

## **TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held in Tintern Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.00pm.**

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

**2543. Police Report:** Attached. No presence.

**2544. Public Forum:** No one present.

**2545. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Pocock.

**2546. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Richards re Agenda No. 2554 (Fete).

**2547. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:** Approved & signed as correct.

**2548. Financial Report:** BMM A/C £7115.86, Community A/C £1596.70. Spent to date on revenue £3,479, on capital £4,696.558 making a total of £8,176.

**2549. Accounts for payment:-**

Merlin Waste - £30.00 (Ch. No. 300085)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £264.25 (Ch. No. 300088)

Cllr Richards Travelling Expenses - £11.70 (Ch. No. 300086)

ROSPA Playground Report - £92.40 (Ch. No. 300087)

Village Hall Floor Refurbishment – £1,000 (Ch. No. 300089)

Tintern Festivals Association - £500 (Ch. No. 300090)

All approved for payment.

**2550. Planning Permissions:** DM/2018/01211 – Retrospective application for Land lying to the east of Trellech Road, Tintern. After consideration Councillors wished to bring to the Planning Department's attention the fact that they are pleased to note that there is an intention to return the land to its original use, but it is nevertheless a sensitive area and TCC would wish for some reassurance about the protection of the natural environment and biodiversity. Clerk to notify them of this fact.

Query about the replacement of the balconies on the chalet extension at The Royal George Hotel. It was unclear whether planning consent was needed so the owners are putting in an application.

**2551. Updates:-**

**A466 future road closures** – Steve Baldwin, MCC was awaiting feedback from geotechnical consultants but hoped to have a statement for publication by the August meeting. This has not yet arrived. Update now received saying that following their meeting it seems that due to the ecological constraints that they are facing they will not be able to start works until next March/April. MCC to be asked if works could possibly be carried out in early March in

order to finish by Easter. If this is not possible could the road be open over the Easter period. Clerk to request this along with a request for more information on the ecological constraints and confirmation that the two sets of works will run concurrently. Also asked that MCC provide a statement for publication so the community members know about what is proposed.

**A466 New speed limit** – MCC Highways say the speed limit signage is correctly located in accordance with the 40mph speed limit order as advertised and consulted upon. Any signs concealed by roadside undergrowth will be cut back. TCC feel the speed limit and signs now in place do not represent what was discussed and agreed with TCC originally or at multi-disciplinary meetings. TCC had always asked for it to continue to the northern side of Brockweir Bridge. Clerk to reply to MCC querying why this was ignored.

**Sign by Drs Surgery** – MCC will make enquiries as to who installed the sign and request it be raised to give increased headroom.

#### **2552. Reports from outside bodies:-**

**Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust** – no report.

**Village Hall** – Garden Club held their Show on 11<sup>th</sup> August. Table Top Sale 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The new staging has been used again. Quote received and agreed for refurbishment of the village hall floor of £3,875. Work to commence 25<sup>th</sup> September. Request made by the VHC for payment of the £1,000 donation towards this from TCC which was previously agreed. All Councillors present were happy for payment to be made so a cheque was issued.

**Llandogo School** – no report.

**St Michael's Church** – no report.

**2553. Reports from Sub-Committees:-** Finance – Three minor issues raised by the External Auditors (they require a copy of the internal auditor engagement letter, 2017/18 Budget and two sets of minutes from the 2017/18 Year). Clerk to respond with the information required.

**2554. Village Fete:** Request for financial donation from TCC. The Fete Committee had reported in March that if they did not get the grants they had applied for they would be requesting a donation. As there was provision within the Budget to cover this payment a donation of £500 was approved and paid.

**2555. Quotation for work to Benches & Noticeboards:** Clerk requested a further quote from Steve Scrivens - £300-350 (for sanding, two coats of Sadolin and cutting back undergrowth). He also reported that the back of the bench on St Anne's (Chapel Hill Road) needs some repair. It was agreed Cllrs Hayward & Hoskins would inspect this bench to see whether it is repairable. The other quote already received was £480. Councillors agreed to accept Mr Scriven's quote. Clerk to notify him.

**2556. Playground Equipment:** ROSPA Report now received and several minor repairs to some of the equipment have been recommended. Cllr Cobb reported that the report was discussed at the VHC meeting and they intent repairing/replacing where necessary. Longer term plans are to possibly replace the Log Cabin. It was agreed that the VHC would report back to TCC in three months time with their proposals for possible replacement of some of

the equipment. Cllr Shewell advised that TCC would need to be advised if a contribution was going to be sought so provision could be made in TCC's Budget for 2019/20.

**2557. Standing Orders:** Final draft circulated to Councillors. Councillors approved and adopted these.

**2558. Complaints Procedure:** Draft circulated to Councillors. Councillors approved and adopted these.

**2559. Information & Data Protection Policy & Retention & Disposal Policy:** Draft circulated to Councillors. Councillor Evans reported that there seem to be several versions of this policy, therefore the Clerk was asked to obtain an approved one from SLCC. This will then be discussed at the September meeting.

**2560. Summary of Review of Local Development Plan:** Report given by Councillor Richards. Councillors felt that a project TCC would like to be researched is renewable energy technology, therefore the Clerk was asked to respond asking if they can look into a project for harnessing power from the river tides in the Wye Valley. It was agreed that a further Business Forum Meeting would be called where ideas for enhancing tourism in the community could be sought.

**2561. Correspondence:** Letter of thanks and invoice received from the VHC for the staging. Mr P. Cockburn re bus parked outside Web Design on the A466. County Cllr Webb has raised the issue of business rates with the relevant department at MCC but to date not received a response. Clerk to reply stating that TCC do not have the authority or powers to do anything about this matter, but do always raise his concerns with the appropriate authorities and will continue to do so.

**2562. Any Other Business:** Cllr Richards asked whether there was any progress with the re-opening of the footway adjacent to the A466 opposite Prospect Cottage as the riverbank is still deteriorating. County Cllr Webb agreed to chase Roger Hoggins, MCC about the matter. Cllr Richards also felt that previous actions discussed at council meetings should have a follow-up date. Clerk will diarise this and Cllr Shewell also asked Councillors to raise any items they felt need action on.

Cllr Hoskins reported that rubbish has been scattered on the forest track at the entrance from Botany Bay. Clerk asked to contact Carl Touhig, MCC.

He also asked whether any response had been received from MCC Planning Dept regarding report last month about possible change of use at Hill Farm, Barbadoes. Clerk to chase.

Cllr Cobb asked whether a response had been received from MHA regarding TCC's suggestions for a community project. None received yet. Clerk to chase.

Cllr Hayward reported that the roadside hedge at Sunnyside, Raglan Road is encroaching onto the road. Clerk to report to Martyn Evans, MCC.

**2563. Date of next meeting:** September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Dated .....