

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at
The Sessions House, Usk, on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr G Roderick, Cllr A Leathwood, Cllr C Wilkinson, Cllr Ms. I Brown, Cllr M Evans, Cllr A. Watkins, Cllr R Galletley, Cllr J Jeremiah, Cllr J Richards, C. Cllr B Strong, Cllr T Kear, Cllr C Williams

RFO - Ms. J Mee, Town Clerk - Mrs. Tracey Huxley

17.5 To accept Apologies for Absence

All Cllrs were present

17.6 To disclose personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:

There were none

17.7 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed

17.8 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017

➤ 16.2 **Abergavenny Road**

Resolved:

Cllr Strong reported that Mon CC plan to install two flashing gateway signs in order to slow down the traffic. If these do not work then an engineering solution will be sought.

➤ 16.3 **Usk Civic Society (UCS)**

With reference to valuation of the Priory by USC. The actual cost of the valuation has not yet been finalized.

Resolved:

Members of UTC have agreed in principal to make a contribution towards the cost of a valuation of the Priory.

➤ 16.4 **Clock in Twyn Square**

Cllr Strong reported that Mon CC have agreed to the clock being painted.

Resolved:

Cllr Strong will speak to Mon CC

➤ 16.4 **The White House situated in Old Market Street**

Cllr Strong reported that he has spoken to the Conservation Officer regarding the poor state of the White House

Resolved:

Mon CC will monitor the property

17.9 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

No report available.

Resolved:

- There are four weddings booked
- A couple of tiles have been replaced on the cottage

18.0 a) To receive the monthly finance report

The reconciliation for December 2017 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

The cost centre report for the third quarter of the year was presented to Full Council

Resolved:

This was agreed upon and accepted by Full Council

b) To receive the proposed budget for 2018/19

The proposed budget for 2018/19 was presented to Full Council.

It was proposed that a precept request of £145.656 be made to Mon CC

Resolved:

The proposed budget for 2018/19 and the precept request was accepted by Full Council

18.1 To receive Planning Applications

- 1) **DC/2017/0005 Planning Permission** Retrospective submission for the retention of kitchen. Amendments and cold Store. The Kings Head Hotel Old Market Street, Usk NP15 1AL
Recommend Refusal
- 2) **DC/2017/0006 Listed Building Consent** Retrospective submission for the retention of kitchen. Amendments and cold Store. The Kings Head Hotel Old Market Street, Usk NP15 1AL
Recommend Refusal
A letter of explanation to be sent to Mon CC
- 3) **DC/2017/01417 Planning Permission** Two storey rear extension to 24 Mill Street with double garage share with 26 Mill Street Usk NP15 1AW
Recommend Approval
- 4) **DC/2017/00533 Planning Permission** (consultation new documentation submitted) Change of use from bank on ground floor and residential flats on first and second floor to use as a single dwelling house to include part removal of rear flat roof extension, replacement external stairs and installation of internal stairs and refurbishment of ground floor **2 Tywn Square Usk NP15 1BH**
Recommend Approval
- 5) **DC/2017/01383 Planning Permission** Amended elevational details to previous approval DC/2015/00689 and DC/2015/00687 **Castle House Monmouth Road Usk NP15 1SD**
- 6) **DC/2017/01381 Listed Building Consent**
Amended elevational details to previous approval DC/2015/00689 and DC/2015/00687 **Castle House Monmouth Road Usk NP15 1SD**
Recommend Approval
- 7) **DC/2017/01181 Planning Permission**
To keep a static caravan on The Willows Garden Centre premises all year round, to house seasonal workers **The Willows Garden Centre Baron Street Usk NP15 1AS**
Recommend Approval

18.2 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee

a) To review the recent implementation of the 20mph in Bridge Street, Usk

It was considered the recent 20mph speed limit had made a positive, safer impact in the Town.

Resolved:

UTC will now press ahead with getting 20mph introduced throughout Usk

18.3 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

- The next Usk Business Network meeting will be held on Wed 12th Jan 6.30pm at the New Court Hotel
- There is a Twinning Meeting on Wed 12th Jan 6.30pm at Sessions House

18.4 Areas of concern around the Town

It was reported that there is currently a great deal of litter on the A449 and on the roads leading into Usk.

The state of the road outside 12 Priory Street remains a problem this will be exacerbated when the road is further utilized as a consequence of traffic diversions due to the proposed gas works

Resolved:

Cllr Strong will speak to Mon CC regarding these matters

18.5 To receive an update from the Community Communication Committee

- Cllr Brown reported that good progress is being made with the content for the new website. There are currently 562 followers on Facebook and 156 followers on Twitter.
- The Community Communication Committee will meet with Rachel Rawlings Mon CC and move forward with the community consultation and the Hamilton Baille report.
- There is a "Visit Monmouthshire" meeting with Nicola Edwards MCC on Tuesday 16th Jan 1.30-3.30pm
- The Velothon is scheduled for Sunday 8th July 2018

18.7 To receive an update from the Events Committee

The following events are scheduled in aid of the Usk Mayor's Appeal

- Curry Night at the Royal British Legion Friday 12th Jan
- Casino Night on 10th Feb 7.30pm

The Busking Festival is confirmed as Sat 21st/Sun 21st July – The Events Committee is due to meet with Nick Penny on the 18th Jan at 4pm to discuss further

18.8 To receive an update from Usk in Bloom (UinB)

- There will be an evening to celebrate their success of Britain in Bloom on Wed 17th Jan at 7pm
- It was reported that UinB has been invited to participate in the 2018 Bloom Community Challenge.
- Cllr Kear (Chairman of UinB) raised concerns that the proposed gas works may have an impact on businesses contributing to UinB this year
- There is a litter spring clean planned in January.
- The Great British Spring Clean will be the weekend 2-4th March 2018. It is hoped that the Usk Community will join in with this.
- The Britain in Bloom winners flag will be raised at the Sessions House.
- The 2018 flower scheme will be multi coloured

18.9 To receive an update on the proposed gas works by Wales and West Utilities

See attached report dated 8th January 2018

19.0 To receive an update on parking facilities in Maryport Street, North car park following changes to the recycling centre

Resolved:

Cllr Leathwood will follow up with Mon CC

19.1 To receive an update on digital ideas for Usk

The following suggestions were proposed for digital/technological ideas in Usk

- Monitoring oaps in sheltered housing and in their own homes.
- Reporting HGV traffic over bridge
- Watering plants for Usk in Bloom
- Tackling car park issues

Resolved:

UTC to take these forward and to press Mon CC for the digital information board

19.2 Correspondence:

From: Mon County Council usk Town Council Precept notification 2018/19

From: Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales

From: Mon County Council Community/Town Council Election Recharge

Exclusion of Press and Public

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the items listed on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

19.3 To receive the latest report on the Movement of Prisoners from HMP Usk to HMP Prescoed.

Council went into Committee to discuss item 19.3

19.4 Any other Business *Any other business is at the discretion of and with prior notice to the Chairman*

For Information Councillors were reminded about the following events

- Curry night at the Royal British Legion
- Casino Night on 10th Feb 7.30pm

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 9.10pm