

## TINTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in Tintern Village Hall.**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Mrs Shewell, Councillors Hayward, Evans, Richards, Hillard, Cobb, County Councillor Webb, Mr David James, Katie Knill & Mr Ashey Eley, MHA

**2503. Police Report:** No report received or Police presence.

**2504. Public Forum:** Mr James gave an update on the social housing site under Agenda Number 2515.

**2506. Declarations of interest:** None.

**2507. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:** Approved and signed as correct.

**2508. Financial Report:** BMM A/C £8,115.86. Community A/C £3,204.54. Amount spent to date on revenue £2,473, capital £2,309 making total of £4,782.

**2509 Accounts for payment:**

Merlin Waste - £30.00 (Ch. No. 300071),  
Church Lads & Girls Brigade - £200 (Ch. No. 300072),  
Tintern Tots - £200 (Ch. No. 300073),  
Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £343 (Ch. No. 300074),  
Village Hall Room Hire - £30 (Ch. No. 300075).  
All approved for payment.

**2510. Planning Permissions:**

DC/2018/00554 – Timber frame Garden Shed, Fair oak Barn, The Cot – approved.  
DC/2018/00579 – Erection of agricultural storage building for use in conjunction with existing fishery & adjoining land, Fair oak Fishery – approved.  
DC/2018/00891 – The Beeches, Glynwood Road – variation of Condition 2, relocation of garage. This is not on the planning portal now so Clerk will check and notify Councillors of the updated position with this application.  
DC/2016/00216 - Former Abbey Hotel - The Schedule of Conditions referred to is for non-material amendments to be used and MCC require the applicant to provide information and samples of the materials to be used. As Councillors are concerned at the appearance of the site the Clerk was asked to write to the owner inviting him to come to the next meeting and update TCC on progress.

**2511. Updates:-**

**Welsh Water Sewerage problem** – Remainder of de-silt has been completed. Welsh Water are monitoring the flows into the treatment works intermittently to see how much of a difference the patch lining has made. To date do not appear to be any issues with spills from the SPS since work was done and the sewer is now running freely.

**Meeting with Roger Hoggins re pathways, pedestrian crossing in village** – Cllrs who attended the meeting asked for the footway on the A466 opposite the former Moon & Sixpence to be re-opened. This Mr Hoggins agreed to do and also get a feasibility study carried out on what work would be needed to shore up the riverbank at this point. He also agreed to go back to MCC and get some proposals for improvements to pavements generally in the village. Clerk was asked to request from MCC that a warning sign be put up at this point warning motorists that pedestrians are having to walk in the road to avoid the pavement closure. County Cllr Webb reported that she has received complaints about dropped verges in the village. She also reported that MCC Enforcements are looking into the situation regarding the wall in the car park opposite the former Moon & Sixpence.

**A466 Livox & Blackcliff future road closure** – update received from MCC Highways. Three areas of concern at this site. Further stabilisation works are required at Site 1 (Wyndcliffe) but due to the geology of the ground the solution is not easy. The adjacent ground is also an SSSI. Their preferred option is to excavate the existing slope back to a stable 1 in 1 batter, but a full road closure will be necessary. This will probably be in the autumn. Site 2 (Livox Quarry entrance) – further works are needed but what form this will take is not clear at present. MCC are currently awaiting a geological report. Hopefully future works can be undertaken without closing the road but if closure is necessary they will combine the works with Site 1. Site 3 (Livox) – a more permanent solution to works carried out in 2016 to make safe the carriageway from subsidence are required. MCC are looking into realigning the road into the hillside and have carried out further investigations. These are now complete and are awaiting final geotechnical report. All three sites are adjacent to an SSSI so require a number of consents and approvals from NRW.

## **2512. Reports from outside bodies:-**

Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust – The Trust are awaiting the relevant paperwork from the Solicitors. No recent meeting taken place.

**Village Hall** – The new staging was used at the recent River Festival talk and will also be used for the forthcoming Fete on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Lottery Grant for the floor refurbishment of £2,100 was successful so a final price and suitable time for the work to be carried out can be sought. Volunteers and residents assisted at the recent Garden Work Party. Tintern Teas is now being held the second Friday of each month. Cllr Cobb asked whether TCC would have any objection to the VHC replacing the two benches in front of the Village Hall. As the two benches outside Tintern Abbey are now in a very dilapidated condition it was proposed that the Clerk order four benches from Marmax Products at an offer price of £839 + VAT. Two of these could then be sited outside the Hall.

**Llandogo School** – clarification of TCC's minor authority governor. Trellech United Community Council requested clarification of the procedure by which minor authority governors were appointed to primary school governing bodies. Traditionally each council took it in turn to nominate a governor. TCC renewed its representative governor in 2017 for a further 4 years. Confirmation was received from MCC that they do not now control school governors as this has reverted to the education authority. TUCC are happy for TCC's governor to continue as at present, but suggested that next time both councils consult and review the situation. After discussion all Councillors present were happy with this arrangement.

**St Michael's Church** – The Bishop will be visiting next Sunday to carry out confirmation of six candidates. An architect is to be instructed to prepare plans of the proposed restoration work to enable the Church to put in a faculty to the Diocesan Board. Hopefully work can commence in the New Year and it is planned to keep the Church open while work is in progress. Cllr Hillard then reported that he has been to see the new benches that are being made. The old pews will either be sold off or donated to Forest Upcycle.

**2513. Reports from Sub-Committees:-** Finance – No report.

**2514. Report from MCC's Planning Enforcement Workshop:** Attended by Cllr Richards which was a very informative meeting and outlined the council's approach to enforcements. She met Amy Longford, the Enforcement Officer, who offered to have a site visit with Councillors of at-risk buildings in the village. Cllrs Richards & Hillard and County Cllr Webb are able to attend so the Clerk was asked to request some dates from Amy Longford for such a meeting. Some of the properties suggested were Wireworks Bridge, Bay Cottage, former Abbey Hotel, St Mary's Church, the Podiatry Clinic and Ashweir Court.

**2515. Update from MHA re affordable housing site:** Mr James updated TCC on progress of the site which it is hoped will be finished by next February. MHA will hold a consultation evening in the autumn for interested parties when work is underway and will also distribute a newsletter to all residents. He asked whether the Editors of the Tintern News would be prepared to deliver this when distributing their paper if MHA gave a contribution towards cost. The Clerk was asked to enquire. There will be a noticeboard on site to publish relevant information. Mr Ashley Eley, the contracts director, is available for anyone to contact with queries. Mr James also explained that MHA may be prepared to assist in funding towards a project to run alongside the social housing site which would benefit the community. One suggestion was rumble strips at certain points through the village. Cllr Shewell asked if Councillors were in favour of this and all present were.

**2516. Approve Standing Orders:** Cllr Cobb has circulated a copy of the current updated standing orders to Councillors which all Councillors present were happy with so these were adopted. Cllr Richards queried whether TCC had a Complaints Procedure and Media Press Policy. Clerk to check on this and report back to next meeting.

**2517. Re-siting of The Buoy:** The situation with regard to this was brought up at the last meeting. Clerk was asked to write to Crown Estates asking what their intentions were for this following building works at The Anchor. Reply received saying if TCC have a better use for it, provided the management of The Anchor and the Shipwrecked Mariners Trust were in agreement, they were quite happy for TCC to re-site it elsewhere. Clerk saw the manager of The Anchor and he informed her the Trust are in the process of re-siting the buoy to the London Embankment.

**2518. Replacement of Two Benches by Tintern Abbey:** These are in a very dilapidated condition. It was agreed that these be replaced, together with the two outside the Village Hall (see under Agenda Item 2512). Proposed by Cllr Shewell, seconded by Cllr Hayward.

**2519. Playground Equipment:** The condition of some of the equipment was discussed at the previous meeting. Cllrs Hayward & Hoskins inspected these and reported back that some minor welding was being carried out by the VHC. Cllr Shewell asked Cllr Cobb if she could locate the name of the Company recommended to the VHC who offered some funding towards replacement of equipment. The matter was to be discussed again at the next meeting after the ROSPA Report had been received.

**2520. Speed measures in the village:** This matter had been raised at the meeting with Mr Roger Hoggins, but is becoming more of an issue due to closed-off footway on the A466 opposite Prospect Cottage. Cllr Richards reported that she understood MCC are in favour of a full traffic management scheme in the village and are investigating whether they may be able to obtain grant funding to draw up a proposal. Clerk to chase Mr Hoggins regarding the issues raised at the site meeting, ie closed-off footway, ownership of riverbank opposite Prospect Cottage and long-term traffic management plan. Also ask him when the 40mph speed limit at the northern end of the village is coming into force.

**2521. Riverbank:** Councillor Shewell asked Councillors what their views were on the riverbank opposite Prospect Cottage and whether they would wish the promenade to be extended as a walkway. It was generally felt this would cost too much and Councillors would be happy to see the walkway reopened as soon as possible.

**2522. Correspondence:** MCC re review of communities & electoral arrangements.

Glos Care Services re location of new community hospital in Forest of Dean.

Glos County Council re publication of minerals local plan for Gloucestershire.

MCC Highways re A-Board & Commercial Activity Guidance.

Mr P. Cockburn re electrics running across pavement on A466 by bike shop.

Mr P. Cockburn re illegal parking inside traffic lights on A466.

Mr T. Richards – complaint re people urinating on land opposite Guys Cliff. Clerk to report these three issues to Gwent Police.

MCC re warning sign on A466 near Drs Surgery. This has been ordered and will be located in advance of the surgery on the small build-out by the bus stop.

IRP re published allowances for community councils. Authorities must publish a statement of payments made to its members.

**2523. Any Other Business:** Cllr Evans enquired when the new owner of the Livox Quarry was attending a council meeting. He was informed that this will be when they have their plans ready for the site. He also asked if it would be possible to have a waste bin on the playground by the entrance to Leytons Field. He was informed that MCC would be unable to gain access to this. Cllr Richards reported that arrangements for the Fete are all under control, but they are short of volunteers so any help would be gratefully received. She reported that the Fete Committee will only have four members next year so there is some doubt as to whether a 2019 Fete can take place. Cllr Hillard reported that there will be a 90<sup>th</sup>

Year GAVO Celebration at the Botany Bay Scout Hut on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July and there will be Police presence due to the fact that there will be an important visitor. He then reported that he wishes to erect a war memorial in the Churchyard and asked for TCC's support to this suggestion. He had asked residents for suggestions but not received any response, but have received one offer of funding from the Bolton King Family.

Cllr Cobb reported that the Tintern Maps have proved very popular and we have nearly run out and she wondered if TCC were thinking of a reprint. The Clerk was asked to enquire the cost of this from Phoenix Maps, circulate to Councillors and then make a decision as to whether to proceed now to a reprint with a possible update next year.

**2524. Date of next meeting:** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

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