



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 14th March 2022 at 6.00pm

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

23.2 To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr S. Williams

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

There were none

23.4 To approve the Minutes held on 14th February 2022

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed

23.5 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 14th February 2022

There were none

23.6 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

See report dated 10th March 2022

23.7 To receive the monthly finance report for February 2021

See report dated 10th March 2022

Cllr Howells has requested UTC undertakes a Basic Ethical Carbon Footprint Procurement check list of UTC's suppliers.

Resolved UTC agree in principle to this but consider it difficult to implement. They will, however, follow guidelines and be mindful, particularly so, with major works undertaken.

23.8 To receive the following Planning Applications.

- a) **DM/2022/00281** Demolition of existing 24m high chimney and installation of replacement 10m high chimney at HMP Usk **47 Maryport Street** **Recommend Approval**
- b) **DM/2022/00284** Demolition of existing 24m high chimney and installation of replacement 10m high chimney at HMP Usk **47 Maryport Street** Listed Building consent **Recommend Approval**
- c) **DM/2022/00082** Installation of 27 x black solar PV panels on the three south/southeast-facing roofs **The Granary Little Castle Farm Monmouth Road Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1QY** **Recommend Approval**



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- d) **DM/2022/00223** To remove the chimney stack because of deterioration and damage which is causing damage to our roof and bedroom below. **Vern Cottage 16 Castle Parade Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1AA** **Recommend Approval**
- e) **DM/2022/00348** Use former Household & Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) for occasional markets, three times a month & occasional community events Usk **Former HWRC, North Car Park, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AB** **Recommend Approval**
- f) **DM/2022/00094** New vehicle driveway entrance (including drop kerb) in front boundary wall which sits adjacent to Maryport Street. Parking for 2 cars on front garden **82 Maryport Street, Usk** **Recommend Approval**

23.9 To receive an update on the Masterplan for Usk

No update, the next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday 25th May 10.30am

24.0 To receive an update on the Digital Information Board

Resolved: Cllr Williams is working on assembling data for the digital information board

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

Resolved:

- All the groundwork/clearance in preparation for the markets has been completed
- The Licence to Occupy has been agreed with MCC and the first Market took place on Sunday 13th March – this had been well received
- UTC is waiting for planning permission – there is a grace period of fourteen markets prior to permission being granted
- Still waiting delivery of the storage container

24.2 To receive a report from the Events Committee

Cllr Howells reported the following

- The Usk Singing Club St. David's Day concert had gone well with £330 raised for the Mayor's Appeal
- The Casino Night is scheduled for 7th May
- Community Awards are scheduled for 14th April

24.3 To receive an update on the planned Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Plans for the event on Friday 3rd June 12-7pm are on going

There was a meeting of the working party on 2nd March.

A number of things have been confirmed

- The lighting of a Beacon on Thursday the 2nd at 9.15p.m. by the Scouts
- Six bands/entertainers have been booked to provide music
- Children's Entertainer
- Tables and chairs, a marquee, P.A. system and stage



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- Adrian Merritt will comperere for the day

Working party due to meet next on Wednesday 6th of April at 7p.m. at the Royal British Legion.

24.4 To discuss renewal of One Voice Wales Membership

Resolved: Full Council agreed to the renewal of One Voice Wales Membership

24.5 To receive an update on Usk as a Smart Town

Resolved: Awaiting the results of a survey with Usk businesses with regards to setting Usk up as a Smart Town

24.6 To receive an update on a Memorial for The Platinum Jubilee.

Resolved: It was agreed to name the new markets at the former HWRC the "Jubilee Markets." Clerk to investigate a "Jubilee Markets" plaque to for the market gates

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

A group has formed to offer Angela Jones support with her campaign to stop pollution in the River Usk. The group's first meeting had been well attended and an action plan put together.

The purpose of the group is

- To stop pollution in the River Usk.
- To give a non- political voice for Nature and the River Usk.
- To report issues to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), Welsh Government (WG), Monmouthshire County Council (MCC),

Date of next meeting 5th April 2022

a) To receive an update on the Save the River Usk group

The Clerk has received a reply from NRW following an enquiry as to what work has been carried out at the Mill Lane CSO, Usk. NRW will forward a detailed reply in due course.

24.8 To receive an update on Community Speed watch

No update

24.9 To receive an update on the Memorial Hall car park

UTC met recently with MCC, the following was reported

- Work is due to commence on the 21st March and is scheduled to take 12 weeks
- There will be a watching brief by CADW, should there be any significant findings the works may extend beyond 21st March
- Access to the halls and playing fields will be maintained at all times.
- During the works Rob Davies will act as the main MCC contact point, UTC will help with enquiries etc.
- In terms of displaced parking, this will be monitored during the work and Gwent Police are to be approached about providing traffic cones to restrict parking on the junctions.



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- HMP Usk will look to encourage staff to find alternative parking including the development of travel plans.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Owain Glyndawr field would not be used as an alternative parking area

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

No update

25.1 To discuss the poor condition of Chepstow Road, Usk.

No update,

Resolved: Cllr Strong will follow up with MCC

25.2 To discuss the removal of emergency Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) within Monmouthshire

MCC has informed UTC the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) is proposing to remove the Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) based at Monmouth and Parkwall (between Caldicot and Chepstow) stations. This would halve the number of vehicles at these two sites and severely impede the ability of paramedics to respond to emergency calls, not just in the Monmouth, Caldicot and Chepstow areas, but would significantly reduce the resilience of the service across Monmouthshire, putting the lives of Monmouthshire residents at risk. This is due to be implemented in September 2022

Resolved: UTC to contact WAST expressing objection at the proposed reduction in services

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Council went into committee to discuss item 25.3 & 25.4

25.3 To receive an update on the Priory Gatehouse

25.4 To receive nominations for an Usk Community Award

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

25.5 Correspondence

None

25.6 Any Other Business - for information

Cllrs are invited to a reception to be hosted by the Chair on Friday 8th April at 7pm

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