

TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.00pm in Tintern Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr Shewell, Cllrs Hayward, Hoskins, Hillard, Cobb, Richards, Evans, Pocock, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Public – Mr Lawson & Mrs Andrea Etheridge.

2399. Police Report: Attached. No Police presence.

2400. Public Forum: Mr & Mrs Etheridge spoke about their planning application in respect of The Beeches. The application has been amended to reflect advice given by MCC Planning Dept.

2401. Apologies for absence: None.

2402. Declarations of interest: None.

2403. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved and signed as correct.

2404. Financial Report: BMM A/C £6,079.51. Community A/C £15,922.80. Last precept paid in 21st Dec of £5,660. Total spent to date on revenue £6,223, capital £4,717, total £10,940.

2405. Accounts for payment: Welsh Audit Office – £298.65 (Ch. No. 300035), MCC Council Election Costs – £182.97 (Ch. No. 300036), Tintern News - £300 (Ch. No 300034), Merlin Waste - £54.24 (Ch. No. 300037), Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £380.70 (Ch. No. 300039), Village Christmas Tree - £140 (Ch. No. 300038), Village Hall Room Hire - £30 (Ch. No 300040) – approved.

2406. Planning Permissions: DC/2017/01264 – Extension at The Beeches, Glynwood Road. Approved. This application was a slight amendment to the original to take into account recommendations from MCC Planning Dept. TCC approved the application. DC/2017/01406 – Formation of new patio with BBQ style cooking area & erection of new fence, The Anchor Inn – approved. DC/2017/01407 - Listed Building Consent, The Anchor Inn – Approved. Cllr Richards comment was that the design and access report mentions they will not need additional archeological investigations. TCC raised no objections to the proposed amended development but wish for reassurance that there will be ongoing monitoring by GGAT of work undertaken as a result of this particular application. Clerk to report accordingly.

2407. Updates:- Proposed Staging for Village Hall – no further updates at present. Welsh Water Sewerage Problem – Patch lining & minor repair now been completed which concludes the work planned, apart from to flush through the sewer just upstream of Tintern Parva SPS. This will be carried out in the New Year.

A466 Temporary Road Closure, Tintern-Chepstow – The road will be closed temporarily from 12th February for up to eight weeks. There will also be a temporary closure of the A466 along the village front for the replacement of manhole covers one Sunday between January 14th & 11th February. Clerk check with MCC that the bus route operators know about the diversion and that provisions are in place to ensure there is still a service connecting Chepstow and Monmouth via Trellech during the period of closure.

2408. Reports from outside bodies:-

Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust – Welsh Water have requested a meeting with TCC & LWVBPT. Dates supplied. Cllrs Shewell & Hayward to attend with the Clerk. LWVBPT are seeking other sources of funding.

Village Hall - Over 60's lunch will take place 17th January. VHC's application for lottery funding to refurbish the floor was not successful, but they are re-applying. The Charity Commission return for the VH has been completed and submitted.

Llandogo School - Thanked TCC for their donation. The Head Teacher has been asked if she could attend TCC's next meeting to discuss the proposed project for a Nurture Room.

St Michael's Church – Services took place on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning when the Church was pleased to welcome some new attendees.

2409. Reports from Sub-Committees: Finance:- 2018-19 Precept has to be submitted by 22nd January. The Finance Committee met to prepare the budget on the 5th January and calculated that the Precept will be £15,100. Cllr Shewell explained that TCC are still carrying over £2,500 which was set aside under Projects for the Church toilets and kitchen. The Church has a Restoration Fund and she suggested asking them to write to TCC requesting the money in the current financial year, providing they give their reassurance that the money will be kept in that account until needed for the purposes agreed. All Councillors agreed to this proposal so Cllr Hillard will address the matter with the PCC and provide TCC with the necessary assurances.

Cllr Shewell reported she had also spoken to Andrew Reid re the Tintern Website. This should be running again shortly and the hosting fee will still cost only £60. There may be a small further cost if there are any add-ons, availability of booking the village hall online. She then explained that TCC have money in their account as some projects have cost less than budgeted.

TCC have recently received a financial request from Llandogo School re their proposed Nurture Room. She explained that TCC could make payment out of this year's budget towards this. The Head Teacher has been asked to come to our next meeting and explain how much it will cost. Councillors were happy with this suggestion. Cllr Shewell pointed out that not all children from the TCC area attend Llandogo School and therefore TCC may have to consider requests from other schools attended by Tintern children. County Cllr Webb to provide a breakdown of numbers.

Councillor Richards asked whether money allocated would be shown in the budget for the proposed Staging/Canopy. Cllr Shewell advised that £5,000 is highlighted for projects in next year's budget. AONB are to have an agreed contribution for the revised Angiddy Trail Leaflet. A contribution will be available for the Sports Club for a safe storage facility. Replacement benches may be required and there is a commitment from TCC to support the Sacred Site & Sound Festival. There will still be a sum left to assist the Fete Committee/

VHC in the provision of staging. The Sports Club have been asked to supply estimates for their proposed storage facility. Cllr Richards has agreed to supply financial accounts from the Fete Committee.

2410. Pavilion Lean-to at Leytons Playing Field: The current lean-to has been demolished and a new one is required. Letter of request received from the Sports Club for financial assistance from TCC towards this. The Club have been asked to provide TCC with firm quotations for either a replacement lean-to or container.

2411. Discuss letter re proposed closure of Older Adult Mental Health Ward: Draft letter prepared by Cllrs Richards & Evans and final draft letter circulated. All Councillors were happy for this to be sent to the Trust. A copy is attached.

2412. Correspondence: One Voice Wales – Dates for Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. MCC re Cluster Meeting Dates January 2018 – Cllrs Richards & Cobb to attend.

MCC Planners re pre-application community consultation for major planning applications – Cllr Richards suggested the Village Hall would be a suitable venue and Councillors were asked to suggest any groups in the village that could be approached, ie the Village & TCC Websites, Tintern News, the Church, LWVBPT, The Crown Estates. Clerk to reply.

Cadw re new resident passes – Cadw will stop issuing new or renewing residents passes as soon as possible and these will be changed to Cadw Monument Passes. New passes can be obtained online via Cadw's website.

Email from Mrs Helen Hayward re Public Toilets adjoining Beaufort Cottage reporting that the standard of the toilets was reported to her by a member of public who is a TCC Councillor. Cllr Shewell stated that Councillors must not act on their own in their capacity as a councillor. Clerk reply to Mrs Hayward saying this was considered at the council's meeting and Mrs Richards had reported that she had visited the toilets in a personal capacity and apologises for any misunderstanding that may have been caused.

2413. Any Other Business: Draft letter prepared by Cllr Richards to be sent to local businesses regarding a possible meeting to discuss the challenges they face in trading successfully in the village. After approaching some businesses the general opinion is that they would be interested in a meeting. She suggested a meeting on a weekday evening in February for a one hour meeting chaired by her with Cllr Cobb also attending. All Cllrs were happy for a letter to be drafted by Cllr Richards to be circulated and sent out from her and Cllr Cobb.

Cllr Shewell reported that a heavy vehicle has driven along the newly resurfaced Quayside Path and crushed a small area on the edge of the path. There is also a small area at the end nearest to Quayside House where the camber is wrong and water lies there after rainfall.

Clerk to ask Steve Lane, MCC to have a look and also see if there is anything that can be done to discourage vehicles driving down the path.

Cllr Evans reminded Cllrs to use the new TCC Website. He also asked that Cllr Hayward be thanked for the work he does in the village.

Cllr Hoskins re the Village Green. This is very untidy after recent work by the utilities companies. Clerk to ask MCC to look at it. Christmas tree is being removed.

Cllr Hoskins reported that following a meeting with Martyn Evans re overhanging trees/hedges it appears that some have not been cut back, especially at Pontysaeson. Clerk to contact Martyn Evans.

Cllr Hayward re water on the road and damaged wall at Pontysaeson. When the gabions were done the drains appear to have been put in the wrong place causing water to run across the road. A cyclist went off the road last week in the icy weather. Clerk to report to MCC.

Cllr Richards reported that the litter bin outside the Filling Station Café has now been moved. Cllr Richards reported that the potholes in Lower Wireworks Car Park have still not been repaired. Clerk to chase.

She also reported that the next Fete Meeting will be the 27th January.

Cllr Richards reported that she had read through the Draft Local Development Plan and there are two areas they are having to make amendments to – housing policies and affordable housing as some of their current policies are not effective. They are not providing the number of units they said within this period. Welsh Government have told MCC they will now have to do a major revision. They will also be revising their affordable housing policy. Cllr Shewell explained that this had already been done. Cllrs Shewell & Hayward met with David James from MHA and representatives from MCC Planning Dept and visited numerous sites within the community area to consider appropriateness for low cost housing. They suggested several sites but most were discounted for various reasons. Planning permission applications are proceeding for one site within the village. Cllr Shewell stated she felt TCC should identify possible sites in the village for low cost housing.

Clerk to reply saying TCC are pleased to note the proposed changes in criteria. We have previously highlighted sites within the community area which we felt appropriate for low cost housing but these were discounted for various reasons, but may be suitable if conditions have been relaxed. Please could they keep TCC informed of any changes in criteria.

Cllr Cobb asked if there was any update from MCC re the road junction by the Surgery.

Clerk replied that they had promised to do it in the current financial year but was also asked to chase Paul Keeble MCC.

Cllr Hayward reported that there are two potholes by the Surgery junction to the Village Hall. Clerk to report to MCC.

Cllr Pocock reported that he has a replacement oak tree for Trellech Grange.

2414. Date of next meeting: 29th January 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Dated

