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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 6 October 2014 at 8pm at The Shire Hall, Monmouth

Present: Cllr A Dewhurst

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| Cllr Bright | (GB) | Cllr C Munslow | (CM) |
| Cllr S Chivers | (SC) | Cllr G Pritchard | (GP) |
| Cllr T Christopher | (TJC) | Cllr S White | (SW) |
| Cllr Fletcher | (JF) | Cllr A Were | (AW) |
| Cllr J Gunter | (JG) | Cllr S Wilson | (SJW) |

| AGENDA ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 1. | To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda Cllr White agenda item 4. | |
| 2. | To receive apologies for absence Cllr Bradley. | |
| 3. | To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 22nd September 2014 The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed. Proposed: Cllr Gunter Seconded: Cllr Wilson All in favour | |
| 4. | To confirm £200 from World War 1 Commemorations budget to be used towards Coronel Day hospitality Agreed. Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Munslow For: 8 Against: 3 Abstention: 0 | |

5.

To consider and agree budget for 2015-16, for confirmation at Finance and Policy Committee meeting of 10th November
(required 10 days beforehand)

Points raised were:

- There will be a likely increase of housing by 3%. previous 2 years nothing was added to cover inflation which has run over 2%. It would be wise to increase the budget overall by 5% including inflation.
- Suggested there should be a separate budget code for the newsletter.
- Suggested to raise grant money for both the Smaller and Larger Community Grant Schemes as both over subscribed..

4227: WW1 Commemorations.

It was proposed to cut this item from the budget for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Cllr Bright Seconded: Cllr Dewhurst
For: 8 GB, TC, AD, JF, JG, GP, AW, SJW.
Against: 3 SC, CM, SW.
Abstention: 0

4201: Small Projects Community Grants.

It was proposed to increase the money for the Small Community Grants funding to £9,500.

Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Christopher
For: 7 Against: 3 Abstention: 1

4202: Larger projects Community Grants.

It was proposed to increase the money for the Larger Community Grants funding to £23,000.

Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Christopher
For: 7 Against: 3 Abstention: 1

4216: Christmas Festival.

It was proposed to keep this budget the same (£1500)

Proposed: Cllr Bright Seconded: Cllr Christopher All in favour

4217: Library Newspapers.

It was felt this continued to provide a valuable service to the community.

It was proposed to keep this budget the same (£300).

Proposed: Cllr Gunter Seconded: Cllr Pritchard
For: 10 Against: 1 Abstention: 0

4219: Communications and Publicity.

It was proposed to keep this budget the same (£1000)

Proposed: Cllr Wilson Seconded: Cllr Pritchard
For: 8 Against: 2 Abstention: 1

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| | <p>4228: Monmouth Town Guide. It was raised that advertising costs could be increased It was proposed to keep this budget the same (£500) and used only further to request. Proposed: Cllr Wilson Seconded: Cllr Pritchard For: 7 Against: 4 Abstention: 0</p> <p>Newsletter: It was raised that the budget for this was currently from Communications and publicity but a budget for the newsletter was still required. It was proposed to keep this budget at £1100 to reflect increased print run and 2 distributions within “The Voice”. Proposed: Cllr Munslow Seconded: Cllr Pritchard For: 7 Against: 4 Abstention: 0</p> <p>To clarify, the proposed 2015-16 Community Affairs committee budget for recommendation to Finance & Policy Committee, to total £36,900, being an increase of £2,900</p> | |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Items for discussion for future meetings</p> <p>None received.</p> | |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>To confirm date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 3rd November 2014</p> | |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00