

TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 26th March 2018 at 7.00pm in Tintern Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Shewell, Cllrs Hayward, Hoskins, Richards, Cobb, Pocock, Evans, County Cllr Webb and the Clerk. Members of the public – Mr. R. Parsons.

2448. Police Report: No report or Police presence.

2449. Public Forum: Mr. R. Parsons, Pitch House made a complaint about the inadequate signage by the Royal George due to the recent A466 road closure.

2449. Apologies for absence: Cllr Hillard.

2450. Declarations of interest: None.

2451. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

2452. Financial Report: BMM A/C £6,080.57, Community A/C £5,992.35. Amount spent on revenue £7,397, capital £11,754 making a total of £19,151. VAT refund of £1,504.02p.

2453. Accounts for payment: Merlin Waste - £27.12 (Ch. No. 300050), Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £379.00 (Ch. No. 300051), Llandogo School Nurture Room - £1,000 (Ch. No. 300052), Quayside Path - £4,445.26 (Ch. No 300049) – approved. Staging for Village Hall - £1,000 (Ch. No. 300053). As it had been agreed previously to give this sum Councillors were happy for the sum to be paid now to enable the Hall Committee to go ahead and order the staging.

2454. Planning Permissions: Llan-Y-Nant, Trellech Grange planning appeal decision. The Planning Inspector has upheld MCC's refusal of planning permission and dismissed the appeal.

2455. Updates: Proposed Staging for Village Hall – Cllr Cobb reported the Hall Committee have managed to get the price of the staging down to £4,698. With £2,000 from the Welsh Church Fund, £1,000 from Village Hall Funds and TCC donation of £1,000 they will now be able to order the staging next week. It was agreed that TCC should give a cheque for £1,000 now to enable this to go ahead. Cllr Richards reported they have selected a suitable canopy at a cost of between £1,100-1,200 and ordered it. Had £1,000 grant from Angiddy Project. Balance from funds.

Proposed Pavilion Lean-to at Leytons Playing Field – The Club are doing sketches of what they propose to build and will then be obtaining quotes. Will then come back to TCC with a request for assistance towards funding.

2456. Reports from outside bodies: Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust –

The Solicitors acting on behalf of Welsh Water have advised that following the site visit they are in the process of drafting the conditional agreement regarding the land swap and hope to send it to TCC & LWVBPT's Solicitors by Easter for consideration. Welsh Water have said that such an agreement will be subject to conditions regarding planning and statutory requirements and the land swap will take place once the new SPS is commissioned.

Village Hall - Successful Easter Bingo with £230 profit. Future events – Sale of Teas at Car Boot Sale for Fete 2nd April. AGM 17th April. Craft Fayre 27th May. Staging ready to order. Wi-fi has today been installed.

Llandogo School – Proposed donation of £1,000 towards Nurture Room acknowledged by the School and formal request now received in writing for this amount. Councillors agreed this be paid immediately. Grateful thanks for proposed donation received from School. Cllr Evans reported that a number of children from Tintern who attend Llandogo School and select Monmouth Comprehensive School get sent to Chepstow.

St Michael's Church - no report.

Fete Report & Accounts 2017 – Copy of report and audited accounts sent by Mr John Livermore.

2457. Reports from Sub-Committees: Finance – no report.

2458. Review Standing Orders: Circulated to Councillors. Re-agenda for April.

2459. Discuss and instruct MCC Highways to repair potholes, Quayside Lane:

Following report of these potholes at a previous meeting Clerk reported them to MCC Highways. They responded saying as this is a private lane it is not adopted by MCC and TCC will have to request and pay for the work to be carried out. Cllr Shewell asked what Councillors wish to do and they felt TCC ask how much it will cost. She explained we paid MCC a sum in a previous year to do some remedial work in the village and we could possibly do this again. It was agreed County Cllr Webb would find out the position about ownership of the road before a final decision is made. This will be discussed again at the April meeting.

2460. Welsh Language Scheme: Councils are being asked whether they wish to sign up for the Welsh Language Scheme. Other Councils in Monmouthshire do not feel it is appropriate to do so. Councillors were asked their opinion and the general feeling was that it was not cost-effective for TCC to implement this.

2461. Data Protection & the GDPR: Data Protection Regulations are due to change in 2018 and are likely to have some sort of impact on community councils, but final details are not yet clear. Further details are awaited. Cllr Evans reported he had read through the information and community councils need to publish a Privacy Policy. He was asked to produce one and circulate it for approval at the next meeting.

2462 Correspondence: Linda Greer, MCC re closure of OAMH Ward, Chepstow. This is now definitely going ahead.

Dewi Jones, MCC Communications Officer re postponement of Talk Transport Business Event.

Mark Potter, Abersenny Ltd re proposed WWI Centenary Memorial Woodland in Penterry. Cllr Shewell reported that some residents have approached her and said we do not have a war memorial in the village and wonder if TCC had ever considered this. Clerk to put a note in Tintern News saying TCC are considering possibly putting a war memorial and invite residents to give ideas of the type and siting.

Independent Remuneration Panel – Annual Report. Cllrs have already discussed this at a previous meeting, in particular the proposal that Councillors are remunerated for their services. They feel that they do not wish to claim for their time and are already able to claim expenses for travel, etc.

David James, MHA re proposed affordable housing site. They need a name for the site which needs to be done by end of May. He will be sending the Clerk details of a notice to go in the Tintern News inviting residents ideas for a name.

Judith Langdon, MCC Community & Partnership Development Lead re Cluster Meeting Workshop date of 18th April. Cllr Richards to attend and possibly Cllr Cobb.

Julia Boyd, MCC re invitation to Evening Tour, Sugarloaf Vineyard. No interest.

Jill Edge, MCC Planning Policy Manager – Revision of consultation on Draft Delivery Agreement for community boundary changes. It was noted that the proposals to alter the boundaries and wards of community councils have been submitted by MCC to WAG. A further round of consultation is taking place and comments are invited by 18th April.

Home Start Monmouthshire – request for funding. Councillors agreed to give £50.

Steve Baldwin, MCC Highways – update on A466 road closure. They have not fully finished all the work yet but the road will be open for Easter with temporary traffic lights. Councillors reported that they have received numerous complaints from residents about the inadequate and poor signage of the recent diversions. It was agreed that before future road closures take place Councillors should compile a list of suggested improvements and also perhaps ask MCC have a consultation with local businesses. A notice will also be placed in the Tintern News asking for residents comments and suggestions. The matter will then be discussed again at the April meeting. It was agreed that there should be separate signs in Welsh and English as when both appeared on the same sign drivers did not have time to read to the bottom and this caused confusion.

Tintern Fete Report & Accounts – Clerk to circulate to Councillors. Cllr Richards explained that if the Fete Committee do not get the grants they have applied for they may be requesting a donation from TCC.

2463. Any Other Business: Cllr Evans asked if the extent of the new speed limit had been confirmed. County Cllr Webb replied that it would be up to the layby with the bus stop beyond Brockweir Bridge. Cllr Evans asked when this would be implemented and County Cllr Webb said it would be soon.

Cllr Richards – reminder for request for MCC Planning to come and talk to us re planning enforcements.

She also reported that from the end of the promenade to the Moon & Sixpence Car Park the pavement has been closed and part of the riverbank is falling away. This is a dangerous situation as pedestrians have to step into the road. Clerk ask MCC what is happening.

Cllr Hoskins asking if there was any update as to when the concealed junction sign and extension of the give-way lines at the junction by the Doctor's Surgery will be carried out. Clerk to ask Paul Keeble, MCC.

He also reported that the roads from Pontysaeson to The Cot (past Ravensnest Fishery) and the Trellech Road from the Coal Floor up to Whitestone also have many potholes and are in a bad state. There is also mud and water on the road at Coed Beddick Forest Entrance. Clerk to report to MCC Highways.

Cllr Cobb has had a request from Tintern Tots for funding for next year for childrens furniture. She was informed they must request assistance towards funding in writing.

She then reported that TUCC have pledged some money to Trellech School for a path and queried the availability of funds by TCC to Trellech School as some children from Tintern attend Trellech School. Cllr Webb will find out how many children from Tintern attend Trellech School.

2464. Date of next meeting: April 30th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.11.

Signed Chairman

Dated