



# *Usk Town Council*

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD

## **Meeting Notes of meeting of Usk Town Council held remotely on Zoom Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.00pm**

Prior to the meeting the Chairman welcomed Usk Town Council's new councillor Ms Amberley Morgan to the meeting.

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

### **12.9 To accept apologies for absence.**

Cllr Galletley

### **13.0 To disclose personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:**

There were none

### **13.1 To approve the Minutes held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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

### **13.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

There were none.

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

See report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2021

### **13.4 To receive the monthly finance report for October 2021.**

The reconciliation for October 2021 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

See finance report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

The following was reported

The budget will be presented to Full Council at the December 2021 meeting.

### **Emergency repairs to the Sessions House to the Sessions House roof atriums and windows.**

**Resolved:** Due to the difficulty in obtaining three quotations and the inability to comply with the rules set out in the UTC standing orders/financial regulations, it was resolved UTC suspend their standing orders/financial regulations in order to make available £10 000 for the emergency repairs. This was agreed by Full Council

### **13.5 To receive the following Planning Applications.**

- a) **DM/2021/01696** 33 Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AEDemolition of coach house at rear of no.31 and office building at no.33 Maryport Street and construction of a single new dwelling.

**Recommend Approval**



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The Usk Masterplan will be presented to the Economy & Development Committee the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021.

## **13.7 To receive an update on the Digital Noticeboard**

### **Resolved:**

Groundwork has been completed. There is delay from MCC regarding the installation of the power supply. Cllr Williams is due to meet with an engineer this week

## **13.8 To receive an update on the proposed markets on the site of the former Usk Household Recycling Centre (UHRC)**

**Resolved:** A report will be presented to MCC's Cabinet, to enable a decision to be taken over the future of the site in the context of an Usk-wide Masterplan. UTC to await this decision.

## **13.9 To receive an update on Usk as a SMART Town - No update**

## **14.0 To receive a report from the Events Committee**

Up & coming events

- Casino Night 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
- Plans for the celebration of Queen's Platinum Jubilee 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 are in progress

## **14.1 To receive an update from NRW Discharge of Sewage into the River Usk**

Members were disappointed David Davies MP voted against the Bill which aimed to stop water companies discharging sewage into our rivers. It was reported Angela Jones along with volunteers are carrying out tests on the River Usk.

## **14.2 To receive a report from The Usk & Raglan Community Support Network**

No update

## **14.3 To receive an update on a request for the removal of the kissing gate on the Conigar walk in order to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and pushchairs**

No update – waiting for a response from MCC

## **14.4 To receive an update on the Keep Wales Tidy/Caru Cymru**

Cllrs Howells & Roderick met recently with Tim Southern to discuss the Keep Wales Tidy/Caru Cymru. Ideas are being explored.

## **14.5 To approve the Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community & Town Councils**

**Resolved:** The above was approved & adopted by Full Council

## **14.6 To receive an update on Community Speed watch**

There has been no response from the Police following issues raised regarding the potential start-up of the Community Speed watch. Clerk to follow up.



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## **14.7 To receive an update on multilocation meetings**

Resolved: This to be trialed.

## **14.8 To receive update on Priory Street carriageway/car parking -No update**

## **14.9 To receive an update on**

### **a) Memorial Hall car park**

A delay in clearing the material piled in the car park as it has been identified as "potentially" contaminated.

Resolved: To follow up with MCC.

### **b) Monmouthshire Councils Review of Parking in Usk – No update**

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Council went into committee to discuss item 15.0 a)

## **15.0 To receive an update**

### **a) The Priory Gatehouse**

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

## **15.1 To inform members of arrangements for the Armistice Day Parade 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021**

Members were informed of the following:

The Armistice Parade and Church Service will take place on Sunday 14th November 2021.

The Service will commence at 10.00hrs at St. Mary's Church, Usk.

At approx. 10.40hrs the congregation will move to the war memorial for the Wreath Laying and minute's silence.

A Parade will then form up and following the salute, will march back to The Royal British Legion led by Usk Town Band.

## **15.2 Correspondence**

From: **Gwent Police Safer Neighbourhoods strategy**

## **15.3 Any Other Business**

**Implementation of 20mph through Usk** - this is scheduled for implementation during 2022/23

**Tree planting in Old Market Street** - this was considered some time ago. MCC decided against as the trees block the light.

There was no further business and the meeting finished at 7.40pm