



**Minutes of the Events & Tourism Committee held
at The Sessions House, Usk, on [Wednesday 30th September 2026 10am](#)**

- 1. Apologies – Cllr G Howells**
- 2. Present – Cllrs Peacock, Harrison, M Howells, Snelgrove and Richards**
- 3. The minutes of meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2026 –** [were agreed and accepted as a true record there were no matters arising.](#)
- 4. To review recent events**
 1. Sat & Sun 27th & 28th June – Usk Open Gardens – [yet again a great success with £12,000 raised and donated to the Open Gardens committee choice of charities. All involved were congratulated on another very successful year.](#)
 2. Monday 29th June – Teddy Bear Picnic & Parachute Jump 10.30 – 1.30pm Usk Castle – [again a big success with record numbers of Teddy Bears in attendance.](#)
 3. Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th July – Usk Choral Festival – St Mary's & Sessions House - [congratulations to the Choral festival Team for a great weekend of musical entertainment.](#)
 4. Thurs 9th July - MCC Dog Fouling Awareness Day 1pm Usk – [Sue Parkinson \(MCC\) Cllrs Peacock and Howells undertook this walkabout covering specific hotspots.](#)
 5. Alfred Russel Wallace (ARW) Day & Fossil Talk – Saturday 11th July Midday; Talk 4.30pm – [a well-attended annual event.](#)
 6. Friday 17th July – Duck Race 7pm Usk Bridge/Athletic Club.- [as always, a successful annual event.](#)
 7. Sunday 19th July – Singing Club Summer Concert The Memorial Hall 3.30pm -[annual well supported event for the Mayor's Appeal](#)
 8. Saturday 15th August – Lines Taproom Pop-up Pub on the river.
 9. Saturday 12th September - Usk Agricultural Show – Usk Show Ground.
 10. Saturday 19th September – Open Doors 10-4pm Sessions House. [50+ visitors at the Sessions House and 15 for the ARW walk.](#)
 11. Saturday Now 26th ~~19th~~ September – Jack Frost Play time tbc Sessions House -[this event was postponed new date TBA.](#)
 12. Fri 25th & Sat 26th Sept – Lines Taproom Oktoberfest. Venue TBC- [the date for this event is now October 9th & 10th.](#)
 13. Sunday 27th Sept – Cymanfa Ganu 5pm Sessions House – [a bilingual sing song for all to enjoy with £250 raised for the Mayors Appeal](#)
 14. Saturday 31st October – Green Top Market Autumn Fayre 10-4pm
- 5. To discuss upcoming events in the town – access to UTC calendar –** [all Cllrs should have access to the UTC calendar Cllr Harrison is happy to help if needed.](#)



6. **Discuss the screening of the film ‘National Emergency Briefing’** - there is a 3rd showing of this in the Sessions House on Thursday 15th October 7.15pm
7. **Discuss Christmas Event 2026** Sunday 29th November 2026. – Cllr Richards to liaise with UBSE regarding arrangements for the Christmas Event. The Sessions House will host The Country Market, The Jane Hathaway Leukemia Fund and possibly some other charity stalls.
8. **Forthcoming events.**
 1. October 11th - Chamber Orchestra
 2. October 21st Usk Civic Society Lecture – Jeremy Bosanquet – “Unravelling the enigma and mysteries of Stonehenge.
 3. October 31st – Flanders and Swann.
9. **One Lottery**

See link for details <https://www.onelottery.co.uk/support/sessions-house> - the committee discussed handing out some promotional leaflets at the Green Top Autumn Market.
10. **To discuss Tourism in the town** – Cllr Howells shares promotional material on UTC sites on a regular basis.

The committee is to recommend to UTC Josie Harrison to do a promo video of the town.
11. **Update on the Digital information Board-** Cllr Harrison has updated the DIB in the clerks absence.
12. **To discuss/review promotion of events on the following**
 - a. **Diary** - Cllr Howells to send update of events.
 - b. **Facebook** –
 - c. **Website** –
13. **Matters of Information**

Blaenavon Male Voice Choir at St Mary’s for the Mayor’s appeal provisional date January 16th or 23rd.

The committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee and subsequently full council when UTC events are held at the town churches we offer a donation towards their overheads. The committee discussed the possibility of weddings at the Sessions House being a remit of the Events committee to alleviate some workload from the Clerk and Sessions House committee.
14. **Correspondence** – no correspondence received.
15. **Date of next meeting.** – Thursday 29th October 9am