



**Meeting of the Events & Tourism Committee held
at The Sessions House, Usk, on Wednesday 25th March 2026 3.00pm**

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

Cllr M Howells; Cllr K Peacock; Cllr D. Richards; Cllr A Snelgrove

1. Apologies

Cllr Alison Ivin; Cllr G. Howells; Cllr D Harrison;

2. To approve the minutes of Wednesday 4th March 2026

Minutes were approved

3. Matters arising from the above Minutes

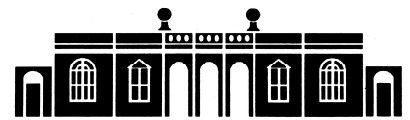
None

4. To review recent events

- a. Sunday 8th March – Doing Kind Repair Cafe 10am – 1pm Memorial Hall. Opened by the Mayor of Usk, Cllr Diane Richards, the first event was very successful with 37 items repaired
- b. Friday 20th March - Mayor’s Thank You – Memorial Hall. A well supported evening, enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our thanks to Tim Southern for providing the entertainment, Claire Cook for the delicious food and James Morgan for the bar refreshments. This may become an annual event to say thank you to all the groups in town.

5. Forthcoming events for information

- 1) Sunday 29th March - Green Top Market Spring Fayre 10-4pm
- 2) Saturday 11th April - Big Saturday Breakfast 8.30am -11.30am in the Memorial Hall
- 3) Saturday 11th April – Risca Male Voice Choir 7.30pm – St Mary’s Church **on agenda**
- 4) Monday 13th April – Save The River Usk Mtg 7.30pm Sessions House
- 5) Saturday 18th April - Usk Panto Spring Show 7pm Memorial Hall
- 6) Sunday 19th April - Doing Kind Repair Cafe 10am – 1pm Memorial Hall
- 7) Fri 15 May 10-6.30pm; Sat 16 May 10-2pm – Improvement Plan Consultation **on agenda**
- 8) Saturday 23rd May – Pianoforte Mary Frost 7.30pm Memorial Hall – tkts online
- 9) Friday 29th May - MCC Family Fun Day 11am to 3pm in the Owain Glyndwr Park and Memorial Hall to celebrate International Family Day
- 10) Saturday 30th May – Green Top Market Summer Fayre 10-4pm
- 11) Saturday 20th June – Lines Taproom Pop-up Pub on the river
- 12) Sat & Sun 27th & 28th June – Usk Open Gardens
- 13) Monday 29th June – Teddy Bear Picnic & Parachute Jump 10.30 – 1.30pm Usk Castle
- 14) Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th July – Usk Choral Festival – St Mary’s & Sessions House
- 15) Friday 3rd July – Duck Race 7pm Usk Bridge/Athletic Club
- 16) Saturday 15th August – Lines Taproom Pop-up Pub on the river
- 17) Saturday 12th September - Usk Agricultural Show – Usk Show Ground
- 18) Saturday 19th September – Open Doors 10-4pm Sessions House
- 19) Fri 25th & Sat 26th Sept – Lines Taproom Oktoberfest. Venue TBC



20) Saturday 31st October – Green Top Market Autumn Fayre 10-4pm

- 6. Risca Male Voice Choir Concert** Saturday 11th April – 7.30pm – St Mary’s Church. Tony organising fundraiser for Mayor’s Appeal. Also Drew Morton 400 What and Angela Morgan. Tickets are selling well. Gwyn and Kay volunteered to help out on the door.
- 7. Usk Improvement Plan Consultations.** Fri 15 May 10-6.30pm; Sat 16 May 10-2pm
It was agreed to town councillors at the consultation to greet residents and introduce them to the MCC Officers

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Shift 1 Fri - 10-1pm	Allan	Meirion
Shift 2 Fri – 1- 4pm	Kay	Meirion
Shift 3 Fri – 4-6.30pm	??	??
Shift 4 Sat – 10-12 midday	Diane	??
Shift 5 Sat – 12-2pm	Diane	??

Diane not available Friday. Meirion & Kay not available Saturday

- 8. Discuss Christmas Event 2026**
- Penciled date Sunday 29th November 2026. Meeting to be arranged with UBSE to discuss involvement for 2026.
- 9. Discuss additional Christmas Event with Green Top Market**
Gareth has offered to do a market in the square on the other day of the weekend ie Sat 28th Dec from Christmas on Bridge St in Twyn Square or on the following Saturday or Sunday in December.
Cllrs agreed to contact GTM after discussion with Usk Business, Shops and Events
- 10. One Lottery**
See link for details <https://www.onelottery.co.uk/support/sessions-house>
MH & AM to carry on promoting weekly on Fridays or Saturday to remind participants.
Help available for residents to sign up in the office.
- 11. Discuss Usk Weekly, Monthly & Annual Events List**
What’s On Usk Facebook page continues to grow from 1,300 to 1,500 followers.
To share use this link www.facebook.com/groups/576986058728555
UTC website events calendar. recurring events (20 weekly events & 8 monthly 12 one-off events)
Residents and groups are asked to forward their events using the MS Forms link <https://forms.office.com/r/NcJn8pK6uF>
- 12. To discuss Tourism in the town**
MH has created a Visit Usk in Spring Promotion, to draw attention to being voted Sunday Times Best Place to Live in Wales
Previously discussed town map place mats for restaurants. DH not at meeting to update.



13. Update on the Digital information Board

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

14. To receive an update on activities from other groups

Twinning trip 30 Apr to 4 May.

UCS 25th March 7pm AGM and Severn Ferries Talk

UiB Colours chosen

UTFTC Has provided their Annual Report which has been passed to the Clerk for inclusion in our UTC Annual Report

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

- a. **Diary** - AM?
- b. **Facebook** –
- c. **Website** –

16. Matters of Information

None

17. Correspondence

MCC are looking to host a Family Fun Day on Friday 29th May 11am to 3pm in the Owain Glyndwr Park and Memorial Hall to celebrate International Family Day

18. Date of next meeting Wednesday 29th April 9.30am