

**Present:** Cllr Ann Bowyer, Cllr Jenny Carpenter, Cllr Jan Clarke, Cllr Colin Deakins, Cllr Julian Bowen-Sargent, Cllr Jo Storey, Cllr Lucy Ann Rands

**Members of the public:** Mr Courtney Jones

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Jenny Carpenter for her continued work as temporary clerk and RFO. Interviews for the new clerk have taken place.

1. **Public Meeting**

Mr Courtney Jones, attended the meeting to speak about the activity on Llanbadoc Island last weekend. Despite the notice at the entrance, two groups of people were camping, lighting fires, playing music into the night and generally causing a disturbance to the houses close by. He also noted that regular drinking and drug use takes place in the carpark area. He would like the Council to consider what actions should be taken to stop this.

2. **Sign the Attendance Book**

This was circulated in the meeting.

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for were received from County Councillor Meirion Howells.

Due to A problem with the Teams meeting link Cllr Tony Kear was unable to join us

4. **Declaration of Interest from Members**

None

5. **Adoption of Minutes**

- a. Cllr Carpenter proposed their adoption which was seconded by Cllr Clarke. The Minutes were approved with the amendment to Item 9g. Notice of Electors Rights to be displayed on
  - b. noticeboards.
- No matters arising.

6. **Discussion with County Councillors Tony Kear and Meirion Howells**

No discussion took place as neither were able to attend the meeting.

7. **Matters Arising from Recent Correspondence/New Business**

To acknowledge resignation of Cllr Paula Clarke

Paula was thanked for her commitment and work for the Council during her term. All wished her well. Poster advertising place in Glascoed Ward to go up on all notice boards.

To receive email from Goytre Fawr CC relating to asset transfer arrangements email 4/7

Confirmation that a total of £4,428.79 will be transferred to Llanbadoc CC. Cllr Storey proposed, seconded by Cllr Rands and all agreed that this be accepted.

To receive update on recruitment of new clerk

Cllrs Deakins, Bowen-Sargent and Bowyer have interviewed candidates and agreed that Jacob Richards-Powell should be offered the post subject to pre-employment checks. Salary point 13 plus allowance for working from home and travel expenses. Cllr Bowen-Sargent to draw up contract. Cllr Deakins to contact Jacob.

To acknowledge Freedom of Information request email 30/6

Information requested will be supplied.

Update on tree damage in Twyn y Cryn Email 29/6

Work completed by Edmunds Tree Services.

To receive Police Report for June

Boundary changes still not taken into account.

To receive update on issue of email addresses for new Councillors

New addresses issued and change over taking place.

To receive email correspondence regarding noise nuisance at Llanbadoc Island

Activity on Llanbadoc Island over the weekend of 9/10 July had been notified to the police and several members of the Council had spoken to those people breaking the law. All urged to notify the police of any further incidents. More signage will be considered.

8. **Planning**

- a. MCC enforcement cases (confidential)

Noted – email circulated 1/7/22

- b. Planning Applications

- i. To consider planning application no DM/2022/00987 Lower Twyn, Twyn Lane, Glascoed

No objections

9. **Finance**

- a. To approve the Pink Paper for July and authorise payments

Payment, including Little Mill Hall, proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Rands

	£
Merlin Environmental Services (July)	101.40
Usk Valley Promotions hosting email to March 2023	80.00
Tree Surgery Work at Twyn y Cryn	500.00
HSBC charges	5.00

- b. To consider payment prior to next meeting

Little Mill & District Public Hall (hire for interviews) 16.00

Merlin Environmental Services August to pay before next meeting 101.40

Stationery 97.55

Video Voice - transfer of email to be invoiced

10. **Reports from Advisory Groups**

- a. **Procedural and Financial**

Meeting arranged for Tuesday 19 July 2022, 7.00pm and Cllr Carpenters home.

- b. **Environmental**

- i. Woodland Funding application – application, started by Cllr Hopkins before stepping down, has received award of £10,000. Council cannot accept funds until further information about the use of the award is provided.

- ii. To consider quote for Tree Survey reports due this year - £250.00 plus VAT per report. Additional £37.50 for additional ash tree at Llanbadoc Island that is just inside Neighbouring field that could potentially fall into the carpark. Total £1037.50. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Clarke and all agreed that surveys must be undertaken.

- iii. To consider ongoing work to telephone box in Llanbadoc and signage at Llanbadoc Island –progress to be made.

- iv. To receive confirmation that third Japanese knotweed treatment has been completed – done.

11. **Reports from Representatives on Other Bodies**

- a. **One Voice Wales** - meeting attended by Cllr Deakins. Minutes from OVW will be circulated when received.

- c. **Give Dog Fouling the Red Card working group** – apologies sent – notes received.

- d. **Prison Liaison Meeting** – update on planning application to upgrade building to accommodate a further 80 inmates. There will be a site meeting in September.

**Usk Masterplan Steering Group** – no monies available to develop the bike track between Usk and Little Mill.

12. **Options for Speed Reduction**

Update from working group meeting via Teams online 16 June 2022 at 12.30pm. A positive meeting MCC have agreed tubes to be placed for speed monitoring purposes at Alexandra Terrace

and Little Mill. Vegetation to be cut back around signs and white line road markings to be looked at. Confirmed that the area from Usk Bridge to the old railway line will become 20 mph under the Wales wide initiative. Service requests acknowledged for trees, road signs and road markings. Noted speed strips have since been placed but Councillors had concerns about their positioning. Actions will be followed up in 2 weeks if no progress.

13. **Community Engagement**

- a. Facebook – needs more attention – hoping new clerk can do more.
- b. Updates to website – done.
- c. New councillors – photographs and information for website.

14. **Matters to be Considered for the Next Agenda**

- a. Reintroduction of speed checks at Little Mill which stopped during Covid.
- b. Restarting regular litter picks.

15. **Date of the Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

Chair Colin Deakins