

TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 30th July 2018 at 7.00pm in Tintern Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Shewell, Cllrs Hayward, Hoskins, Hillard, Evans, Cobb, Richards, County Cllr Webb and the Clerk.

2525. Police Report: Attached. No Police presence.

2526. Public Forum: No one present.

2527. Apologies for absence: Cllr Pocock.

2528. Declarations of interest: None.

2529. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

2530. Financial Report: BMM A/C £7,115.86, Community A/C £3,380.58. Spent to date on revenue £2,848, capital £3,380.58.

2531 Accounts for payment:- Marmax Products £1,045.20 (Ch. No. 300077),
MCC – Pothole repairs on Quayside - £138.60 (Ch. No. 300078),
Wye Media – reprint of business map, £414.00 (Ch. No. 300079),
SLCC Subscription - £84 (Ch. No. 300080),
Merlin Waste - £30 (Ch. No. 300081),
Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £353.35 (Ch. No. 300082),
Cllr Evans Travelling Expenses - £18.90 (Ch. No 300083) – all approved.
Also request for financial donation towards Friends of our Lady of Tintern Service of Sung Vespers of £100. Request proposed by Cllr Richards & seconded by Cllr Evans. Cheque issued No. 300084.

2532. Planning Permissions: Update on former Abbey Hotel – email received from Mr Huw Jones with update on the planning position. He is still having problems with planning and has been asked to prepare a Landscaping Survey. Hopes to be able to submit the application within 4 weeks. Clerk to reply thanking him for the update and asking him to let TCC know of formal representations to the Council as required when he submits the application so that their views can be taken into consideration in the final submission of the application.

2533. Updates:- A466 further works and road closure – Had the geotechnical report back and the condition of the slope at Site 2 is a lot worse than first anticipated. The only real option is to net and anchor the slope. Due to the close proximity to the road an option is to trim the slope back at the bottom of the slope to create a verge. As they have to assess the repair option, design and tender the works the original start date for works in October are unrealistic. It is likely to be later now, possibly in the New Year. Clerk to acknowledge and

request a statement for publication in time for the August meeting. This will ensure that all community members will be aware of the situation.

Welsh Water Sewerage problem – Continuing to monitor the flows into the treatment works intermittently. Due to the dry weather it is difficult to tell exactly how much difference the patch lining has made. To date there have been no issues with spills or pollution from the SPS since work was done. They will carry out further monitoring over next six months.

Affordable Social Housing Site – MHA have asked for any further suggestions for local community benefits as the rumble strips are not a viable option. Cllrs discussed this and some suggestions were – exterior painting of the Village Hall, replacement of two emergency exit doors, replacing brickwork in boundary wall. Also, if funds permitted, donations to Tintern Toddlers Group, Church Lads Brigade & Tintern Teas would be greatly appreciated. Mr James has spoken to the owner of Abbey Hotel to see what potential there is for some additional affordable housing and awaits a response.

2534. Reports from outside bodies:-

Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust – No report.

Village Hall – The VHC made £508 selling teas at the Fete. Table Sale 2nd September. Further work is being carried out in the garden, fixing of the bollard and some internal painting and general maintenance. The Hall is hosting the Garden Club Annual Show on 11th August and there are also some private bookings by the media and film crew. Tintern Teas on 2nd July combined with a puppetry group and the next Tea is in September.

Llandogo School – One teacher has left and a new one recruited to start in September. The School had a stall at the Village Fete.

St Michael's Church - Harvest Festival being planned for September 23rd and there is a wedding in the Church on 22nd September. Hoping to get the faculty for restoration submitted in August. Also replacing the old uncomfortable pews with a combination of more modern pews and stackable chairs. Have had two visits from the Bishop (a confirmation and a Bishop's audit).

2535. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance – no report.

2536. Adults Select Committee – Cllr Shewell attended and reported back from meeting & OAMH issues. The meeting was about the closure of the St Arvans Ward in Chepstow Hospital and lack of replacement provision for elderly adult mental health patients. At the time they made the decision there were very few patients at the hospital and there was therefore not a community need for it. The committee took on board the issues regarding parking, etc and therefore allocated £200,000 to address the deficit which appears to be a means of providing community transport. Outcome was the committee decided not to endorse the report. All the points TCC raised were discussed. Part 2 of the meeting will discuss what the future provision will be.

2537. Quotation for maintenance work to Benches & Noticeboards: Quotation received from Gary Jones of £480. Cllr Hillard will give the Clerk another contact name for a further quote.

2538. Playground Equipment: Clerk chase up the ROSPA Report before a decision is made. Clerk to acknowledge and request a statement for publication in time for the August meeting. This will ensure that all community members will be aware of the situation.

2539. Complaints Procedure: A copy has been drawn up and circulated to Councillors. Cllr Richards pointed out that there is no reference to public services Ombudsman's procedures. Clerk to amend accordingly and circulate to Cllrs for approval at the August meeting. Cllr Shewell suggested TCC have a Complaints Sub-Committee comprising the chairman and two other Cllrs to deal with matter when they arise. Cllrs Evans proposed & Cllr Hillard seconded this. Cllrs Cobb & Hillard.

2540. Correspondence: MCC Revised Local Development Plan – forward to Cllrs. Tintern Festivals Association – offer of a mural to be painted on the hoarding in the front of the former Abbey Hotel to publicise the Ways to Peace Festival. To be painted over after the event. Clerk forward on to Mr Jones for his response. MCC notification of road closure on A466 at Bigsweir.

2541. Any Other Business: Cllr Hoskins re Hill Farm. The property has recently changed hands and it appears there may be a change of use here. Clerk to ask MCC Enforcements if planning permission is needed.

He also reported a water leak outside Fforest Lodge, Botany Bay. This has been reported to Welsh Water but they have not addressed the problem. Clerk to contact MCC Highways to ask if they can rectify the problem as if this continues it will cause the road to erode.

Cllr Cobb re Standing Orders – she circulated a copy to Councillors. This to be adopted at the August meeting. Cllr Shewell thanked Cllr Cobb for the redraft.

Cllr Richards re the Fete – Successful day with probably in excess of 3,000 people attending. Because of this parking was a problem, but the Committee are conscious of the fact and will address it next year. Broke even financially. The committee now consists of only five members and new members are being sought.

Cllr Evans re the speed limit. This starts in the wrong place and should be by the bus stop.

Also the signs are obstructed by overhanging hedgerows. County Cllr Webb to report.

Triangular junction warning sign by Drs Surgery too low. County Cllr Webb to report.

Cllr Evans re TCC Website – he has taken off the events notice. Email analysis – not all Cllrs are using it and doing house-keeping.

He has checked the draft Retention & Disposal Policy and Information & Data Protection Policy. Clerk to now circulate this to Cllrs for approval at the August meeting.

2542. Date of next meeting: 20th August.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated