

TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 26th February 2018 at 7pm in Tintern Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Shewell, Cllrs Hayward, Hoskins, Hillard, Evans, Richards, Cobb, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Public – Mr Dave Tuffery & Ms Jane McCorquodale, Mr David James, MHA.

2431. Police Report: Attached. No Police presence.

2432. Public Forum: Mr Tuffery & Ms McCorquodale gave an update on some key projects at the village hall this year. Purchase of stage and refurbishment of floor, for which are looking into external funding. Cost of staging £5,000 which will give enough modules to give 4.5 x 3 metres space. They are applying to Welsh Church Fund for £2,000, Fund for Wales (part of the lottery) £1,000 and the Hall are putting £1,000 towards it. They asked whether TCC would consider contributing £1,000. The Chairman explained that TCC had budgeted £750 in 2017/18 and £750 in 2018/19 so should be able to give £1,000, but will need additional quotations and invoice before a cheque can be issued. She asked for Councillors feelings and all present were happy with the agreed donation. They also wish to refurbish the floor and have already received two quotes of approximately £4,100 to sand and re-varnish the floor and repaint the badminton lines. They have applied for lottery funding for the whole amount but been rejected. They will re-apply for less. The Hall are putting £1,000 towards it and asked whether TCC could match-fund for £1,000. The Chairman explained this would have to be discussed later in the meeting as it had not been budgeted for. Further possible ideas include painting the outside of the building and repairing the boundary wall for which they have a rough quote of about £500 for labour and cement. They asked who was responsible for maintenance of the wall. Cllr Shewell explained she thought it was not TCC's responsibility, but the Clerk was asked to check ownership in the lease and confirm to VHC.

2433. Apologies for absence: Cllr Pocock.

2434. Declarations of interest: Cllr Richards re 2443. Cllr Cobb re 2440.

2435. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved and signed as correct.

2436. Financial Report: BMM A/C £6,079.51p. Community A/C £13,648.21p. Amount spent on revenue £7,042, spent on capital £4,717, total to date £11,759.

2437. Accounts for payment: Merlin Waste - £27.24 (Ch. No. 300043), Village Website Hosting Fee - £59.99 (Ch. No. 300044), Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £372.70 (Ch. No. 300045), David Smith – TCC Website Domain Name Fee - £50 (Ch. No. 300046) - all approved. Gwyn James Solicitors - £1,200 (Ch. No. 300047) – Legal Fees for Lease on The Wharf. Tintern Church Restoration Fund for toilets - £3,000 (Ch. No. 300048). These two items had been agreed at the Finance Committee Meeting on 24th February. Cllr Shewell explained that the Church money was budgeted for in the 2016/17 Budget and assurance has

been received from the Church that they will hold this money in a dedicated account until the work is done. Both payments approved. This has been confirmed in writing.

2438. Planning Permissions: DC/2018/00053 – Brook Barn, Trellech Road, change of use of existing workshop to holiday let – approved. Cllrs asked for a condition that it remains as holiday accommodation. Ask they check there are no issues with regard to proximity to the Cat Brook.

DC/2018/00185 – New signage Anchor Inn – approved.

DC/2018/00182 – Listed Building Consent for new signage, Anchor Inn – approved.

2439. Updates: Welsh Water Sewerage problem – Welsh Water aim to complete the flushing of the sewer just upstream of Tintern Parva SPS by early March.

Proposed Staging for Village Hall – Request received for funding towards the staging and Councillors agreed that TCC would give £1,000 (discussed under Public Forum).

2440. Reports from outside bodies: Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust – Meeting held on site on 7th February between Councillors Shewell & Hayward, the Clerk, Mr & Mrs Wood, Mr Jim Hewitt, Mr Andrew Herbert from Welsh Water and Mr Peter Hurn, their Solicitor. There is now an agreement in principal and Heads of Terms are currently with Welsh Water for approval. It was agreed at the Finance Committee Meeting to pay the sum of £1,200 immediately to the Solicitors to be held on account pending the drawing up of the lease for the new SPS. The Trust have been told they can have no more funding from TCC. TCC will have further legal costs however in the drawing up of the lease.

Village Hall - Easter Bingo 15th March. Car Boot Sale 2nd April with tea room. AGM 17th April. Following a request under Public Forum for a donation towards the refurbishment of the flooring Councillors discussed the possibility. Cllr Richards proposed TCC give £1,000 and Cllr Hayward seconded this. All Councillors were in agreement and this was agreed. Clerk to inform the VHC of TCC's decision.

Llandogo School – Cllr Evans presented a report from the Governors re the Nurture Room. Discussion followed on additional funding for the proposed Nurture Room. Councillors were all in agreement that TCC give £1,000. Proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Evans. Clerk to inform the Headmistress of TCC's decision. County Cllr Webb will find out how many children from Tintern attend other schools.

St Michael's Church – The Restoration Committee have now given an assurance that if TCC give a donation towards the proposed toilets at the Church they will hold the money in a dedicated account until such time as the work is completed. The Finance Committee have therefore agreed to give them the sum of £3,000 immediately and Councillors were in agreement with this proposal. Report from the Church given by Councillor Hillard.

2441. Reports from Sub-Committees: Finance:- The Finance Committee met on 24th February 2018 to review the Financial Regulations. Councillor Shewell also explained that they had proposed to give a donation to the Church Restoration Fund for the provision of toilets of £3,000. Funding towards the Sports Club Pavilion Lean-to or Roller of £1,500 and Gwyn James Solicitors for legal fees relating to lease for the new SPS at Fryer's Wharf of £1,200 (discussed at this meeting under relevant headings).

2442. Review Standing Orders & Financial Regulations: The Finance Committee met on 24th February 2018 and reviewed, made minor amendments and approved the Financial Regulations. It was agreed to ask two Councillors to check the Standing Orders and report back to the March meeting. Councillors Cobb & Evans were asked to do this.

2443. Proposed Pavilion Lean-to at Leytons Playing Field: The Sports Club have been advised they definitely need planning permission for a container. They are therefore discussing another option, ie a small lean-to on the pavilion constructed in a similar material. Initial costs for materials thought to be approximately £600 plus labour costs of a similar amount. They will also need to purchase a new roller at an approximate cost of £3,000. They will still be seeking assistance towards funding of this project from TCC. Councillor Shewell explained that the proposed donation of £1,500 from TCC could therefore be given towards purchase of a roller. After discussion at the Finance Meeting it was agreed the Clerk write to the Club asking them to formally request in writing a contribution towards the cost of a new roller together with two quotations.

2444. River Festival: Councillor Richards gave an update. The village are involved in two events, a pilgrimage walk from Brockweir and family picnic in The Abbey. The Fete Committee will sell strawberries and cream at the picnic.

2445. Correspondence: MCC Local Democracy Manager re review of community boundaries and electoral arrangements. Clerk circulate original comments to Councillors. One Voice Wales – Budget Preparation 2018/19. Allowances for Councillors were discussed but TCC Councillors felt it was not necessary.

MCC Planning Dept – Implementation of new planning system.

MCC Highways – report back on complaint of poached village green and report re potholes on road to village hall by Drs Surgery. MCC report this road is not adopted by the highway authority and would only carry the work out if TCC paid for it. Clerk reply saying TCC understood the road is adopted as far as the council owned oap bungalows and querying their decision.

Dewi Jones, MCC Communications Officer re new ways forward to deliver tourism, leisure, culture and youth services.

Judith Langdon, MCC Community & Partnership Dev't Lead re Cluster Meeting workshops. Cllrs Richards & Cobb will attend some. Clerk reply with TCC's available dates.

Mr & Mrs J Simpson re highway from A466 over Tintern Tramway Bridge. The position was noted.

MCC Highways re A Board Guidance – noted.

Tintern Festival 2017 Report. Clerk to ask John Livermore to provide TCC with accounts. Shelley Rastall re damage to open sign board on driveway at Abbey Mill. She asked if TCC knew anything about it. Acknowledge it and say none of the Councillors saw anything and suggest they also report it to the Police.

2446. Any Other Business: David James, MHA attended re the affordable housing site. Completion date anticipated 18th February 2019. MHA need a name for the site and asked Councillors for their ideas. Mr James will send TCC some information for a note to go in the Tintern News asking for ideas from residents for a site name. A consultation evening will be

held in September for applications from residents for the houses. He then reported that the former Abbey Hotel is currently being marketed by the owner who is now looking into the possibility of a planning application on the car park to include two affordable houses. If MHA were interested they may be able to get planning permission on the car park.

Councillor Evans reported that the parking area at the rear of the village hall is muddy.

Councillor Cobb explained that this area is one of the options on the list of improvements to the Village Hall. Councillor Evans then enquired the status of the new speed limit on the A466 past Tintern Old Station, which County Cllr Webb said would be available at the end of the week.

Councillor Evans reported that numbers visiting the new TCC Website area increasing.

Councillor Richards reported that West Glos Motocross Club will be holding a rally on the 18th March in the area and as part of the route will be using the stony road behind the former Abbey Hotel. She does not feel it is desirable for them to use this road as it is still classified as a road and felt it should be downgraded. She was informed that when we earlier requested this it was declined.

Tintern Business Forum Open Meeting evening of 6th March. Councillor Richards reported she has had quite a lot of response already and will report back to TCC after the meeting.

Update on fundraising events for the Fete – A new date has been fixed for the Quiz of 17th March. It was requested that TCC thank Andrew Reid and John Livermore for their revamp of the village website. Clerk to do this.

Councillor Cobb asked that Jane McCorquodale be thanked for organising the litter pick. Clerk to do this. She said they were unable to clear litter along the A466 by the road closure and asked if MCC could be asked to do this whilst the road is closed. Also ask them to clear overhanging trees, etc. She also reported that a village resident has suggested setting up a volunteer driver scheme to transport older or less mobile people around and also possibly running a senior citizens social group. County Cllr Webb will find information for her.

Clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire County Council and ask when they are going to paint the river bridge.

County Councillor Webb reported she will chase MCC Planning as to when they were sending a representative to talk about Enforcements at a council meeting.

All brown signs for Tintern Station have been knocked down. Clerk contact MCC to ask when they are to be replaced and also point out the road surface on the A466 by the Old Station is poor.

2447. Date of next meeting: 26th March 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57.

Signed (Chairman)

Dated