



Usk Town Council

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD

Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at the Sessions House, Usk, on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman_Cllr A. Leathwood, C. Cllr Strong. Cllr G Roderick. Cllr M Evans. Cllr R Galletley, Cllr Mrs J Jeremiah. Cllr K. Dancer, Cllr J Richards. Cllr. M Howells, Cllr S. Williams,

In the absence of the Town Clerk, RFO/SHM Jenny Mee was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Cllr. Leathwood welcomed Chief Superintendent -Divisional Commander Ian Roberts to the meeting. He explained some the changes that are underway within the Gwent Force, one is, that Usk police Station is considering the possibility or working with the Fire Service in Usk. He answered questions from Cllrs. and remained for the meeting having some very useful input on other queries.

21.9 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr. A. Watkins. Cllr. Mrs C. Wilkinson

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

There were none

22.1 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019

With one amendment **24.8** it was Cllr. Galletley who left the main meeting, whilst award nominations were discussed and then returned after this.

These minutes were then approved as a true and accurate record

22.2 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019

There were none

22.3 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

Cllrs received the draft minutes of the meeting held on March 4th.

Jim Keech is to call to see what to do with the oak tree which is covering so much of the drive and has 'stolen' the union flag!

Concerns were expressed with regards to the front steps, more adequate lighting is required, the chairman said that this could be part of the refurbishment project

22.4 To receive the monthly finance report

Cllrs. received the monthly in/outs. The reconciliation showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

The Chairman was delighted to announce that he mortgage has finally been paid off. -- The building now belongs to Usk and its residents.

22.5 To receive Planning Applications

a) **DM/2019/00148** Sunroom. (predominantly constructed from glass steel, aluminum and UPVc

b) **Flat 1 Blackfriars, The Meadows Usk NP15 1BZ**

This was approved



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- c) **DM/2019/00106** Replacement of flanking windows to front elevation **Garden House, Twyn Square, Usk NP15 1BH**

This was approved

- d) **To discuss planning/changes at 29 New Market Street, Usk NP15 1AU**

Due to an enforcement order being placed on a small summerhouse a meeting has been requested with head of planning MCC

There are 2 months left on each enforcement order for The Priory and The Kings Head.

22.6 To receive a report/update on the Future Usk Survey

Cllr. Richards advised that 3 workshops /meetings will happen in March with 3 more to be held in April the draft for the Town Plan should be entered by April 31st.

The next Events meeting is March 26th

22.7 To receive an update on the proposed Youth Council

To date there has not been a great response from youngsters to join the Youth council.

Cllr. Richards has contacted two other councils who now have youth joining them. Notices for these posts have been widely circulated amongst youth groups in the area with further notices to be posted.

22.8 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

In conjunction with Usk Rotary there is to be a Tour of Gwent –cycle – Cllr. Watkins is looking for marshals to assist on the day.

Cllr. Strong had attended Usk in Bloom meeting and passed on their grateful thanks for council's donation and look forward to receiving similar this coming year.

Cllr. Strong will report to U I B concerns expressed to a Cllr. from a trader that he has felt pressurized in what he actually displays in the flowers at his premises.

22.9 Areas of concern around the Town

A letter from Henry Humphreys regarding the overgrown areas at the old station and the state of the railway bridge itself. Cllr. Evans has been in talks with MCC and others and will feed back to Henry Humphreys

23.0 To receive an update from the Community Communication Committee

Not a lot to report at this stage. The order of meetings has been changed; - Communications will be held prior to Events.

Nick penny is to attend the next meeting and will help us with Joining with Wye Valley Tourism and how we best proceed

23.1 To receive an update from the Tourism & Events

A rolling programme of events will now be revised each month and available for circulation

The Summer festival is to be held 20th / .21st July and the Christmas Festival and Reindeer Parade

30th November 1st December



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23.2 To receive a report from the Usk Business Forum

Cllr. Dancer expressed concerns with regards to the rates and various charges imposed on local businesses set by MCC and the Welsh Office. Cllr. Strong to arrange a meeting with Business Section of Mon CC

23.3 To receive an update on the litter picker volunteer scheme

A successful litter pick took place on March 2nd Several new 'pickers' and school children joined the group.

23.4 To receive an update on the promotion of "no plastic" in Usk

Cllr. Richards was pleased to report that the school pack (3) has been received and can be activated. Next meeting March 27th @6.00pm in the courtroom

23.5 To receive an update on the Usk Post Office Counter Services

The chairman has been informed that Roz Shott will be finishing in April. Cllr. Strong to stress with MCC that the Hub is ready and that there is no gap.

23.6 To receive an update on the proposed Usk Park toilets

The grant of £9800.00 has been received for the build, a third quotation is awaited. Paul Keeble MCC has asked that an Agreement drawn up between UTC & MCC. Jonathan Stephens has been asked assist in this matter.

23.7 To receive an update to the Usk Amenity Centre

The Amenity Centre, as from April will be closed on Mondays & Tuesdays. Services and opening hours will continue as normal.

23.8 To discuss Welsh Government 2019 Funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangement in relation to Future Usk.

There was no discussion due to lack of information. Chairman asked for it to be placed on the April agenda

23.9 To discuss the renewal of One Voice Wales Membership 2019/20

This was unanimously agreed

24.0 To discuss correspondence regarding bags of waste being discarded on Maryport Street, just passed the Learning Centre Usk.

Cllr. Roderick informed Council that these bags of human excrement are still being thrown onto the roadside, mostly after the weekends. Chief superintendent Ian Roberts offered his assistance on this issue.



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24.1 To inform members the Usk Town Community Awards will take place on Friday 10th May at 7pm

This was noted

Exclusion of Press & 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.

24.2 To approve and sign the Minutes of Usk Town Council meeting held in Committee on Monday 11th February 2019

These were duly approved and signed

24.3 Correspondence

From: Independent Remuneration for Wales – Annual Report 2019/20

From: Welsh Government 2019 Funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangement

From: British Weights & Measurers Pedestrian distance signs – units of measure

From: One Voice Wales re: Concerns over the Community Review of Monmouthshire

From: - Event Safety Advisory Group ---MCC/ Police

24.4 Any other Business *There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.25pm*