

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2021/22 MEETING TC04

Minutes of the meeting of TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL held on
Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.00pm held
in The Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA

PRESENT: Cllrs S. Bowkett, A. Corfield, L. Davies, M. Davies, J. Fielder, E. Hudson
[Chair], J. Morgan and D. Patrick.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk, the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Worcestershire
County Council Cllr. D. Chambers, Malvern Hills District Council Cllr. B. Thomas and 6
members of the public.

C21.63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Dowell due to a family illness, Cllr. G.
Hurst due to an illness and Cllr. Plested due to a planned holiday.

C21.64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made by Members under the Code of Conduct A declaration of
interest was made under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011, in respect
of items on the agenda.

C21.65 DISPENSATIONS

The Clerk stated that there had been no requests for dispensation.

C21.66 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned for public question time.

(i) **Public Question Time – General**

None

(ii) **Worcestershire County Councillor (Appendix A)**

Cllr. Chambers had issued a written report, which had been circulated to
Members.

The Chair asked Cllr. Chambers if there was any update on the traffic concerns
raised at the previous meeting, specifically, the lack of traffic wardens, the issues
with wide vehicles on the bridge and the sheer volume of traffic travelling through
the town.

Cllr. Chambers stated that the issue of traffic volume in town would be a difficult
one with no likelihood of change, however with regards the speed of the traffic
there may be a possibility of roundel markings with the 20mph speed limit.

With regards the wide vehicles on the bridge, Highways will be carrying out a
feasibility study on the viability of traffic lights on the bridge and the implications for
the traffic on Worcester Road and in town.

A Member stated that traffic issues had begun when the road had been
reclassified from a B road to an A road and asked if this could be reversed.

Cllr. Chambers stated that he had been informed that the extra distance to travel
on an alternative route would be too great to warrant a change.

The Chair asked if the traffic light system would be to create a one way at a time
system on the bridge.



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Cllr. Chambers stated that was correct, however if the feasibility study showed it to be a worthwhile project, Highways would provide a cost, but would not fund the installation as statistically there has been no major incidents or accidents of note.

Cllr. Chambers said it had been suggested that perhaps the Environment Agency would consider including the project under the Flood Risk Management Scheme works at the bridge, or funding from other sources may be available.

A Member stated that she found lights in the town to be problematic with traffic backing up through town and on the Worcester Road. This could cause issues for the Fire station and the hospital.

Cllr. Chambers stated that the issue on the bridge is being addressed from a pedestrian safety point of view.

A Member agreed that traffic light systems in town, historically cause traffic jams and stated that it should be considered that there are currently two large building sites in town, which are requiring heavy vehicles to use the bridge. Therefore, there should be a decrease in the large vehicles on the bridge once the building works have been completed.

The Chair proposed to Cllr. Chambers that he addresses the Environment Agency to establish whether the option of lights for the bridge would be considered as part of the flood scheme.

A Member asked Cllr. Chambers if he could ensure Highways remove any road signs when works have been completed as the equipment is being left behind, most recently on the road works on Bromyard Road.

Cllr. Chambers agreed to speak to Highways and make them aware of the problem.

(iii) Report from Malvern Hills District Councillor (Appendix B)

Cllr. Thomas read from her report, which had been circulated to Members.

Cllr. Thomas read a short statement from her fellow Malvern Hills District Councillor, Cllr. Tony Penn, with regards his resignation from the post.

The meeting of the Council was reconvened.

C21.67 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Mayor, Cllr Eric Hudson presented the Tenbury Town Council's Achievement Award in thanks, to two members of the public for their hard work and services to the public during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Becky Evans and Sharon Shepherd organised and ran a prescription collection and delivery service for vulnerable residents.

C21.68 JUST JERSEYS MICRO DAIRY & VENDING COMMUNITY PROJECT

Members received a presentation on the community project Just Jerseys Micro Dairy, a small-scale farming family whose aim is to set up a micro vending machine to provide the community and beyond with quality, fresh Jersey milk. The family have over 30 years farming experience and use traditional low input farming methods.

The initial plan is to start with a small herd of 10 jersey cows who will have their 'calf at foot' encouraging a natural weaning process and less stress on mum and calf. Milking will be carried out in the field using mobile milking units and pasteurised at the micro dairy.

The dairy intend to initially offer pasteurized and raw milk delivered daily, as well as the vending machine, which will be located near Nash.



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There will also be a milkshake bar and an opportunity for other local producers to include their products in the vending machine.

The dairy is currently fundraising to provide a building to house the equipment needed to pasteurise and bottle the milk. The dairy plan to support the community by offering produce to local food banks and to offer educational visits in the future.

The Chair thanked the dairy for their presentation.

C21.69 TENBURY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Members received an update from the Chair on the proposed Flood Risk Management Scheme:

- Malvern Hills District Council have confirmed that the project will require a statutory Environmental Impact Assessment as part of the planning permission. This will focus on the ecological and heritage aspects of the project. The project team are developing a scoping report for MHDC, which will be submitted shortly.
- Ongoing work on design of the scheme
- Ongoing surveys around the site – some dawn and dusk surveys for bats are required across the town – landowners and the police have been informed (as there will be members of our team walking around during the dark)
- Planning further surveys of some of the buildings around the site – information will be released shortly
- Ongoing detailed hydraulic modelling of the site (with and without the final defence alignment) to confirm exact heights of the walls and embankments at all locations

C21.70 MINUTES (7 For, 1 Abstention)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 7th June 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bowkett seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 7th June 2021 were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

C21.71 DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES

To receive and note the draft minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- (i) Planning Committee – 28th June 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fielder seconded by Cllr. Corfield and unanimously

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28th June were noted.



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(ii) Finance & Staffing Committee – 28th June 2021

It was proposed by Cllr. Patrick seconded by Cllr. Fielder and unanimously

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the Finance and Staffing Meeting held on the 28th June were noted.

C21.72 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER

Members considered the top three community issues for the West Mercia Police Community Charter Parish Contact Contract.

It was proposed by the Chair seconded by Cllr. Bowkett and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To agree the top three community issues for the West Mercia Police Community Charter Parish Contact Contract from Tenbury Town Council to be:-

- (1) Rural Crime**
- (2) Anti-social behaviour and**
- (3) Road safety concerns.**

C21.73 FLU CLINIC

Members considered a request from Tenbury Surgery to use Palmers Meadow Car Park for this year's flu clinics. It was noted that the clinics would be held on a Sunday this year rather than a Saturday.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Davies seconded by Cllr. Bowkett and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To agree the request from Tenbury Surgery for the use of Palmers Meadow car park for the planned flu clinics on Sunday 12th September and Sunday 17th October.

C21.74 FOOTBALL FUN DAY

Members considered a request to hold a football fun day.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bowkett seconded by Cllr. Patrick and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To agree to a request from Tenbury United Football Club to hold a Football Fun Day on Sunday 18th July on Palmers Meadow at no charge. Insurance and Risk Assessment details to be provided.

C21.75 FREEDOM LEISURE – SUMMER EVENTS

Members discussed a request to hold two children's summer activity events on Palmers Meadow and The Burgage. The events will be led by Action for Children and supported by Freedom Leisure.



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Following a discussion, the Chair proposed seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and unanimously
RESOLVED:

To agree to a request from Freedom Leisure to hold a Tenbury Xplorer event around Palmers Meadow and The Burgage on Wednesday 28th July and a 'Bug Hunt' around The Burgage on Tuesday 31st August.

C21.76 REINSTATEMENT COST ASSESSMENTS

Members noted the Reinstatement Cost Assessments for the Council's buildings for insurance purposes.

- Changing Rooms - £166,600 plus VAT
- The Pavilion - £124,500 plus VAT
- The Pump Rooms - £585,100 plus VAT
- The Regal - £2,360,550 plus VAT

C21.77 GRANT APPLICATION

To consider the grant application for £500 from Teme Wheels – Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26 – 29.

Members were unfamiliar with the group and its policies. The Town Clerk was requested to send an invitation to the group to present to Council, prior to a decision being made on the application.

RESOLVED:

To defer a decision on the grant application until a presentation has been received from the group Teme Wheels.

C21.78 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from the representatives on outside bodies:

- (i) CALC Area Meetings – The Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk attended the previous meeting where a presentation from the Environment Agency was received.
- (ii) Regal Tenbury Trust – No meeting to report.
- (iii) Tenbury Area Partnership – No meeting to report
- (iv) Tenbury Blooms – Cllr Dowell emailed a report stating that the hanging baskets are now in situ around town. Comments from businesses had been positive. The group have begun maintenance of some of the planters.
- (v) Tenbury French Twinning Assoc. – No meeting to report
- (vi) Tenbury Museum – The Museum are making progress on the application for Heritage Lottery Funding, which is due for submission in August. The Museum is now open to the public again and the monthly talks have resumed.
- (vii) Chamber of Trade – Meetings suspended until the end of July 2021.
- (viii) Philip Baylies Trust – No meeting to report.
- (ix) Malvern Hills District Youth Action Network – Cllr. Dowell did not attend the previous meeting. The Town Clerk highlighted points raised at the meeting including the fund for food and activities through the Department of Education, which will focus on children who qualify for free school meals. Freedom Leisure have secured funding



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from the Worcestershire Cricket Club to provide activities. The library will be running their summer reading challenge in conjunction with the schools. Positive Activities, Freedom Leisure and the Worcestershire YMCA will be providing activities, for youths, over the summer school holidays.

C21.79 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed to exclude the Press and Public on the grounds that the consideration of the following items may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information (Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

C21.80 THE EDMUND GODSON CHARITY

It was proposed by .Cllr. Patrick seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To agree a three-year appointment of a Trustee to The Edmund Godson Charity.

C21.81 RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There being no further confidential business to consider Members agreed to readmit the press and public for the remainder of the meeting.

C21.82 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Teme Wheels

C21.83 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th September 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed

Date



**Worcestershire County Council Report
Meeting of Tenbury Town Council 5th July 2021**

1. Latest Covid Figures issued to County Councillors:
 - a. Latest figures show 30 cases per 100,000 in Worcestershire (The rate in England is 86 cases per 100,000).
 - b. Latest figures show 22 cases in the Malvern Hills District.
 - c. One care home in Worcestershire has more than two cases.
2. Vaccinations continue to progress well in Worcestershire. Over 50% of adults have now received two vaccinations. All adults over 18 years of age are now being called for their first vaccination. Last weekend saw a second "Grab A Jab" weekend in Worcestershire, to encourage hesitant groups to come forward. The event was again very successful with good take-up.
3. A new 600 place secondary school has been approved in Worcester. It will operate as an Academy. No site has yet been agreed.
4. WCC continues to see an increased demand in Children's Services.
5. I have been appointed to the Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority. It is clear that the Police and Crime Commissioner is determined to proceed with his aspirations to incorporate the Fire Authority, together with Shropshire Fire Authority, with West Mercia Police. The PCC would then oversee both Police and Fire & Rescue Services.
6. Other Committees and Panels to which I have been appointed:
 - a. Vice Chairman of Standards & Ethics Committee
 - b. Member of the Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel
 - c. Member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - d. Member of Adult and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel
7. Road "Surface Dressing" is taking place across the County. Structural repairs are completed first followed by an application of hot bituminous binder to the surface, followed by one or two layers of chippings. After about a week the road is then swept and road markings re-painted. There have been a number of cases of verbal and physical abuse of workers; three cases are being investigated by the police, following a number of arrests.
8. The government has given Worcestershire County Council a government grant of £1.5 million to provide free school meals, activities and support to families over the summer holidays. This support will be available to children from nursery to teenagers. It will enable schools and providers across the County, to run exciting and enriching summer holiday activities with meals provided for disadvantaged children.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division

MHDC REPORT JULY 2021 from Cllrs Penn and Thomas.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.

There has been a rise in the district's infection rate but this is to be expected, as it follows the national trend. The rise is mainly being driven by infections among young people who have not been vaccinated (over half of all cases) and some workplaces. The good news is that it does not yet appear to be placing too much pressure on our local hospitals which are dealing with small numbers of COVID-19 cases, this is another sign that the vaccination programme is working.

The Government will formally announce on the 12th of July if relaxation of restrictions can be eased ahead of a final decision on 19th of July.

TACKLING POVERTY SUMMIT.

Last Tuesday the first Tackling Poverty Summit was held online. The aim was to bring groups together and create the change needed to further improve the support offered to people in poverty in our district.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

Councillor Penn has been very active in his role as Heritage Champion. An article written for the Malvern Civic Society, outlining the Heritage Champion's role, has led to further contact with the Society and it is hoped that a meeting can be held to discuss links with Tenbury too. Councillor Penn is also instrumental in promoting tourism in the area within his role, pointing out that there are still many important buildings in our area but hardly get a mention and more could be done to include them in guidebooks and maps.

There were two very interesting meetings held in Tenbury last week. On Wednesday afternoon the leader of Malvern Hills District Council, Cllr Sarah Rouse, came to see the "refurbished" town. She was very pleasantly surprised at the upbeat atmosphere in Tenbury. The group walked around the town showing her where the flood defences would be installed etc. Her final "job" was to inspect the two toilet facilities by Kyre Brook and the MHDC car park, as complaints have been made. She promised to continue to monitor the situation. Cllrs Penn and Rouse had a photo taken outside the animal charity shop and she will chase the Conservation Department to progress the situation.

The second meeting was on Friday, with both Harriett Baldwin and Philip Dunne present. Other Councillors from Shropshire as well as the new County Councillor, David Chambers, Cllrs Penn and Thomas and our Town Clerk, Leslie Bruton. This primarily was to discuss all the proposed housing developments either side of the river. This is the first time such a meeting has convened and actually took place on Teme Bridge.

Other subjects were discussed, i.e. the possibility of changing the boundaries to bring Burford into Worcestershire. This would be a monumental task with opposition possibly on both sides of the river.

The idea of traffic lights either side of the bridge to ease congestion was discussed, this again would need consultation.

Harriett Baldwin mentioned that the TSB banks in England have set up a special room and have had special training to deal with domestic abuse. They are providing a safe house. Cllrs Chambers and Thomas found that the running grids outside one Market Street and outside the new bistro were partially or wholly blocked. Councillor Chambers will advise highways.

Finally, a suggestion has been put forward to discuss the possibility of Farmers' Markets situated by the Round Market, following the success of the Christmas Market.

Thank you.
Cllr Bridget Thomas