

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at  
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Present** Chairman Cllr C Wilkinson, Cllr A. Watkins, Cllr A. Leathwood, Cllr R Galletley, Cllr G Roderick, Cllr J Richards, Mrs. D. Richards RFO

**17.7 To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr S Williams, Cllr M Howells Cllr M Evans Town Clerk Mrs. T Huxley

**17.8 To disclose personal or pecuniary interest in items of business listed below.**

There were none declared

**17.9 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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

**18.0 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

It was reported the drains on Abergavenny Road have been repaired temporarily and the road surface is due to be renewed from the Three Salmons to UskVets before the end of this financial year.

**18.1 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee (SHMC)**

See SHMC report dated Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**18.2 To receive the monthly finance report.**

- The reconciliation for December 2019 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.
- Correspondence had been received from The National Eisteddfod Wales asking for a donation towards the event. The Sub Finance Committee recommended a £100 donation.  
**Resolved:** Full Council agreed with the recommendation.
- Cllrs met with Mark Hand (MCC) today who asked if UTC would pay 50% of the cost of installing bollards outside the Primary School to stop people parking on the grassed area. The total cost is £6000.  
**Resolved:** Full Council agreed to pay £3000
- It was reported Roger Hoggins has agreed MCC will pay for repairs to the Town Clock- no payment received yet.
- It was reported the resurfacing of South Maryport Street car park has been delayed due to drainage issues.  
**Resolved:** Works will now start in April 2020.

#### Electrical Vehicle Charging Points

- There are to be four Electrical vehicle charging points installed in the South Maryport Street car park by Silverstone Green Energy
- MCC and Silverstone Green Energy MCC will share the income generated
- The Points will be managed and maintained by Silverstone Green Energy for 5 years.

#### 18.3 To receive Planning Applications

- a. **DM/2019/1868 Heritage Alter openings rear off-shot, replacement of chimney breast & removal of stack; replacement conservatory with extension.**  
17 New Market Street NP15 1AU **Recommend Approval**
- b. **DM/2019/01869 Listed Building Consent Heritage Alter openings rear off-shot replacement of chimney stack; replace conservatory with extension**  
17 New Market Street NP15 1AU **Recommend Approval**
- c. **DM/2019/01862 Proposed material change of use from D1 (Nursery) to gin distillery, shop and tasting room at ground level with residential flat at first floor level including external and internal alterations** The White Hart  
1 Bridge Street NP15 1BQ **Recommend Approval**
- d. **DM/2019/01863 Listed Building Consent Heritage material change of use from D1 (Nursery) to gin distillery, shop and tasting room at ground level with residential flat at first floor level, including external and internal alterations.**  
The White Hart 1 Bridge Street NP15 1BQ **Recommend Approval**
- e. **DM/2019/001941 Hanging signs, wall mounted signs and signs painted on masonry.**  
The White Hart 1 Bridge Street NP15 1BQ **Recommend Approval**
- f. **DM/2018/00374 Construction of seven dwellings and associated works.**  
Land at Woodbine Field Monmouth Road Us Monmouthshire  
**Recommend Approval**

#### 18.4 To receive an update on the Master Plan for Usk.

Parties are due to meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Sessions House prior to the engagement/presentation of the Masterplan on January 29<sup>th</sup> at The Grange, Usk

#### 18.5 To receive reports from Members serving on other bodies

There were none.

### **18.6 Areas of concern around the town**

There has been fly tipping in the lay by between Usk and Llantrisant

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact MCC

### **18.7 To receive an update from Tourism and Events sub committee**

No update as the next meeting is tomorrow 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Cllrs were reminded of The Poem & Pints night at the R.B.L Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### **18.8 To receive an update UTC's request to MCC to provide parking restrictions on Castle Parade**

Councillors met with Mark Hand (MCC) today who agreed there needs to be parking restrictions on Castle Parade

**Resolved:** Mark Hand will and will pursue the issue.

### **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.*

Council went into committee to discuss item 18.9

### **18.9 To receive an update on the poor amenity of the Whitehouse, Newmarket Street Usk.**

Following discussion Council came out of Committee and returned to the main meeting

### **19.0 To receive a report from Usk Business Forum.**

Next meeting is at The New Court on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **19.1 To receive an update on the proposed Usk Park toilet**

Work is due to start on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>

### **19.2 To receive an update from Usk Twinning Association.**

Next meeting is the AGM on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

### **19.3 To inform members of The Monmouthshire County Council's Draft Licensing Policy Consultation – Licensing Act 2003.**

**Resolved:** This has been noted by Cllrs

### **19.4 To discuss commemoration plans for VE day Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> for which funding may be available.**

#### **Resolved:**

- Cllr Roderick will take the lead on this.
- A committee of volunteers will be formed to organise events for VE day

### **19.5 To discuss the closure of Usk Household Recycling Centre.**

**Resolved:** Councillors met with representatives of MCC (see Minutes of that meeting) as a result the decision will be been in abeyance until September.

### **19.6 To inform Councillors of the Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy and Second Call for Candidate Sites Update.**

This was noted by Councillors

### **19.7 To discuss maintenance of the footpath between The Royal Hotel and Ivy House.**

The Usk Conservation Group were approached regarding the above but consider it needs expert advice as the path may need levelling prior to any surface being laid.

Cllrs went on to discuss the policing of the adjoining riverbank and other communal areas in the town culminating in a decision to investigate the possibility of UTC employing an enforcement officer.

### **19.8 Correspondence**

**From:** Police report for December

**From:** Letter from The National Eisteddfod Wales requesting funding for the Event

### **19.9 Any Other Business**

It was suggested a Food bank be started in Usk. However, more information is needed before this could be considered.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.12pm