

**Meeting of the Events & Tourism Committee held
at The Sessions House, Usk, on [Tuesday 29th July 9.30am](#)**

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

Cllr D. Richards, Cllr G. Howells; Cllr M Howells; Cllr K Peacock; Cllr A Snelgrove;
Clerk Angela Morgan

1. Apologies

Cllr Alison Ivin; Cllr D Harrison

2. To approve the minutes of Friday 26th June 2025

Minutes were approved

3. Matters arising from the above Minutes

None

4. To review recent events

- a. Open Gardens Sat & Sun 28th & 29th June. A very successful day raising over £15,000 for the nominated charities. The Session House was open for visitors and guided tours on the Saturday and saw many visitors.
- b. Duck Race Friday 4th July 7pm. Another hugely successful evening which drew a large crowd to the cricket club.
- c. Alfred Russel Wallace Day - Saturday 5th July 11am to 5pm. Usk Civic Society's first ARW Day that saw a Guided Walk, Exhibition, Talk, Films, Stall and Crafts. A successful day that drew visitor's from outside of the town.
- d. Teddy Bear Picnic & Parachute Jump – Fri 11th July 11am to 1pm – Usk Castle. Organised by the Humphrey family, this was a wonderful event that saw children clutching their favourite teddies to be parachuted of the North Tower. The children came from the Reception Class at Usk Primary School, Usk Nursery, Little Explorers Nursery as well as children from the town.

5. Forthcoming events for information

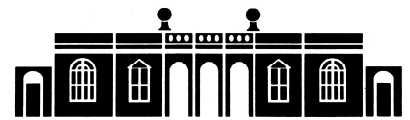
- a. Graben-Neudorf Youth Choir Musical Concert Sat 2nd & 3rd August
- b. Party in the Park – Sat 23rd August midday till late [on agenda](#)
- c. Usk Cricket Fun Day – Monday 25th August
- d. Usk Show Saturday 13th September [on agenda](#)
- e. Usk River Festival Sunday 14th September 10am to 3pm [on agenda](#)
- f. Autumn Fayre Saturday 11th October 10-4pm
- g. Christmas on Bridge St Sunday 30 November 2025 8am to 8pm [on agenda](#)

6. Discuss Christmas on Bridge Street

Sunday 30th November 8am to 8pm tbc dependent on shift work of traffic management company.
DR and AM to go through traffic management/risk assessment.

MH and AM to apply for Event Safety Advisory Group application.

DR talking to Emma Bevan 07496 819093 Artisan Events Wales from Craft Renaissance



7. Discuss involvement at Usk Show and Usk River Festival

- a) Usk Show Saturday 13th September to man a tent/gazebo. Sharing a tent with Graben-Neudorf Twinning Society. DR has a UTC Flag. Councillors asked to cover a one-hour shift to hand out flyers for UTC Surgeries and Guides
- b) Usk River Festival Sunday 14th September. Gazebo near Jane Hathaway stall. Suggestion for 12 to 2pm UTC surgery. Bring Flag and hand out flyers for UTC Surgeries and Guides

8. Discuss Open Doors

Sessions House Sat 20 September. AM registering building with Open Doors. Councillors will cover 3x two-hour shifts from 10am to 4pm, with help from Alec and Glenn.
Stella Collard also registering Alfred Russell Wallace Guided Walk time tbc with ARW exhibition in foyer of Sessions House.

9. Discuss Party in the Park summer event

Saturday 23rd August 12 midday to 6pm

DR and AM to go through traffic management/risk assessment.

TENS application submitted by DR

MH and AM to apply for Event Safety Advisory Group application.

Russell providing trailer for staging.

Katie Lou (Legion) has been asked to organise the stage events. Performers to be paid £100 tbc

Tables and chairs to be sourced, visitors encouraged to bring their own

10. Discuss Tour De Britain

Saturday 6th September – The elite riders will pass through Usk on 2 occasions

UTC have been approached by Welsh Cycling to host an event, MH to find out more

11. Lottery Launch

Former Cllr Ben Thomas has set this up and is ready to promote. MH has email Gatherwell Ltd for clarification of where the monies will be paid to. MH agreed to follow up this email.

See link for details <https://www.onelottery.co.uk/support/sessions-house>

12. Discuss Usk Weekly, Monthly & Annual Events List

What's On Usk Facebook page continues to grow to 833 followers

UTC website events calendar continues to receive events. Residents and groups are asked to forward their events using the MS Forms link <https://forms.office.com/r/NcJn8pK6uF>

13. To discuss Tourism in the town

Tour of Britain should draw crowds into Usk as it is a viewpoint that they will cross twice. Sat ^th September.

14. Update on the Digital information Board

AM informed that there were no paid adverts. Suggestion to leaflet drop the businesses.

Continues to receive many charitable events to post.

15. To receive an update on activities from other groups

Twining - group from Graben Neudorf visiting

Usk Town Council

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD



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

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

- a. **Diary - AM** has submitted an article for next month's issue.
- b. **Facebook – agreed** to post article on new councillor Allan Snelgrove
- c. **Website –**

17. Matters of Information

- KP informed the Usk Cricket Club had won the Macey's Cup and that the Ladies Team had won their League 2 division gaining promotion to League 1.
- Usk Cricket Fun Day – Monday 25th August

18. Correspondence

None

19. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th August 9.30am