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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 29th April 2013 at the Shire Hall, Monmouth

PRESENT: Chair Cllr T A Ashton

Cllr R Bradley	(RB)	Cllr J Hall	(JH)
Cllr S Chivers	(SC)	Cllr M Jones	(MJ)
Cllr A Dewhurst	(AD)	Cllr A Were	(AW)
Cllr J Fletcher	(JF)	Cllr S Wilson	(SJW)

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None received	
2.	To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Bright, Cllr Gunter, Cllr T Christopher, Cllr S White via Cllr Wilson	
3.	To approve minutes of the meeting of Monday 18th March 2013. The minutes were approved as a true record and signed. Proposed: Cllr Were Seconded: Cllr Dewhurst Unanimous	
4.	To review the action summary. Christmas Event/Working Group. Meeting to be arranged.	

	<p>Monmouth Games. Cllr Ashton advised that he had met Andrew Williams of the Comprehensive School who advised that the Joint Schools Council had expressed an interest in organising an event with a sporting connection. Whilst it was too late to organise anything for this year, he would put the suggestion to the JSC at their next meeting early in June. It was agreed that there should be an advisory panel consisting of various members of the Monmouth Community who would assist in the implementation of the project. Any Councillors would be welcome; in the meantime Cllr Ashton would make enquiries of other possible members.</p> <p>Play provision gaps: Cllr Were advised that MCC had responsibility for the project. Cllr Jones queried the provision of car parking alongside the skateboard park.</p> <p>Youth Council. Cllr Jones queried the status of the Youth Council which had been going on since August 2011. Cllr Dewhurst advised that a letter would shortly be going out to relevant parties to establish any interest.</p>	<p>TA</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To review Committee's expenditure to date</p> <p>Cllr Ashton explained that individual amounts in respect of the Attik, CAB, Festival and Playscheme had been consolidated into one heading "Larger Community Grant Scheme.</p> <p>No other queries.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>To receive correspondence. (listed separately)</p> <p>Cllr Chivers asked for item 13 re Wyesham PCSO's to be read out.</p> <p>Cllr Hall asked for item 6 Estyn report to be read.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>To receive reports from working parties and sub-committees</p> <p>i. To note any items to report to CSATS (SJW) Councillor Fletcher stated the new cycle path along Drybridge street was not clearly signed and could cause confusion. It was also noted that the path was frequently blocked by a builders van being parked on top of it. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst raised the matter of parking along the single yellow line in Priory Street. Although MCC has said it was difficult to police, when the planning department was moved there was no parking problem.</p> <p>Councillor Wilson agreed to raise these matters at the next CSATS meeting.</p>	

	<p>ii. Carnival/Festival working group (AD, AW) A meeting had been arranged for Thursday at 5.30 p.m.</p> <p>iii. Christmas Event working Group (AD, JG, TC, JF, D Evans, B Ramsey, A Atkinson)</p> <p>iv. Larger grants/donations (excl. Community grants) (TA,GB,SC,AD,JG,SW) Agenda Item 9</p> <p>v. Community Grants (TA,GB,SC,AD,JF,JG,SW,SJW) All grants had been decided and were being distributed.</p> <p>vi. Others: None</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>To discuss condition of Osbaston notice board and agree costs for new if appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr Hall advised that the notice board was in need of attention in as much as it required two people to open the front to access notices. It was agreed that the Town Clerk be asked if Mr Griffiths, Town Maintenance, could affect the necessary repairs.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>To discuss and agree award of Larger Community Project grants following recommendations of working group.</p> <p>Several councillors suggested modifications to the amounts proposed by the Working Group. Cllr Mrs Chivers pointed out that the Working Group had spent considerable time studying all of the documentation and the result was the schedule under discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton queried whether the Committee could make alterations to the amounts or whether the proper procedure would be to refer the schedule back to the Working Group in the event that no approval was given.</p> <p>Cllr Were expressed concern that the small amount awarded to the Summer Play Scheme may result in Monmouth being excluded from the Scheme altogether.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Working Group recommendations be accepted.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Chivers. Seconded: Cllr Hall For: 7 Against: 2 Abstention: 0</p>	

10.	<p>Review Service Provision with Monmouth. (from Forward plan)</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst explained that the items considered under this heading the previous year were the Job Centre, Ambulance Service and the One Stop Shop.</p> <p>It was noted that Matt Davis was pursuing the question of the Ambulance Service with the full support of Monmouth Town Council and that further pursuit of the Job Centre was agreed to be futile.</p> <p>The One Stop Shop appeared to be in some danger of being closed or at least moved from its present position. It was agreed that this facility was very important to Monmouth and that a letter should be written to Monmouth County Council (Mr Hobson) stressing the need for the facility to remain and to involve the local press for support.</p>	?
11.	<p>Review the ward facilities. (from Forward plan)</p> <p>This heading generally covered Play Areas and Notice Boards which have been included elsewhere</p>	
12.	<p>To confirm new Forward Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Were pointed out that the Forward Plan for the Environment Committee was considered at the first meeting following the annual meeting and a similar process should be adopted for Community. Agreed unanimously.</p>	Town Clerk
13.	<p>To agree press release.</p> <p>To be compiled by the Chair</p>	
14.	<p>Items for discussion for future meetings.</p> <p>The Forward Plan</p>	
15.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting.</p> <p>Monday 10th June 2013</p>	