



**Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 2nd January
2024
Usk Room – County Hall
1800 - 2000**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Colin Deakins, Jenny Carpenter, Jan Clarke, Ann Bowyer

County Councillor Tony Kear

2. Apologies

Julian has apologised that he is unable to attend the meeting, this has been accepted by councillors present.

Geraint Spacey has not been present due to health issues, Clerk will contact him to see how he is and whether he is intending to remain a Councillor.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ann Bowyer declares an interest as neighbours of The Cedars as there is an ongoing planning application. (In the event that it is discussed)

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy new year.

4. Clerk's Report

- a. Action Points – Councillors were updated on current actions. Cllr Bowyer noted that an ongoing complaint had yet to be updated and should be added to actions. Clerk will update Council on the matter once further information is available.

5. Comments / Questions from the public

- a. No members of the public were in attendance. No questions had been submitted prior to the meeting.

6. County Councillor Participation

- a. Investigations have taken place at Llanbadoc following a tree that has fallen over and landed on someone's vehicle. The driver was not injured but is shaken. The investigation has identified the land to be unregistered. MCC have served notices on the land if no response a charge will be made on the land to cover the cost of the removal of the fallen tree. MCC have written to neighbouring landowners and will serve enforcement notices on the additional trees in the area which have been deemed dangerous. The matter of the tree and additional dangerous trees in the area are now being treated as a legal matter and solicitors have been appointed.
- b. The Little Jockey has opened in Little Mill. The property was subject to flooding on Christmas Eve (2023) as there is a culvert at the bottom of the carpark. Tony Kear is trying to identify which brook has caused led to the flooding in the hope to have the issue remedied as soon as possible.

- c. It has been reported that a motorcycle has been abandoned in the Berthon Brook, Little Mill.
- d. MCC has been out unblocking drains. Jenny reported them April and October. Tony has said he can be informed directly.
- e. Update on trees being cut opposite of Alexandra Terrace: Tony has had an update (today) that the ash and overhanging trees will be dealt with, but a time has not yet been stipulated. He will update as soon as there is more information.
- f. Cllr Kear contacted the deputy head of planning concerning the Beaufort Arms (derelict pub at Glascoed) to discuss the ongoing issue of the state of the building.

7. Approval Of Ordinary Meeting Minutes

- a. Tuesday 24th October 2023. Proposed by Ann Bowyer seconded by Jan Clarke
- b. Tuesday 28th November 2023. Proposed by Ann Bowyer seconded by Jan Clarke

8. Community

- a. Note fire damage to Glascoed Cricket Pavilion – the news was shared with councillors, although nothing official has been reported back to LCC the fire brigade has considered the matter to be arson and the site has been designated as a police scene.

9. Finance & Procedure

- a. Authorisation of payments to be made

Merlin Environmental <i>Emptying of 6x dog poo bins</i>	£109.20
Staff Salary January 2024	£568.40
HSBC Monthly Charge January	£5.00
Monmouthshire County Council Maintenance Invoice 2023/2024	£3301.83
MCC New Swing Installation (subject to correct protective matting retrofitted)	£6747.40

Proposed to make all payments with exception to MCC swing as we are awaiting a new work surface. Proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Cllr Ann Bowyer.

- b. Review / Agree Bank Reconciliation for December 2023
- c. Review / agree budget for 2024/2025
 - i. Proposed by Jenny Carpenter seconded by Cllr Ann Bowyer
- d. Review and agree precept for 2024/2025
 - i. It was unanimously agreed not to increase the precept.
- e. Note IRPW decisions from Councillors required
 - i. The Clerk asked that all councillors contact The Clerk by writing should they **not** wish to receive their remuneration for 2023/2024.
- f. Review / agree Chair's Allowance for 2023/2024
 - i. Cllr Carpenter proposed a Chair's Allowance of £150 this was seconded by Jan Clarke.

10. Maintenance

- a. Agree to going forward with Farming Connect Woodland Survey
 - i. Twyn Y Cryn and Jenny's Bushes

- b. Field Access Llanbadoc Island – Consider Quotation for 2x panels curved top railings
 - i. Councillors happy for quotations to be gathered for new fencing and a galvanised field gate.

11. External Reports (if received by meeting)

- a. Confirm receipt of Police Report for December 2023 (if received)
 - i. Noted that report had been received and the police are aware of the motor bike abandoned in Little Mill. Vehicle has been removed.
- b. Confirm receipt of cyber resilience report
 - i. Circulated to Councillors
- c. Confirm receipt of Usk Steering Group Minutes
 - i. December meeting was postponed. Next meeting on January 17th.

12. Planning

- a. DM/2023/01679 – **BAE Systems** – The Council felt it did not have enough information about the application. This is due to security and protection issues with the planning information. Council advised to make an appointment to view the documents. This will be actioned.
- b. DM/2023/01725 – **The Toll House, Llanbadoc** – The Council had no objections to the construction of flood-barriers on the property if it means a reduction to potential flood damage.

13. Set Date of Next Meeting

- a. **The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.**