

Meeting of the Events & Tourism Committee held
at The Sessions House, Usk, on Wednesday 26th November 1.30pm

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Alison Ivin; Cllr D Harrison

2. To approve the minutes of Wednesday 29th October 2025

Minutes were approved

3. Matters arising from the above Minutes

None

4. To review recent events

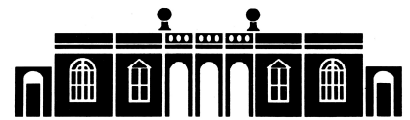
- a. Armistice Day – Sunday 9th November 10am St Mary's Church. Well organised and well attended. Our thanks to Tom Humphreys for leading the procession in the American Willys Jeep.
- b. Silurian – Bruce Springsteen Evening Saturday 22 November at the Legion. A fabulous evening with fantastic music and delicious food, raising £500 for the Mayor's Appeal.
- c. Light a Candle Service, St Mary's Church Wednesday 26th November 9.30am. Very well attended with members of the WI, Usk Town Council, Monmouthshire County Council, New Pathways and Newport Boxing Club. On display was a wedding dress with the names of 100 women who had lost their lives to domestic abuse.

5. Forthcoming events for information

- a. Usk Panto Thurs 27, Fri 28, Sat 29 November 7pm
- b. Christmas on Bridge St Sunday 30 November 2025 8am to 8pm on agenda
- c. Tues 9th Dec 7.30pm – Singing Club Christmas Sing-a-long – SH on agenda
- d. Thursday 18th December 9.30am – School Christmas Service at St Mary's. Attending AS, DR, GH, AM, MH
- e. Sunday 21st December 6pm – St Mary's Christmas Nine Lessons & Carols
- f. Christmas Civic Service – there is no specific civic service.
- g. Legion Music Quiz – Adrian Merrett date tbc
- h. Drew Morton 60's Night – date tbc
- i. Saturday 1st March - St David's Day Concert – Friends of Usk

6. Discuss Christmas on Bridge Street

- Sunday 30th November 8am to 8pm Market open 10am to 7pm
- Country Market in the Sessions House 11am to 4pm
- Three Salmons hosting a Funfair



- St Mary's Craft in M2
 - 16 Craft Stalls plus 4 in Three Salmons.
 - 2pm Usk Brass Band
 - 3pm Carols
 - 4pm Santa, Elves, Reindeer & Lantern Parade, lantern to be provided by UTC
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- i. DR & AM have submitted road closure application to MCC.
 - ii. Quantum in place for traffic management.
 - iii. Priory St, Church St, Old Market St and one side of New Market St will be coned clearways.
 - iv. Letter drop all properties along the route to advise of clearway
 - v. DR has updated UBSE of the event.
 - vi. MH messaged Nicola at Crosskeys - no response.
 - vii. Jeff at 3 Salmons confirmed that their car park will be closed for the day.
 - viii. DR, AM & MH have completed and submitted Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) application.
 - ix. Lanterns in Session House
 - x. Newport Bus to be advised and MCC Passenger Transport
 - xi. MH edited banners ready to be sited
 - xii. DR confirmed First Aider and Lost Children
 - xiii. Print One Lottery flyers
 - xiv. Dustbins to be left on street
 - xv. Councillors to be allocated a shift rota for stewarding.
 - 10am – midday – Di, Ian, Oscar, Gwyn, Tony, Meirion
 - Midday – 2pm – Allan, Di
 - 2pm to 4.30pm – Allan, Di, Kay
 - 4.30pm to 7pm – All cllrs

7. Christmas Singalong – Tuesday 9th December 7.30pm at Sessions House.
Fundraiser for the Mayor's Appeal. Councillors to help on bar.
Singing Club to bring mince pies and raffle prizes.
Mayor to read poem/story/reading

8. One Lottery Launch

See link for details <https://www.onelottery.co.uk/support/sessions-house>
MH to promote weekly on Fridays or Saturday am to remind participants.
Will promote at Christmas on Bridge St.
Help available for residents to sign up in the office.

9. Discuss Usk Weekly, Monthly & Annual Events List

What's On Usk Facebook page continues to grow from 975 to 1,100 to 1,203 followers.
To share use this link www.facebook.com/groups/576986058728555
UTC website events calendar. recurring events (18 weekly & monthly)
Residents and groups are asked to forward their events using the MS Forms link
<https://forms.office.com/r/NcJn8pK6uF>



10. To discuss Tourism in the town

MH will put together a video of shops in the town as a visit Usk Promotion

11. Update on the Digital information Board

MH has shared on UTC Facebook page every month as reminder.

12. Discuss the launch of free wifi in Twyn Square

Dave discussed with Justin. School children are already using it waiting for school buses.
Parental control activated.

Post has gone out on UTC Facebook to promote WiFi and thanking Justin Pike.

To be extended along No.49

13. To receive an update on activities from other groups

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

- a. **Diary** - photo of councillor around the tree
- b. **Facebook** –
- c. **Website** –

15. Matters of Information

None

16. Correspondence

None

17. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 28th January **9.30am**