



**Meeting of the Events & Tourism Committee held
at The Sessions House, Usk, on Friday 30th May 9.00 amz**

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

1. Elect a Chair for the Events & Tourism Sub-Committee 2025/26

Cllr Meirion Howells elected Chair. Cllr Gwyn Howells elected Vice-Chair

2. Apologies

Cllr Alison Ivin

3. To approve the minutes of Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 09.00 am

Minutes were approved

4. Matters arising from the above Minutes

None

5. To review recent events

- a. VE Day 80 Years Thurs 8th May. A very successful beautiful day. £505 raised for the Usk Food Kitchen. The day was televised by ITV and a video of the day has been made <https://youtu.be/-0oBtSchdlQ>

6. Forthcoming Usk events for information

- a. Usk River Festival 7th June 10am to 3pm
- b. Lines Pop-up Pub Conigar Walk Sat 21st June midday to 10pm
- c. Open Gardens Sat & Sun 28th & 29th June
- d. Duck Race Friday 4th July 7pm
- e. ARW Day - Saturday 5th July
- f. Teddy Bear Picnic & Parachute at Usk Castle 11.30am to 2.30pm Friday 11th July (tbc)
- g. Autumn Fayre Saturday 11th October 10-4pm

7. Usk River Festival

River Festival Saturday 7th June 2025 10am to 3pm – Save The River Usk have requested financial support to cover part of the costs to put on this free event. To be discussed at the finance meeting.

8. Open Gardens

Sat & Sun 28th & 29th June Sessions House open 10 – 4pm

Rota	10-12	Kay & Ang
	12-2	Dave & Meirion
	2-4	Gwyn & Alec (tbc)

9. To discuss future closure of Bridge Street

Bank Holiday Bridge St closure 24 August 2025

Christmas Event Sunday 30 November 2025 8am to 8pm

DR had spoken to UBSE who requested funding.

Our previous offer of either funding the Christmas event or 50% of each.



It was considered that UBSE need to move quickly if they are to apply for an August road closure.

10. Usk Weekly, Monthly & Annual Events List

MH is compiling a list of weekly and monthly events.

List will be posted monthly on UTC Facebook page. DH willing to help input onto UTC calendar for residents.

11. To discuss Tourism in the town

12. Update on the Digital information Board (DIB)

Newport Live request to advertise on the DIB. As they are a charity it was agreed for free monthly ad for July and August.

The Clerk informed that there is a steady flow of adverts.

Concern for time taken to input ads, clerk agreed to batch ads on Monday and Friday.

13. To receive an update on activities from other groups

UTFTC – 3 x 4th Year Architect and Planning UWE Students will produce a paper on how they think a sustainable Usk could look like in 25 years – Susk2050. MH attending review 5 June in Bristol. Request to give a presentation to Usk Town if available.

Giant Salmons Glass Mosaic inlaid on slate – MH visited Studio. Design for frame waiting for NRW to approve

Mural on Railway Bridge by Danielle Farrington – delay due to bridge closure. Look for business to sponsor

14. To discuss/review promotion of events on the following

- a. **Diary** - 3 pieces VE Day, New Mayor & Old Mayor
- b. **Facebook** – What's On Usk now has 589 members
- c. **Website** – What's On list of weekly and monthly events. New people

15. Matters of Information

DR suggested a Summer Event if August BH does not happen.

16. Any other business

- a) Discussed providing a bench at the Castle entrance with a plaque for Rosie
- b) 19th June 2-4pm French exchange students visiting the Sessions House and Rural Life Museum.

17. Correspondence

No correspondence

18. Date of next meeting

Thursday 26th June 9.00 am