



Usk Town Council

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD

Meeting Notes

Usk Town Council on Monday 13th September 2021 at 6.00pm- remote Meeting

Present Cllr Roderick, Cllr S Williams, Cllr A. Leathwood, Cllr M Howells, Cllr Galletley, Cllr H Graz, Cllr A Ivin, Cllr M. Evans, Cllr B Strong, Cllr A Watkins
RFO Mrs. D. Richards, Town Clerk Mrs. T Huxley

1. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr C. Wilkinson & RFO Mrs. D. Richards

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

There were none

3. To approve the Minutes held on 12th July 2021.

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

4. To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee

Draft report dated 9th September 2021

5. To receive the monthly finance report for July/August 2021.

The reconciliation for July/August 2021 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

The following was proposed by sub- finance committee & approved by Full Council

- The purchase of a defibrillator for the Ladyhill/Burrium Gate area at the cost of approximately £1450
- The purchase of an office safe cost of £400.
- A donation of £500 in support of the Cairngorm Reindeer.
- The installation of the Christmas lights at a cost of £4782.44 by SSE Contractors
- A contribution of £2125 (50% of the cost) towards the purchase of a motorized trolley from MCC for the street cleaner in Usk.
- Donation of £250 to CAB. (Local Government Act 2000, s.2)

6. To receive an update on the External Audit 2021.

Audit Wales has requested supporting evidence for matters relating to the External Audit 2021

The relevant evidence has been submitted by the Clerk

7. To receive the following Planning Applications.

DM/2021/01128 53 Mill Street Usk NP15 1AP Proposed replacement garage with garden room & home office linked via utility room. **Recommend Approval**

8. To receive an update on the Masterplan for Usk

Masterplan sub- committee is due to meet Monday 20th September to discuss the next steps

Town Clerk Mrs. T. Huxley email clerk.usk@usktown.org Tel: 01291 673011



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9. To receive an update on the Digital Noticeboard

It is hoped the noticeboard will be installed soon

10. To receive an update on the proposed markets on the site of the former Usk Household Recycling Centre (UHRC)

UTC held a special meeting on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 6.00pm to discuss the matter. It was agreed to submit an Informal Tender with a non- monetary bid, along with the re-use of the former HWRC plan

11. To receive an update on Usk as a SMART Town

Awaiting an update on the application from MCC

12. To receive an update on the arboretum

Lottery funding had been approved for the project. Usk Rotary Club are taking the project forward.

13. To inform members of the ongoing PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) ON DOG CONTROLS IN MONMOUTHSHIRE consultation, presently being conducted by MCC

The survey has been circulated via social media to Usk residents

14. To discuss the Christmas Markets & Reindeer Parade

UTC will not be holding the events this year due to the uncertainty of the Covid crisis over the winter months and the inability to obtain insurance should the events be cancelled; UTC will meet to discuss alternative Christmas events

15. To receive an update from NRW Discharge of Sewage into the River Usk

UTC has received a letter from from Natural Resource Wales on matters relating to the River Usk. UTC will push for a resolution on this by contacting David Davies MP & Peter Fox AM.

16. To inform members of One Voice Wales Briefing Note for Community & Town Councils - Multi location meetings

Members have been informed of the requirements of Town Councils to ensure multi-location meetings.

17. To inform Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales-Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community & Town Council's Consultation One Voice Wales Response 26th August 2021

Noted by Members



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18. To receive The Clerk's update on

- a) The purchase of a bench in St. Mary's churchyard – bench no longer required by the Church
- b) Priory Street carriageway/car parking – no update

19. To receive an update on

Memorial Hall - carpark work delayed whilst CADU carry out necessary archaeological work

Monmouthshire Councils Review of Parking in Usk – will be reviewed by MCC in the Spring of 2022.

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 20

20. To receive an update on

- a) **The Whitehouse, Old Market Street, Usk,**
- b) **The Priory Gatehouse**

21. Correspondence

From: Natural Resource Wales – Discharge of Sewage into the River Usk

22. Any Other Business - the following items will be discussed at the next Full Council Meeting

- The inability of wheelchair users and pushchairs to access the whole of the Conigar Walk.
- Parking & lack of enforcement of cars on the pavement outside the Chemist in Bridge Street