

Present: Cllrs Mawdsley, Parker, Snell, Evans, Shewell, Ashman, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk.

3802. Police Reports: Attached and circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Shewell reported on a burglary in Chapel Hill last Wednesday. Anyone having any information please notify the Police.

3803. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Morrison.

3804. Public Session: No one present.

3805. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: Cllr Snell re Agenda No. 3807, Cllr Parker re Agenda No. 3810.

3806. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Circulated, but as it was unclear as to whether all Councillors had received sight of the final October minutes Cllr Parker proposed and Cllr Ashman seconded that their approval be adjourned. All Councillors agreed with this decision.

3807. Matters Arising from Minutes:-

(a) Llandogo Play Area – Cllrs Parker & Mawdsley attended a site visit with Mike Moran, MCC. He was very receptive to the suggested amendments and acknowledged that the play equipment is overdue for some upgrading and will be using some unusually available funding to address this issue. He also agreed with our suggestions to the new gate and path and moving the bench to a more suitable location.

(b) Change of Domain Name – When the change was proposed and agreed it was understood our current provider, IONOS, could obtain this change but this is no longer the case. Other providers had been recommended, one of which is Parish Online.

3808. To discuss Planning Applications:

DM/2024/01312 – Brook House, Forge Road, Tintern. Replace oil boiler with air sourced heat pump system. Approval recommended.

DM/2024/01334 – The Wild Hare, Tintern. Minor alterations to external appearance of existing chalet buildings.

3809. To receive Financial Report: Charitable A/C £20,036.99, BMM A/C £3,254.74. Amount spent to date £13,581.74.

3810. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services - £131.04 (Ch. No. 300577) – Approved for payment.

Clerk's Salary & Expenses- £382.10 (Ch. No. 300578) – Approved for payment.

Friends of our Lady of Tintern Sung Vespers Service - £350 (Ch. No. 300579) – Approval proposed by Cllr Shewell & seconded Cllr Parker.

Friends of Tintern - Tintern News Grant towards printing - £400.00. Cllr Shewell proposed & Cllr Evans seconded a decision on payment be deferred until the next meeting.

Llandogo Village Hall donation towards services of £250 & Llandogo Village Hall Insurance – Cllr Shewell proposed & Cllr Evans seconded a decision as to payment be deferred until the Chairman & Vice Chairman have discussed the matter with the VHC and asked to see a

copy of their independently examined accounts. Cllr Shewell proposed & Cllr Ashman seconded this decision.

3811. To receive other reports:-

Schools – Governors meeting 27th November. Cllr Snell reported that Llandogo School PTA have filled in their Grant Application Form ready for submission to WVCC requesting the annual grant of £1,000. If granted this will go towards an Accelerated Reader Programme which has an approximate cost of £3,000. They are seeking funding from other sources before submitting the application form to WVCC.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Tintern – The Eucharist Service on 24th November was cancelled due to flooding. Carol Service Xmas Eve, Childrens Service to be confirmed. Llandogo – Bubble Church continues fortnightly. Bring & Share Advent Supper 30th November in Village Hall.

Village Halls – Tintern - Bingo 10th December, Craft Fayre 1st December. VHC met last week and discussed the need for future roof repairs. One quotation received to date from Birkett Homes Ltd. Further quotes awaited.

Llandogo – Very successful Race Night held recently. Xmas Party 14th December.

Reports from Councillors – Cllr Mawdsley attended Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group Meeting on 20th November. Tracks & Trials were discussed and several members of the group walked the trails. They are hoping to require MCC to restrict motor cycle access to these tracks in the Tintern area.

Cllr Mawdsley reported that the Cleddon Brook in Llandogo flooded and washed away a large corner of the Memorial Green, ripped up most of the road between the Church and Welsh Water exchange following last weekend's storm. County Cllr Webb will chase the matter.

Cllr Evans reported that the recently resurfaced lane behind Parva Springs washed away in last weekend's storm. County Cllr Webb will report these issues.

Cllr Evans reported that MCC waste operatives are not emptying the recycling bags properly.

Cllr Ashman reported that a Xmas tree has been ordered and hopefully delivered mid-week. He will try to get it decorated in time for the Xmas Fayre.

Following the recent storm he had been asked to view the flood debris on Fryer's Wharf as the car park is covered in debris, due to a problem with the garden wall of Wyebourne which abutts the Cat Brook. Residents have asked that WVCC arrange for the car park area be cleared. If not Cllrs Mawdsley & Ashman will endeavour to find someone else to clear it.

A grill crossing the brook behind the Methodist Chapel is partially blocked by a fallen tree. County Cllr Webb has reported this.

Cllr Shewell reported that the cakes placed on the Village Hall wall were placed there by MCC operatives. An apology has been given.

The camper van is still parked on Fryer's Wharf near the Church gateway. Cllr Mawdsley will put a report together on parking in the WVCC parking areas. Agreed to re-agenda this until the meeting on 6th January 2025. Cllr Ashman offered to have a word with the owner and he will also mark out a disabled parking bay at this location.

3812. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Finance Committee met on 19th November 2024 to discuss the budget for 2025-25. An initial draft was drawn up totalling £32,528. Discussion of the budget was adjourned until the 6th January 2025 after circulation to Councillors for their comments. Cllr Parker raised the subject of notification from the

External Auditor about issues arising from the report. The Clerk was asked to prepare a list of proposals for rectification of the deficiencies for discussion at a future meeting.

3813. Discuss quotation from Mark Bearcroft for repairwork to plinth for bench below Landslide, Tintern. This was also discussed at the Finance Meeting and Councillors decided not to replace the bench. Councillors to discuss at a later meeting what to do about the plinth.

3814. Discuss information from Welsh Gov't re £1.5 million funding for safe & warm hubs. Cllr Parker is looking into getting further information from MCC. Agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

3815. Correspondence: Notification of price increase from Merlin Environmental Services for emptying of dog bins (up 15p to £7.35).

3816. Any Other Business: Councillor Evans informed Councillors that he always thought that money spent by Community Councils was expended for the benefit of the Council tax payers of Tintern & Llandogo. With the proposed move to have a new domain name for no other purpose than vanity this is obviously not the case. For this reason he submitted his resignation from the Finance Committee with immediate effect. Cllrs Shewell & Mawdsley thanked him for his efforts on the Finance Committee over the years. It was proposed that Cllr Ashman join the finance sub-committee in his place.

3817. Date of next meeting: 6th January 2025.