prohibit through traffic.
- MCC to introduce a pinch point under the railway bridge on the Abergavenny Road, which would effectively reduce the speed of vehicles using this road.
- The RTO introducing a 20mph limit through Bridge Street is currently with the legal department, it will hopefully be introduced by the end of the year.

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

No update

### **9.2 Areas of concern around the Town**

- ❖ State of weeds on the cobble and around Usk  
**Resolved:**  
Clerk to contact MCC
- ❖ Parking outside One Stop retail shop  
**Resolved:**  
MCC have asked the Police to be more proactive in policing this area

- ❖ Dog Fouling

**Resolved:**

There was a Dog Awareness day in the County on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Local "Dog Spotter" Terry Smith kindly promoted dog responsibility and ownership in and around Usk on this day. This has been well received by residents.

- ❖ Access to the Borstal Field for Junior Football

The gate leading into the parking area for this field has remained locked during Junior football games.

**Resolved:**

Cllr Keenan to liaise with Junior Football with a view to the gate being unlocked and the parking area being made available.

### **9.3 To receive a report Usk Town Council's participation in this year's Usk Agricultural Show**

The Show had been successful. The marquee had been shared with Usk Civic Society. Mr. Jon Prince had built a frame on which to display the Usk Timeline. This had been well received by visitors. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Brown for her involvement in promoting UTC through the Usk Timeline. A hundred of the prepared Usk questionnaires had been completed at the Show.

### **9.4 To receive an update from the Community Communication Committee**

#### **i) Facebook**

- ❖ UTC Facebook (FB) is continuing to share information and raise issues within the Town.
- ❖ There has been 225 "likes"
- ❖ All Councillor FB profiles have been completed.
- ❖ Training has been given in administrating the site

#### **ii) Production of a Christmas Card**

Members of the Community Communication Committee are working on this.

#### **iii) Usk Promotional DVD**

- ❖ Work has started on this project. It is hoped it will be released in the Spring 2017

#### **iv) Skate park issues**

**Resolved:**

The Skate Park Committee will meet and discuss in order to ascertain if a skate park is the provision wanted by young people in Usk.

### **9.5 To receive an update on Speed watch**

**Resolved:**

The Abergavenny road has now been designated a "Go Safe/Speed Watch" area by the Police.

### **9.6 To receive an update from the Events Committee**

**Resolved:**

- ❖ Preparations for the Usk Christmas Festival are underway.

The Events Committee met with Phillip Mungeam, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in order to discuss road closures and traffic management for the event

- ❖ The Usk Mayor's Charity CODA Night is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs were encouraged to promote the evening

### **9.7 Correspondence:**

**From:** MCC Glass recycling trial

**From:** One Voice Wales AGM Motions

**From:** An invitation to the ceremony of the new Graben- Neudorf Burgemeister Herr Christian Eheim 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**From:** MCC Emergency Contacts Directory

**From:** MCC Traffic Management in Usk Town

**From:** One Voice Wales Monmouthshire/Newport Area Committee

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

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Council went into Committee to receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee and to discuss item 9.8

### **9.8 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

### **9.9 Any other Business**

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