

# MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 13 January 2014 at The Shire Hall

**PRESENT:** Chair Cllr J Gunter

Cllr R Bradley (RB)	Cllr G Pritchard (GP)
Cllr G Bright (GB)	Cllr B Ramsey (BR)
Cllr S Chivers (SC)	Cllr A Were (AW)
Cllr A Dewhurst (AD)	Cllr S White (SW)
Cllr J Fletcher (JF)	Cllr S Wilson (SJW)

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda</b>  None received.	
2.	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b>  None received.	
3.	<b>To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b>  The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.  Proposed: Cllr White    Seconded: Cllr Wilson                      All in favour	
4.	<b>To update the action summary</b>  All items noted and updated.	

5.	<p><b>To review and approve Committee's expenditure to date</b></p> <p>It was proposed that the expenditure and accounts be accepted and approved.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Dewhurst    Seconded: Cllr Were    All in favour</p>	
6.	<p><b>To receive correspondence</b> (listed separately)</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p><b>To note any items to report to CSATs (SJW)</b></p> <p>No report to date.</p>	
8.	<p><b>To receive reports from working parties and sub-committees</b></p> <p><b>i. Carnival/Festival working group (AD, AW)</b> Cllr Dewhurst reported there were now new members on the Committee and they hope to have a new stage with more direct sound for next year. Cllr Were, Cllr Dewhurst and Cllr Gunter are to join the Committee.</p> <p><b>ii. Christmas Event working Group (AD, JG, TC, JF, D Evans, B Ramsey, A Atkinson).</b> See agenda item 11</p> <p><b>iii. Larger grants/donations (Excluding. Community grants) (GB, SC, AD, JG, SW,)</b> Cllr Ramsey and Cllr Pritchard are now members of this group with a meeting to be arranged.</p> <p><b>iv. Community Grants (GB, SC, AD, JF, JG, TC, SW, SJW)</b> See agenda item 12.</p> <p><b>v. School Council</b> See agenda Item 10</p> <p><b>vi. Monnow Vale Users Group</b> No meeting to date.</p> <p><b>vii. Others</b> <b>GAVO:</b> No invitation to date to join the Monmouthshire Committee</p>	

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive update on Minor Injuries Unit (GP)</b></p> <p>Cllr Pritchard reported there is clear evidence that units need 25+ patients a day to remain open. Monmouth could only reach 10.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard met with David Davis MP to discuss the results and has organised a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 to be attended by David Davis MP, Cllr Pritchard and the Chief executive of Aneurin Bevan Health Board to discuss how additional resources can be earmarked for the two local surgeries in Monmouth to provide Minor Injuries support.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard will report back at the next Community meeting on 24 February 2014.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to change the item to 'Support for Minor Injuries in Monmouth'</p>	<p>GP</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>To confirm how the committee can support the Monmouth Comprehensive School development of "It Takes A Community To Raise A Child"</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Mr Andy Williams (Deputy Head) will be invited to the next Community meeting to update members on the progress.</p> <p>Cllr Gunter and Cllr Dewhurst will visit the school before Mr Williams attendance.</p>	<p>JG JG/AD</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>To review the Christmas event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting held on 13 January. It was thought that possibly 600 people attended this year.</li> <li>• Thursday 11 December 2014 was agreed for next year's event with more frequent meetings to be held during the year.</li> <li>• It is hoped to involve more business with many suggestions put forward to improve the event.</li> <li>• Positive feedback has been received from the general public.</li> <li>• More signage is required from the dual carriageway and Police Station area, Cllr Wilson also recommended more road closure officers be positioned at the Police Station area.</li> <li>• Christmas lights to come down on the 16 January 2014.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>To agree to publicise/advertise Community grant scheme</b></p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>It was suggested a letter go out to the Beacon reminding organisations to apply by the closing date of 31 January 2014.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>

13.	<b>To agree press release</b> Agreed nothing at this stage.	
14.	<b>Items for discussion for future meetings</b> Discuss the possibility of a Seniors tea at Nelson Garden.	Town Clerk
15.	<b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm**