



Meeting of the Events & Tourism Committee held
at The Sessions House, Usk, on Thursday 26th June 9.00 am

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

Cllr G. Howells; Cllr M Howells; Cllr K Peacock; Cllr D Harrison

1. Apologies

Cllr Alison Ivin

2. To approve the minutes of Wednesday 30th May 2025 at 09.00 am

Minutes were approved

3. Matters arising from the above Minutes

None

4. To review recent events

- a. Usk River Festival 7th June – due to yellow weather warning for thunderstorms the event was rescheduled for Sunday 14th September.
- b. 19th June French exchange group visited the Sessions House and Rural Life Museum. The group enjoyed looking around the Sessions House
- c. Lines Pop-up Pub Conigar Walk Sat 21st June – from remarks this was a well attended event with live entertainment. Mostly positive comments and the area was left litter free however 3 bags of rubbish left at the top near a dustbin. Meirion will check with James.
- d. Usk Mayor's Covic Service – Very well attended and enjoyed.

5. Forthcoming events for information

- a. Open Gardens Sat & Sun 28th & 29th June **on agenda**
- b. Duck Race Friday 4th July 7pm
- c. ARW Day - Saturday 5th July 11am to 5pm
- d. Teddy Bear Picnic & Parachute Jump – Fri 11th July 11am to 1pm – Usk Castle
- e. Autumn Fayre Saturday 11th October 10-4pm
- f. No date for School Fayre – MH to email Olly

6. Open Gardens

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

Rota 10-12 Kay & Ang

12-2 Dave & Meirion

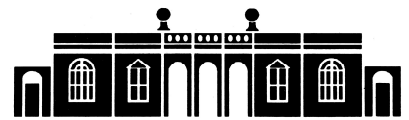
2-4 Gwyn & Alec (tbc) Lyn to lock up

Angela has scripts for guides.

7. To discuss future closure of Bridge Street

Bank Holiday Bridge St closure 24 August 2025 - advised that UBSE unable to meet 50% match funding offer for road closure cost without this event cannot go ahead. DR to confirm with UBSE. Newport Bus trail-run through back streets?

Christmas Event Sunday 30 November 2025 8am to 8pm – DR suggested we organise stalls



8. Discuss summer event

DR suggested that if UBSE are unable to go ahead with Bank Holiday event that we hold a low cost 'Party in the Park' summer event for residents. Due to clash with cricket events suggested date Saturday 23rd August midday til late. Local businesses to be offered stalls, stall holders to be self-sufficient and provide own tables/chairs/gazebos. Ask Russell for trailer/stage. License TENS – Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG). Contact Izzy & Callum for help. Plan B Memorial Hall with limited seating and no stalls.

9. Discuss Usk Weekly, Monthly & Annual Events List

MH is compiling a list of weekly and monthly events for website. Cllrs requested to suggest events. List will be posted monthly on UTC Facebook page and website. Residents are asked to forward their events using the MS Forms link <https://forms.office.com/r/NcJn8pK6uF>

10. To discuss Tourism in the town

Discussed ensuring accommodation have leaflets of local attractions

DH suggested we promote Visit Monmouthshire. MH to promote site and encourage businesses to register events. See link www.visitmonmouthshire.com

11. Update on the Digital information Board

DH to talk to Justine Pike about free town broadband

DH suggested linking Visit Monmouthshire to dib

12. To receive an update on activities from other groups

Twinning 1 – youth music group from Graben Neudorf visiting 1-4 August. Rehearsing 1pm Sat Memorial Hall – concert in evening. Sunday concert in St Mary's

Twinning 2 – group from Graben Neudorf visiting

- Thursday 11th September arrival SH drinks reception
- Friday 12th trip to St Fagan's. Dinner in ARW tkts £45 cllr welcome at cost.
- Saturday 13th – Usk Show – Evening meal at The Grange

UTFTC – 3 x 4th Year Architect and Planning UWE Students have produced a paper and model on how they think a sustainable Usk could look like in 25 years – Susk2050. The students have been invited to give an open presentation to the town and display the board at the Sessions House for a week

Giant Salmon Glass Mosaic inlaid on slate – working with artist and NRW for design for frame to go on the riverbank. Location may need rethinking due to sandy soil. Suggestion to contact civil engineer.

Mural on Railway Bridge by Danielle Farrington – revisit after re-opening of railway bridge.

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

- Diary** - DR article on Civic Service
- Facebook** – What's On Usk now has 641 583 members
- Website** – Calendar of events now started

14. Matters of Information

None

15. Correspondence

None

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 30th July 9.30 am