

TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.00pm in Tintern Village Hall.

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

2381. Police Report: Attached. No Police presence.

2382. Public Forum: No one present.

2383. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Shewell & Pocock.

2384. Declarations of interest: Cllr Richards re planning applications, Agenda No. 2388. Cllr Hayward re LWVBPT, Agenda No. 2390.

2385. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved and signed as correct.

2386. Financial Report: BMM A/C £6,078.90, Community A/C £12,923.71. Spent to date on revenue £4,225, Capital £3,716.62. Total £7,942.

2387. Accounts for payment: Merlin Waste - £27.12 Ch. No. 300028, Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £343.00 (Ch. No. 300031), Tintern Tots £200 (Ch. No. 300029), Gwyn James Legal Fees on behalf of TCC for Fryer's Wharf Slipway Lease - £726.00 (Ch. No. 300030), Gwyn James Legal Fees on behalf of the Trust - £720 (Ch. No. 300033) – all approved. Llandogo School donation of £250 (Ch. No 300032). As this sum had been set aside in the budget it was agreed this could be paid.

2388. Planning Permissions: DC/2017/01235 – Extension & alterations, Corylus Cottage, Trellech Road – approved.

DC/2017/01264 – The Beeches, Glynwood Road – demolish single storey extension and replace with two storey extension and carport. Approved.

DC/2017/00524 – Appeal against refusal, Llan-Y-Nant Farm, Trellech Grange, proposed restoration & conversion of stone barn. Appeal to be heard by informal public hearing on the 8th February 2018 at 10.30am. Cllr Richards will attend.

DC/2017/01318 – Application to discharge archaeological condition n works at 1 Upper Leytons noted.

2389. Updates: Proposed Staging for Village Hall – Cllr Richards has spoken to Jane McCorquodale as the VHC wish for tiered staging which will bring the overall cost up to £5,000 The VHC are looking into grants to cover the whole amount. They cannot apply for a Welsh Church Grant.

Welsh Water Sewerage Problem – WW been in touch with landlord of property needing minor repair, who has made tenant aware of works that need to be carried out. They have allocated the job to their contractors who will complete it by the end of November. Clerk ask which property she is referring to.

Bus parked on A466 – MCC have advised owner he cannot run a power cable across the pavement as it is an obstruction of the highway.

Overhanging hedges/trees – Clerk & Two Cllrs met Martyn Evans, MCC in Tintern on 9th November and showed him the problem areas. Notices have been served on all relevant land owners.

Junction onto A466 by Drs Surgery – Paul Keeble, MCC stated this will be done in the current financial year. Clerk to acknowledge and also ask about the unauthorised yellow box lines outside Abbey Mill.

2390. Reports from outside bodies:- Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust – Draft 4 of Agreement for Lease received. Councillors were happy with it. Two Cllrs, the Clerk & Mr & Mrs Woods met on 23rd November to discuss a letter received from Hugh James Solicitors, acting on behalf of Welsh Water in connection with contract discussions relating to the SPS. All at this meeting felt there was no legal input required by Hugh James on most of the clauses requested except two. The Solicitors are to be asked to write back to them to this effect.

Village Hall – VHC applied for a grant to the Lottery Fund to redo the floor in main hall. Also looking at other grant options for funding for the stage. The Over 60's meal which is sponsored by Chapel Hill United Charities is to be held 17th January.

Llandogo School – Request for financial donation towards a Nurture Group received. As the sum of £250 had already been set aside in the budget it was agreed this could be paid. Clerk to ask the total cost as TCC may be able to set aside a further sum when fixing next year's precept. Two staff members have requested a term of absence for training and career break and these have been approved by the Governing Body.

St Michael's Church – Cllr Hillard gave a report of matters discussed at the PCC meeting. Annual Toy Service to be held 10th December. They have also asked for wrapped presents to be distributed to Newport Womens Refuge. There will be a Midnight Mass this year. Lads & Girls Brigade have attended two events in last few months, a trip to the National Memorial Gardens and a trip to York.

2391. Reports from Sub-Committees: Finance – Discuss & implement matters raised from external audit. 3 issues raised – 1. Assets: These should be accounted for at cost and kept at that value until disposed of. This arose because TCC obtained an updated valuation of the Village Hall. 2. Risk assessment: The Council had not minuted an updated risk assessment during the year. This has now been carried out. 3. Employer Status: The Council needed to register as an employer with HMRC. This has now been done. Finance Committee met on 25th November and discussed these issues.

2392. Approve Annual Return for 2016/17: The Finance Committee met on 25th November and approved and signed the amendments to the annual return as outline above.

2393. Risk Assessment: This has now been completed and a copy circulated to Councillors. Clerk asked to contact MCC re refuse bin in Lower Wireworks Car Park as it was noted that the access is very slippery for use and emptying. Possible suggestion was to re-locate it or make it less slippery. The Pound – when next clearing it some of the steps need replacing and the path levelled as it is uneven and treacherous when wet.

2394. Report from Older Adult Mental Health Meeting attended by Cllr Evans: It is proposed to close this ward at Chepstow Hospital. Cllr Evans circulated a report of the meeting. Cllr Richards explained the provision for people needing this service for Newport & South Monmouthshire will be seriously downgraded by this closure. She felt TCC should draft a letter saying they do not agree with this proposal. Cllrs Richards & Evans to draft a letter to be circulated to Councillors and agreed at the 8th January meeting.

2395. Pavilion Lean-to at Leytons Playing Field: Letter received from Martin Woodford on behalf of the Cricket & Football Clubs notifying TCC that the lean-to where they store equipment is being demolished and asking for a contribution towards its replacement in a new location. Clerk replied asking for costings which Martin Woodford will produce in time for the January meeting.

2396. Correspondence: Ross Price, MCC re brook in Botany Bay. County Cllr Webb stated that she had spoken to Ross Price and they have done an inspection. SARA Grant donation request. As TCC have already given £100 towards charities this year the Clerk was asked to inform them we will consider a donation when fixing next year's precept.

Helen Jones, Aneurin Bevan UHB re major trauma services on South Wales.

Dianne Bromley re memorial bench near Tintern Abbey for her husband. Clerk had replied asking for details of the proposed location but had no response

AONB - Wye Valley River Festival update.

MCC

Proposed Road Traffic Order from the junction of Trellech Road for 800 metres in a northerly direction. Reply saying TCC are pleased with this proposal but would like them to consider extending it to the Brockweir lay-by, as previously requested and agreed. County Cllr Webb will also make representations regarding this.

Merlin Waste - notification of price increase.

Peter Cockburn re low flying aircraft complaint from previous minutes. Clerk to reply acknowledging his response, but also clarifying that TCC did not pass anything on to the MP. They simply noted the complainant had informed us he had already contacted his MP. If he also wishes to forward his views to the MP TCC are happy for him to do so.

2397. Any Other Business: Cllr Richards asked if any response had been received re responsibility for maintenance of the public conveniences. None received. It was explained that as MCC lease the premises they are responsible for its upkeep. Cllr Richards felt that TCC should still report any problems to MCC. County Cllr Webb will chase MCC. Cllr Cobb – Quayside Path resurfacing has now been done but it does not appear to have been properly cambered outside her house. She will monitor the situation and report back to TCC. Cllr Evans – Website stats say the site is now being used to send emails. He also reported that The Tintern News do not have a website at the moment.

2398. Date of next meeting: 8th January 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Dated