



# *Usk Town Council*

The Sessions House, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AD

## **Meeting Notes of Usk Town Council held remotely on Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.00pm**

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

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

Cllr S. Williams

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

There were none

### **23.4 To approve the Minutes held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed

### **23.5 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

There were none

### **23.6 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee**

See report dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### **23.7 To receive the monthly finance report for February 2021**

See report dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Cllr Howells has requested UTC undertakes a Basic Ethical Carbon Footprint Procurement check list of UTC's suppliers.

**Resolved** UTC agreed this in principle and will be mindful of works undertaken.

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

- a) **DM/2022/00281** Demolition of existing 24m high chimney and installation of replacement 10m high chimney at HMP Usk **47 Maryport Street** **Recommend Approval**
- b) **DM/2022/00284** Demolition of existing 24m high chimney and installation of replacement 10m high chimney at HMP Usk **47 Maryport Street** Listed Building consent **Recommend Approval**
- c) **DM/2022/00082** Installation of 27 x black solar PV panels on the three south/southeast-facing roofs **The Granary Little Castle Farm Monmouth Road Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1QY** **Recommend Approval**



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- d) **DM/2022/00223** To remove the chimney stack because of deterioration and damage which is causing damage to our roof and bedroom below. **Vern Cottage 16 Castle Parade Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1AA** **Recommend Approval**
- e) **DM/2022/00348** Use former Household & Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) for occasional markets, three times a month & occasional community events Usk **Former HWRC, North Car Park, Maryport Street Usk NP15 1AB** **Recommend Approval**
- f) **DM/2022/00094** New vehicle driveway entrance (including drop kerb) in front boundary wall which sits adjacent to Maryport Street. Parking for 2 cars on front garden **82 Maryport Street, Usk** **Recommend Approval**

## **23.9 To receive an update on the Masterplan for Usk**

No update, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

## **24.0 To receive an update on the Digital Information Board**

Cllr Williams is working on the assembly of the digital information board

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

### **Resolved:**

- The Licence to Occupy has been agreed with MCC and the first Market took place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March – this had been well received

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

- The St. David's Day concert had gone well with £330 raised for the Mayor's Appeal
- The Casino Night is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Community Awards are scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> April

## **24.3 To receive an update on the planned Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Plans for the Community Picnic on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June between 12-7pm are going well.

There will be a further meeting of the working party on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

## **24.4 To discuss renewal of One Voice Wales Membership**

**Resolved:** Full Council agreed to renew the One Voice Wales Membership

## **24.5 To receive an update on Usk as a Smart Town**

**Resolved:** Awaiting the results of a survey with Usk businesses with regards to setting Usk up as a Smart Town

## **24.6 To receive an update on a Memorial for The Platinum Jubilee.**

**Resolved:** This to be explored further



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

A group has formed to offer Angela Jones support with her campaign to stop pollution in the river Usk. The group's first meeting had been well attended and an action plan put together.

The purpose of the group is

- To stop pollution on the River Usk.
- To give a non- political voice for Nature and the River Usk.
- To report issues Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), Welsh Government (WG), Monmouthshire County Council (MCC),

Date of next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### **a) To receive an update, on the Save the River Usk group**

The Clerk has received a reply from NRW following an enquiry as to what work has been carried out at the Mill Lane CSO, Usk. NRW will forward a detailed reply in due course.

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

No update

## **24.9 To receive an update on the Memorial Hall car park**

UTC met recently with MCC,  
the following was reported

- Work is due to commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and is scheduled to take 12 weeks There will be a watching brief by CADW and should there be any significant findings the works may extend beyond this date.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Owain Glyndawr field would not be used as alternative parking

## **25.0 To receive an update on Monmouthshire Councils Review of Parking in Usk**

No update

## **25.1 To discuss the poor condition of Chepstow Road, Usk.**

No update,

**Resolved:** Cllr Strong will follow up with MCC

## **25.2 To discuss the removal of emergency Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) within Monmouthshire**

MCC has informed UTC that The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) is proposing to remove the Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) based at Monmouth and Parkwall (between Caldicot and Chepstow) stations. This would halve the number of vehicles at these two sites and severely impede the ability of paramedics to respond to emergency calls, not just in the Monmouth, Caldicot and Chepstow areas, but would significantly reduce the resilience of the service across Monmouthshire, putting the lives of Monmouthshire residents at risk. This measure due to be implemented in September 2022

**Resolved:** UTC to contact WAST expressing concern at the proposed reduction in services



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Council went into committee to discuss item 25.3 & 25.4

## **25.3 To receive an update on the Priory Gatehouse**

## **25.4 To receive nominations for an Usk Community Award**

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

## **25.5 Correspondence - None**

## **25.6 Any Other Business - for information**

Cllrs are invited to a reception to be hosted by the Chair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 7.20pm