



**ORDINARY MEETING – Tuesday 23rd
September 2025 – Buffet Room, Little Mill
Village Hall 6pm**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Cllr Colin Deakins, Cllr Jenny Carpenter, Cllr Jo Storey, Cllr Jan Clarke, Cllr Julian Bowen-Sargent
Online: Cllr Ann Bowyer, Cllr Hannah Dando
County Councillors: Cllr Meirion Howells, Cllr Tony Kear

2. Apologies

None received, full attendance

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting

5. County Councillor Participation

Tony reported:

Ongoing issues with Usk Town Bridge

Large section of the bridge on the Llanbadoc side is listed (grade II)
Speeding issues in the Llanbadoc ward

Additional speed ribbons to be placed along A472 between Little Mill & Llanbadoc

Significant speed reductions reported throughout Little Mill since 20mph put in place
MCC concluded after their review of 20mph that no roads would be changed or
reverted – Cllr Kear has asked MCC for a copy of the responses from Llanbadoc
wards

Residents of Little Mill are overall content with the reduction in speed limit through
the village

a. Usk Island play equipment

- i The fence around the playpark was removed due to issues with flooding
- ii The play park has not had any substantial work carried out for a minimum of eight years
- iii There is no budget with MCC for investment into the playpark
- iv The safety matting has been cleaned, and some maintenance is being carried out
- v There is restricted equipment that can be installed due the park being located on the water table.
- vi Cllr Kear has iterated that LCC has a level of responsibility to the playpark, this has been contested by LCC who do not hold any ownership or responsibility to the Usk Island Playpark.

Meirion reported that:

- i. Request a speed camera for Alexandra Terrace, this is in hand with relocation of the SID. Issues raised by residents is that people are accelerating quickly from the 20mph area (leaving Little Mill) into the 40mph (Alexandra Terrace)
- ii. Request to cut the verge alongside allotments at Llanbadoc
- iii. Flood risk strategy consultation will be concluded on the 26th September 2025
- iv. The Abergavenny Road (B4598) will be re-surfaced (from Usk to Chainbridge) diversions will be in place.
- v. Transport for Wales £1 travel for 16–21-year-olds (per journey, up to £3) comes into effect in November 2025.
- vi. RLDP under scrutiny Thursday 25th September 2025.

6. Comments from Members of the public

No members of the public in attendance.

7. Clerk's Report & Action points

The Clerk delivered an update on action reports and outstanding matters.

8. Approve Minutes of previous meetings

- a. July ordinary Minutes and August planning Minutes
 - i Proposed by Cllr Carpenter and seconded by Cllr Storey
 - ii Planning Minutes proposed by Cllr Deakins seconded by Cllr Storey

9. Community

- a. Note police reports for July and August
 - i Report noted – a vehicle fender from a recent road traffic incident has been left on the side of the road.

10. Finance & Procedure

- a. To approve the following payments
 - i Proposed by Cllr Clarke seconded by Cllr Bowyer
 - ii Standing orders suspended to make payment to Etheridge Plant Hire Ltd of £660 for the resurfacing of Llanbadoc Island Car Park.
- b. staff appraisal for year 2025-2026

Merlin Environmental September	£114.66
Salaries & PAYE September	£603.20
Working from home & fuel allowance March – Sept 2025	£143 £64.50
Contractor invoice	£320+ VAT

11. Maintenance & Environment

- a. Appointment of contractor to treat knotweed and balsam
 - i Accepted. Ask contractor to assess Little Mill play area as suspected knotweed there.
- b. Update on telephone box project



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- i Awaiting response from Heritage Officer
 - ii There is live voltage leading into the telephone box
- c. Play equipment for Llanbadoc Island playpark
 - i Further quotations to be sought.
- d. To consider which trees to have worked on per this year's tree reports
 - i As identified within report (high priority) plus additional trees marked on photographs sent to Clerk at Twyn Y Cryn.

12. Next ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 28th October– Usk Room County Hall 6pm