

**Minutes of a meeting of Usk Town Council held remotely on Zoom
on Monday 11th January 2021 at 6pm**

Present

Cllr C. Wilkinson, Cllr A. Watkins, Cllr A. Leathwood, Cllr Roderick, Cllr M Howells, C. Cllr Strong, Cllr Galletley, Cllr H Graz, Cllr P. McGowan, Cllr A Ivin, Cllr M. Evans, Cllr S Williams, RFO Mrs. D. Richards, Town Clerk Mrs. T Huxley

15.8 To accept apologies for absence.

All Members were present.

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

There were none.

16.0 To approve the Minutes held on 14th December 2020.

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

16.1 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 14th December 2020.

Item 17.9 Should be recorded as "SWIPE is seeking costs from MCC in light of the Judicial Review costs."

16.2 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

See report dated 7th January 2021.

Cllr Galletley joined the meeting at this point.

16.3 To receive the monthly finance report for December 2020.

The reconciliation for December 2020 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

The following items were recommended by the Sub-Finance Committee for approval by Full Council.

- a) The purchase of Honorary Burgess Medals.

Resolved: To go ahead with the purchase following a vote, whereby, 10 Cllrs voted in favour and 2 Cllrs abstained (LG Act 1972 s.249)

- b) **Donation to the Usk Coronavirus Support Group**

Resolved: To donate £100 towards equipment for the group (LG Act 1972 s.137)

16.4 To confirm Usk Town Council's Precept Advice of £145,656.00 for 2021/2022 financial year.

Resolved: This was noted by Members

16.5 To inform Members of the Auditors General's new three-year programme for the audit of community & Town Councils. The new "full audit" procedure involves detailed testing of transactions. UTC is scheduled for the new "full audit" for 2021/2022 financial year.

Resolved: This was noted by Members

16.6 To receive the following Planning Applications

- a) **DM/2020 01812 Demolition of existing extensions, alterations and new single storey extension to dwelling. Erection of car port. 12 Priory Street, Usk, NP15 1BJ**
Recommend Approval
- b) **DM/2020/01734 Erection of single storey lean-to canopy to rear elevation 57 Bridge Street, Usk**
Recommend Approval
- c) **Proposed Alfred Russell Wallace Memorial, Twyn Square, Usk**
All necessary documentation has been received from Usk Civic Society via the contractor
Resolved: UTC will apply for the Street Licence on behalf of Usk Civic Society

16.7 To inform Members of the "Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033 Growth and Spatial Options Non-Statutory Consultation and Engagement"

Resolved: This was noted by Members and a reminder given of the upcoming consultation event on the Thursday 14th January 2021 18:00-19:30 and Wednesday 20th January 2021 14:00-15:30

16.8 Areas of concern around the Town

- **Kings Head Hotel** – the poor amenity state of the area adjacent to the Kings Head Hotel, Usk.
Resolved: Both Heritage & Enforcement Departments at MCC to be informed
- **Fence along the Conigar Walk** – this has still not been repaired.
Resolved: County Cllr Strong will speak to Nigel Leaworthy MCC
- **Building in Castle Parade** -poor amenity state of the windows
Resolved: Cllr Ivin will contact Land Registry to seek the property owner

16.9 To receive an update on the former Usk Household Recycling Centre (UHRC)

Cllr Graz has drawn up a proposal for the potential re-use of the former UHRC.

Resolved: Clerk to circulate the document to Members for their consultation and views

17.0 To receive an update on the Memorial Hall car park.

Resolved: MCC has confirmed it is working to have the design and funding in place for the car park, but to date, cannot guarantee the funding until their budget is set.

17.1 To receive an update on the Masterplan for Usk.

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 20th January at 10:30am.

17.2 To receive an update on the traffic light system in Usk.

There has been a request from Sprokwobbles to have the current barriers replaced with barrels in order to improve the outside appearance of the Cafe.

Resolved: Cllr Williams has contacted Mark Hand MCC

17.3 To receive an update on the Parking Review in Usk

Cllr Strong reported MCC is due to meet tomorrow 12th Jan to discuss the future of parking in Monmouthshire. Town & Community Councils will then be approached for their views.

Resolved: UTC members to meet and discuss parking issues in Usk. A meeting will be scheduled for Monday 18th Jan 5.30pm

17.4 To discuss a memorial in memory of Jill Jeremiah, former Councillor and Mayor of Usk

A number of options were discussed.

Resolved: Councillors to discuss further. In the meantime, UiB has offered 200 daffodils which will be planted in the Sessions House grounds along with a plaque in memory of Jill.

17.5 To discuss celebration of the NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021.

Resolved: This was noted by councillors & will be discussed nearer the time

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 item 17.6 a) & b)

17.6 To receive an update on

a) The Whitehouse, Old Market Street, Usk

b) The Priory Gatehouse

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

17.7 To receive the Clerk's report on the following.

Mon CC Dog Fouling Group – postponed until 18th March 2021.

Dog Fouling Action Day in Usk - postponed until 22nd April 2021.

Usk Litter Action Group –members of the group are working individually to help keep Usk tidy. Guidelines have been forwarded to help keep members safe during the pandemic.

17.8 Correspondence

From: MCC Council precept advice 2021/2022

From: Usk resident regarding the traffic light system in Bridge Street

17.9 Any Other Business - for information

- Parking outside St. Mary's Priory Church
MCC have informed UTC they are considering marking angled to the kerb parking bays, outside St, Mary's Priory Church, Usk, at some stage during the next financial year.
- The Almshouse Trust requires an UTC member – this will feature on next month's Agenda.

There was no further business and the meeting finished at 7.35pm