



Usk Town Council

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD

Minutes of a meeting of Usk Town Council held remotely on Zoom on Monday 10th January 2022 at 6.00pm

Present Cllr Roderick, Cllr S Williams, Cllr C Wilkinson, Cllr A. Leathwood, Cllr R. Galletley, Cllr M Howells, Cllr H Graz, Cllr A Ivin, Cllr B Strong, Cllr A Watkins, Cllr A Morgan, Mrs. D. Richards, Town Clerk Mrs. T Huxley

18.0 To accept apologies for absence.

There were none

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

There were none

18.2 To approve the Minutes held on 13th December 2021

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed

18.3 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 13th December 2021

There were none

18.4 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

See report dated 6th January 2022

18.5 To receive the monthly finance report for December 2021

The reconciliation for December 2021 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

See finance report dated 6th December 2021

There has been a request for funding from the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital

Resolved: To donate £250 Noah's Ark Children's Hospital – (Local Government Act 1972 s.137)

18.6 To receive the following Planning Applications.

a) DM/2021/01733 34 Castle Oak Usk

Proposed two storey extension to create additional home and office ground floor extension, creating utility room and workshop

Recommend Approval

b) DM/2021/01836 15A Baron Street Usk NP15 1AS

Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwellings

Recommend Approval

c) DM/2021/02092 The Old Bank House 6 Porthycarne Street Usk NP15 1RY

To replace the concrete hard standing (drive) to the north side of the house with natural stone paving. Retrospective application. We don't have a record of the exact start date but estimated as mid November 2021. The completion date of 10 December 2021 is correct.

Recommend Approval



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18.7 To receive an update on the Masterplan for Usk

Resolved:

- MCC's Economy & Development Select Committee has recommended adoption.
- The plan be submitted to Cabinet on the 19th January 2022.

18.8 To receive an update on the Digital Information board

Cllr Williams has made a start on the design of the board.

March remains the earliest month for installation as the design, as there remains a great deal of work to do including, layout menus, content gathering, along with the need for staff training.

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18.9 To receive an update on the proposed markets on the site of the former Usk Household Recycling Centre (UHRC)

The following was reported

- MCC is exploring the possibility of the HWRC site being leased to Usk Town Council on a short-term basis
- There may be some funding from the 2021/22 Welsh Government Placemaking pot (which MCC administers) to help with costs
- Green Tops Events who specialize in the running of local markets have been contacted for advice.

Resolved:

- UTC to meet with MCC Estates to discuss the former HWRC site being leased to UTC - 12th Jan at 1.30pm
- UTC to meet with Green Top Events to discuss holding markets on the site- 18th Jan at 10am
- No decision will be made until any proposal have been fully explored

19.0 To receive a report from the Events Committee

Cllr Howells reported the following

- The Casino Night scheduled for 29th Jan 2022 has been postponed due to WG Alert Level 2 Covid regulations
- It is unlikely the Singing Club's St. David's Day celebrations will take place
- Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations scheduled for 2nd June 2022 are being put into place.

There is an Events Meeting scheduled to take place tomorrow 11th Jan at 10.30am

19.1 To receive an update from NRW Discharge of Sewage into the River Usk

David Davis MP has respectfully requested the following article be brought to the attention of Usk Town Council and placed on public record:

<https://www.david-davies.org.uk/news/tackling-river-pollution-complicated-devolution>

Resolved: This was noted by members

19.2 To receive an update on a request for the removal of the kissing gate on the Conigar walk in order to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and pushchairs



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MCC has been adjusted the kissing gate to accommodate wheelchair users and pushchairs. A note of thanks has been sent to Nigel Leaworthy.

Resolved: Residents to be made aware of the improved accessibility

19.3 To receive an update on Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Resolved: All the completed volunteer forms have been collected by the Police Casualty Reduction Officer. Mr. Tony Kear one of the volunteers has kindly offered to co-ordinate the CSW group.

19.4 To receive an update on the Memorial Hall car park

Car park update:

MCC is currently waiting on Scheduled Ancient Monument Consent (SAMC) from CADW. Without this they are unable to commence any construction work in the car park due to the location being above the Roman fortress.

In order for CADW to grant this SAMC they require a full report of findings from the ground investigation works recently completed in the car park. The report has been submitted to CADW for approval (this can take up to 13 weeks, however CADW is looking to reduce this timeframe dramatically due to their involvement on site).

It is hoped approval will be given towards the end of January 2022, following which, MCC will utilize their in-house operations team to commence work on site in February 2022 (exact date to be agreed once SAMC received). CADW has stipulated a full archaeological watching brief is required for the construction work on site. UTC is informed this watching brief will come with a stop caveat if any artifacts are uncovered, which is a risk to time and cost on this scheme.

There was some discussion regarding MCC apparent agreement to complete the resurfacing of the car park by the end of this financial year.

Resolved: Clerk to retrieve emails/correspondence from MCC as to what agreement was reached.

19.5 To receive an update on Monmouthshire Councils Review of Parking in Usk

No update

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 19.6

19.6 To receive an update on the Priory Gatehouse

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

19.7 Correspondence

There was none

19.8 Any Other Business



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For information

The single yellow lines by the chip shop.

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The single yellow lines on Castle Parade by the chip shop. Subject to no issues arising from the Traffic Order, the lining works will be completed after 9th March.

Courtroom Sessions House

The matter was raised of the courtroom, having been painted for the recent filming of Sanditon, not being restored to its original colour, as was originally agreed.

The filming company offered to repair and paint the outside doors instead of repainting the courtroom. The Clerk agreed at the time, as the doors were in a poor decorative state and in need of urgent attention and considered this would be a better use of resources. It was thought that the courtroom could then be painted at a later date as the courtroom was in good decorative order. It was recommended a quotation be sort for the cost of repainting the courtroom.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7.20pm