

TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Shewell, Cllrs Hayward, Hoskins, Hillard, Evans, Cobb, Richards, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Members of the Public – Mr Bob Dagger.

2465. Police Report: No Police presence or report.

2466. Public Forum: Mr Bob Dagger from TUCC present to listen to comments about the recent A466 road closure.

2467. Apologies for absence: Cllr Pocock.

2468. Declarations of interest: None.

2469. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

2470. Financial Report: BMM A/C £6,080.57, Community A/C £4,531.44. Amount spent to end of March 2018 on Revenue £7,397, Capital £12,760. Total £20,157.

2471. Accounts for payment: Home-Start Monmouthshire - £50 (Ch. No. 300054), Merlin Waste - £28.56 (Ch. No. 30055), Village Hall Room Hire - £45 (Ch. No. 300056), One Voice Wales Subscription - £113 (Ch. No. 300057), Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £417.18 (Ch. No. 300058), Mr G. Boulton, Internal Audit - £80 (Ch. No. 300059) – approved.

2472. Planning Permissions: DC/2018/000511 – Discharge of Conditions Forge House – approved subject to comments to be submitted to MCC relating to parking of contractors vehicles and adequacy of protection of wildlife and planting of trees.

2473. Updates:-

Tintern Business Forum – Councillor Richards asked for feedback for improvements after the recent meeting. As a result she had drafted a feedback report which was circulated to Councillors. Points in the report were discussed by Councillors and several areas needing improvement were highlighted. It was felt that better consultation with local businesses and communication from MCC would be helpful and it was decided that Councillors Richards & Cobb would take the points back to the next Forum Meeting. It was also suggested that TCC ask for a meeting with MCC Highways, together with consultation with local businesses, (possibly in August) as a significant issue that had been highlighted was the recent closure of the A466 and its impact on businesses.

Cluster Meeting Workshop – Councillors Richards & Cobb were unable to attend the April meeting. The main aim of the meeting had been to discuss the Wellbeing Plan in more detail, ie protecting and enhancing our natural environment and minimising the impact of climate change. Also seek to understand what this means in practice and actions that can be taken.

Following the workshop the group will be actioning some of the points for discussion at a future meeting.

Footway on A466 between Promenade & former Moon & Sixpence Car Park – Clerk wrote to MCC querying its recent closure. Reply received saying as this is private land, not owned by NRW and not part of the adopted highway, they are not looking at a scheme to provide a footway link here as funds do not permit this at present. They suggest the village may wish to consider doing this as part of a wider traffic improvement scheme.

Proposed Staging for Village Hall – A further grant has been received of £1,000 from the Fund for Wales. The staging has now been ordered and will hopefully arrive around the 15th May.

Tintern Wye River Bridge – Updated received from Gloucestershire CC saying they have now received the feasibility report and the main issues are the timber decking, the bracing below the decking and the vertical stiffeners. They are considering the options and considering funding options. Clerk to reply reminding them that they promised to carry out remedial work in the last financial year and asking when this will now happen.

Junction onto A466 by Drs Surgery – White lines now been extended. Clerk reminded MCC about the concealed junction sign TCC had requested. Reply received saying this type of sign is not permitted on a public highway. They would consider a triangular junction warning sign on the southbound A466 just prior to the junction. If TCC wish MCC to proceed on this basis please can they confirm. Councillors agreed to this and the Clerk was asked to accept MCC's offer of the warning sign.

Welsh Water Sewerage problem – Update from Welsh Water saying the cleanse of the sewer upstream of Tintern Parva SPS has been delayed due to operational issues. Currently waiting for confirmation from their contractor as to when this will happen.

2474. Reports from outside bodies:-

Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust – Meeting of the Trust held last week at which progress on the leases was raised. Gwyn James Solicitors acting for TCC have now received a draft conditional agreement from Welsh Water's Solicitors. Councillor Shewell agreed to liaise with Gwyn James.

Village Hall – At the recent AGM three new committee members were elected. Further grant received for staging (see above under Updates). Some committee members are starting Tintern Teas on the 11th May to which all are invited. Craft Fayre 27th May.

Llandogo School - Councillors Stephens & Richards presented TCC's cheque for the nurture room for which the School gave grateful thanks.

St Michael's Church – Report from Councillor Hillard. The restoration of the interior is now proceeding and a new altar has been purchased. Presentation & Music Evening held by the Brigade recently.

2475. Reports from Sub-Committees: Finance – Clerk met the Internal Auditor on 18th April 2018 with instructions for him to carry out an internal audit of TCC's accounts and accounting statement for the year, together with an updated Letter of Engagement as internal auditor which he signed.

2476. Review Standing Orders: Councillor Cobb has checked these and made minor alterations and will now circulate a copy to all Councillors. These will be approved at the next meeting.

2477. Reappoint Internal Auditor: Mr Graham Boulton reappointed.

2478. Data Protection - Discuss Draft Privacy Policy & Audit of Data: Councillor Evans has drawn up a draft Privacy Policy which has been circulated to Councillors. As it is now a requirement that all Councils register with the Data Protection Registry the Clerk was asked to do this. Annual fee is now £40. Proposed by Cllr Shewell, seconded by Cllr Hayward.

2479. Repair of Potholes, Quayside Lane: County Councillor Webb checked the ownership of the lane with MCC. They have confirmed that it is not an adopted highway but is a by-way (which is usually the responsibility of the land owners). Councillors were all in agreement that TCC pay for this work and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation from MCC. As the potholes are becoming increasingly dangerous it was agreed that provided the quotation was less than £500 the Finance Committee could be given authority to ask MCC to carry out this work as soon as possible.

2480. A466 Road Closure & feedback from residents: MCC Highways have said that hopefully any further work can be done without closing the road. If it needs to be closed then they will undertake the works at the same time as the closure for the Wyndcliff Site. As a result of the notice asking for feedback several suggestions for improvement whilst the road is closed had been received. County Councillor Webb suggested that TCC ask for a meeting with Steve Baldwin, MCC Highways in August. Mr Bob Dagger from TUCC suggested that a strategy be drawn up of stretches of road between Chepstow and Monmouth that may need future maintenance.

2481. Introduction by new owner of Livox Quarry: Mr Darren Price, the new owner of the Livox Quarry, was to have been in attendance to introduce himself and explain what he has planned for the site. He was not present however.

2482. Correspondence: Merlin Waste re increase in charges; Terry Richards rivers and streams; Judith Langdon, MCC re Cluster Meeting dates; One Voice Wales – questionnaire for community hub. Cllr Cobb will pass this on to the VHC; WAG - Independent Review Panel re open doors meeting; John Livermore – update on Tintern Village Website.

2483. Any Other Business: Pothole on road by Ravensnest Fishery is still very bad. Clerk to ask MCC again. Councillor Cobb stated she had been approached by several residents with complaints about jet skis and mini speedboats coming up the River Wye to Tintern and exceeding the 4 knot speed restriction. Clerk to raise this with Gloucester Harbour Trust. Complaint received about access to the Well in the field at Trellech Grange as this appears to have been blocked by barbed wire. Clerk to ask Cllr Pocock to inspect this.

Councillor Hayward reported that the cost of School swimming trips at Llandogo has once again increased and concerns have been raised that some families will be unable to afford this. Cllr Evans will raise this at the next meeting of Llandogo School.

Cllr Richards asked that the Stony Road at the rear of the former Abbey Hotel be downgraded to a footpath or bridlepath as after a recent meeting of the West Gloucestershire Motorcycle Club they used this road and it was felt it is in too dangerous a condition for this sort of traffic. Clerk to raise this with MCC.

Councillor Shewell reported that there is a large pothole in the road by the temporary traffic lights at the Livox which vehicles are unable to avoid due to the temporary single carriageway. Clerk to report.

Councillor Richards reported that the Sacred Sight & Sound Festival will be taking place as part of the River Festival and they are also holding a multi-cultural Ways of Peace Festival on September 21st-23rd at Tintern Abbey. They will be contacting TCC shortly to request payment of the £500 promised towards the Sacred Sight & Sound Festival.

She also reported that the Tintern Fete Committee will be holding a Boot Sale on May Bank Holiday Monday and a Duck Race on the 3rd June.

Councillor Evans reported that he had been asked by a resident if it was possible to have a zebra crossing on the A466 in the village. He was informed this had been suggested before by TCC but MCC were not keen on it.

2484. Date of next meeting: AGM 21st May at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated