

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.00pm**

Prior to the meeting at 6.30pm Mrs. Judith Lindwall addressed Full Council about Usk's U3A (University of the Third Age) events within the community.

The Chairman addressed members of the public who were concerned about elements of the Usk Masterplan. Cllr Wilkinson informed residents an announcement will be made following a further meeting with ARUP & Mon CC on 19th February 2020.

Present Chairman Cllr C Wilkinson, Cllr A. Watkins, Cllr A. Leathwood, Cllr S Williams, Cllr M Howells
Cllr M Evans, C Cllr B. Strong, Cllr Dancer Mrs. D. Richards, RFO Town Clerk Mrs. T Huxley

20.0 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr R Galletley, Cllr J Richards

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

There were none declared

20.2 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020

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

20.3 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2020

There were none

20.4 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

See report dated 6th February 2020

20.5 To receive the monthly finance report

- The reconciliation for January 2020 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.
- It was agreed by Full Council to donate £100 to the Welsh Air Ambulance Wales
- Members were notified. There is to be a Consultation on Future Audit Arrangements for Community Councils in Wales. From 2020-21 onwards, it is proposed there will be a three-year audit programme which is designed to meet statutory responsibilities while providing a sufficient level of audit assurance at a reasonable cost. The Auditor General is seeking the views of interested parties on the proposed audit arrangements.

20.6 To receive Planning Applications

- a) **DM/2019/01989** Rear single storey kitchen extension and two storey extension to create ground floor sitting room lounge extension and first floor bathroom. 98 Maryport Street Usk
Recommend Approval
- b) **DM2020/0011222** Maryport Street Usk Rear first floor extension to create an additional bedroom
Recommend Approval
- c) **DM/2019/02020** Listed Building Consent Heritage Refurbishment of existing building with the inclusion of en-suite bathrooms, re-siting bar serving providing new bar. Demolish existing kitchen (part), refurbish existing toilet, new extension for restaurant & kitchen. Provide on-site parking spaces external seating. Delivery access to be retained. The Inn Between 53 Bridge Street Usk NP15 1BQ
Recommend Approval

20.7 To receive an update on the following planning application and inform Members the application is being considered by Mon CC on 3rd March 2020

DM/2018/01641 Erection of fuel storage building to replace existing storage compound and relocation of 2no.porta cabin office buildings together with parking provision Trostrey Court Farms Barns, Clytha Road Trostrey Common Gwehelog Monmouthshire

Resolved: This was noted by Members. A member of WSIP will visit UTC on Tuesday 18th Feb at 10am to address councillors on this matter.

20.8 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

Usk Primary School

Cllr Strong reported Usk School has maintained its Eco-School's Green Flag status

Resolved: Clerk to write and congratulate

The school is also hosting the following events

- Usk Bake-Off on 3rd/4th March
- 14th March Music Quiz

One Voice Wales (OVW)

OVW is inviting communities to look at Energy Saving scheme.

Resolved: Cllr Roderick to arrange for a representative to advise UTC on this

Usk Civic Society (UCS)

It was reported UCS is to host a Usk Quiz – entitled "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Usk"

20.9 Areas of concern around the Town

The Usk Cricket Club fence along Mill Lane remains an eyesore.

Resolved: Following no response from several requests to Usk Athletic Club – Clerk to contact Usk Cricket Club

Maintenance of the footpath between The Royal Hotel and Ivy House, New Market Street

A number of residents have funded gravel for the path which is in a poor state

Resolved: UTC to arrange for further gravel is to be delivered. Usk Conservation Group will kindly lay the gravel

Bridge Street, Usk

Cllr Dancer suggested a further crossing is required in Bridge Street near to the Three Salmons Hotel

Resolved: Cllrs were informed that this proposal is included in the Usk Masterplan

21.0 To receive an update from the Tourism & Event sub - committee

There are several events planned

- 1st March St. David's Day Concert in the Memorial Hall
- 3rd March Poems & Pints in the Royal British Legion 7.30pm
- 14th March Casino Night in Sessions House
- 28th Rotary & UTC Combined Concert in the Memorial Hall

All in aid of the Usk Mayor's Appeal

21.1 To discuss the Usk Winter Festival 2020

Cairngorm Reindeers have penciled UTC in for the 29th Nov 2020.

However, UTC's preferred date is the 6th Dec 2020.

Resolved: Wait to hear from Cairngorm Reindeer to see if they can change to Sunday 6th Dec

21.2 To discuss recent antisocial behavior on the Owain Glyndawr Field

There has been two episodes of antisocial behavior of youths on the Owain Glyndawr Field. They have also been harassing residents of Mill Street.

Resolved: The Police have been notified.

21.3 To receive a report from the Usk Business Forum (UBF)

No update. There is a meeting scheduled for the 17th February 2020

21.4 To receive an update on the proposed Usk Park toilets

Resolved: Work has commenced on the inside of the building

21.5 To receive an update from Usk Twinning Association

Members were informed of the following

- Plans are for the Usk Trip to Graben- Neudorf in April 2020 are being finalized
- Plans for the return trip to Usk in September 2020 are in progress. This will include a visit to Usk Show and the Civic Dinner

21.6 To receive an update the closure of the Usk Household Recycling Centre (UHRC)

The closing of the UHRC has been put in abeyance until September 2020

Resolved:

- UTC has produced leaflets to distribute reminding residents of responsible recycling
- It was agreed UTC form a sub-committee to work towards preventing closure of the site

21.7 To receive an update on the commemorations plans for VE day Friday 8th May 2020

- Cllr Roderick reported a group of volunteers have met to start organizing the event.
- A grant has been applied for.

21.8 To discuss the potential of introducing a Public Space Protection Order on the Owain Glyndawr Field

UTC has received a number of complaints regarding dog fouling on the Owen Glyndawr Field. This has been reported to Mon CC. It is suggested the area becomes covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). It was noted a PSPO is still reliant on policing and enforcement.

Resolved:

- Wait for a response from Mon CC following UTC's inquiry regarding the employing of an enforcement officer in Usk
- To discuss this further with Mon CC at the Give Dog Fouling the Red Card meeting on 5th March 2020

21.9 To inform Councillors the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission has published its final report on the Community Review of Monmouthshire

Resolved: Members were informed the Usk Ward remains the same. However, there will be a reduction from twelve councillors to seven in the 2022 elections. This was noted by Councillors

22.0 To receive an update on the Master Plan for Usk

Cllr Wilkinson reported there had been a fantastic turn out for the presentation of the Usk Masterplan. The proposed one- way system had clearly caused a lot of concern. This has been acknowledged by UTC and this option will be reviewed.

Resolved:

All the suggestions/comments will be collated and discussed at the meeting with ARUP/Mon CC on Wed 19th February. After which UTC will make an announcement to residents.

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 22.1, 22.2

22.1 To receive an update on the poor amenity state of the Whitehouse, Newmarket Street Usk

22.2 To discuss the current wellbeing of Councillors

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

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Resolved: This was noted by Members

22.4 Correspondence

From: Email from a resident regarding traffic along Castle Parade

22.5 Any other Business

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