

# MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015 at 7.00pm at The Shire Hall, Monmouth

**Present:** Cllr A Dewhurst (Chair)

Cllr R Bradley	(RB)	Cllr C Munslow	(CM)
Cllr G Bright	(GB)	Cllr G Pritchard	(GP)
Cllr T Christopher	(TJC)	Cllr White	(SW)
Cllr Fletcher	(JF)	Cllr S Wilson	(SJW)
Cllr J Gunter	(JG)		

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>  Cllr Chivers and Cllr Were.	
3.	<b>To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 26th January 2015.</b>  The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed.  Proposed: Cllr Munslow Seconded: Cllr Pritchard <b>All in favour</b>	
5.	<b>To update the action summary.</b>  Item number 3: County Cllrs were called to a meeting regarding the OSS but only Cllr White attended. The staff of OSS and the Library have given up their own time to discuss the issue and their opinions of the future. A meeting is to be held on 26 March 2015 to decide if the OSS is to move to the Library or not. The museum is to stay in place for the time being.	

	<p>Cllr Dewhurst asked members to attend the meeting. Cllr Dewhurst will contact MCC Phil Hobson and will report back to Community.</p> <p>All other items noted.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>To review and approve Committee's expenditure to date.</b></p> <p>Committee expenditure and payments were agreed and approved.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr White <b>All in favour</b></p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>To receive correspondence.</b> (listed separately)</p> <p>Number 16: The e-mail from the office was read out to the Committee regarding an irate blue badge holder lady coming into Shire Hall after receiving flyer while parking outside Shire Hall. Lack of co-ordination with local Police was evident.</p> <p>All other items noted.</p>	
	<p>It was proposed to bring agenda item 13 forward.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Christopher All in favour</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>To discuss the progress after site meeting concerning parking and traffic on Monnow Bridge and Priory Street.</b></p> <p>The Police had a 'Focus Day' on 17th March when PCSO's were focused on Priory Street parking. This had been co-ordinated along with a press release in the Monmouthshire Beacon. Beacon.</p> <p>A further meeting has been arranged with D.S David Seymour, the relevant PCSO's and Town Councillors at 2.00pm Wednesday 11 March 2015 at Monmouth Police Station.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst, Cllr Bright, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Munslow offered to attend.</p> <p>A letter will be written to MCC (Highways) P Keeble to gain an update on their proposal to improve the parking/no parking layout on Priory Street.</p>	<p><b>AD, GB, JF, GP, CM.</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>To note any items to report to CSATs. (SJW)</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive reports from working parties and sub-committees</b></p> <p><b>i. Carnival/Festival working group (AD, AW, JG, TJC)</b>  At a recent meeting it was agreed to have Agincourt 600 as An optional theme.  Will use the services of 'Fire Fred' to teach young people circus skills at weekly classes from April, this so they can perform in the Carnival procession. He has also offered to run a free workshop on the day itself.  Samba Band to be booked to lead the procession.</p> <p><b>ii. Christmas Event working Group (AD, TJC, JG, JF, D Evans, A Atkinson).</b>  No meeting.</p> <p><b>iii. Larger grants/donations (Excluding. Community grants) (GB, SC, AD, JG, GP, SW,)</b>  Only one completed form received to date, although more expected before the closing date on 31st March 2015.  Meeting on 2.00pm 2nd April 2015 to asses applications.  Ratification of the decisions will be at the next Committee meeting.  The Chair confirmed that applications will be available to members in the Clerk's Office, but are confidential and not for discussion until 2 April 2015.</p> <p><b>iv. Community Grants (GB, SC, AD, JF, JG, TJC, SW, SJW)</b>  No meeting.</p> <p><b>v. School Council liaison.</b>  No meeting.</p> <p><b>vi. Monnow Vale Users Group.</b>  Cllr White as was unable to attend.  Waiting for minutes of the recent meeting.</p> <p><b>vii. MTC Newsletter (GP, AD)</b>  No meeting. Group will meet in eight weeks.</p> <p><b>viii. Police Meetings (AD, TJC)</b>  Cllr Dewhurst will raise the issue of communications with the new Monmouth Inspector at the meeting on 11 March 2015.</p> <p><b>ix. Replacement Service of Minor Injuries Unit. (GP, TJC)</b>  Cllr Pritchard is very disappointed as the five items promised by Ms Bobby Bolt at her last presentation have not been actioned by her to date.  Cllr Pritchard requested that Bobby Bolt be invited back to the next Community meeting to speak.  Chair will write and invite her.</p>	<p><b>GB, SC, AD, JG, GP, SW, TJC</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p>
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	<p><b>Note from TJC:</b> Cllr Christopher has received correspondence from 'Sight Cwmru' alerting publicity for emergency eye care in Wales. If a person has an emergency eye problem they should go to a local optometrist rather than A &amp; E or Doctors surgery.</p> <p><b>x. Others.</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
10.	<p><b>To discuss and agree to investigate providing a Town Council stall at the Monmouthshire Show 2015.(GP)</b></p> <p>Cllr Pritchard described the positive response to the drop-in coffee mornings at local venues that had been held in the Town. He thought a similar stall at the Monmouthshire Show could promote the Town Council but the costs had not been looked into.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson looked up prices which start from £175 for a pitch.</p> <p>However, after discussion, there did not seem to be sufficient enthusiasm.</p> <p>It was agreed to drop the idea unless a particularly urgent question needed airing.</p>	GP
11.	<p><b>To report back after discussion with Rotary Club the possibility of taking charge of the Christmas tree decoration. (Not illuminated decorations.)</b></p> <p>Rotary Club are not interested another major event at Christmas.</p> <p>Cllr Christopher will take the item back to Rotary to clarify our much more low key request.</p>	TJC
12.	<p><b>To review the reports from Monmouth Festival and CAB. (Previous recipients of the Larger Community Grants.)</b></p> <p>Chair reported that the reports were in the office for reading.</p>	
13.	<p><b>To discuss the progress after site meeting concerning parking and traffic on Monnow Bridge and Priory Street.</b></p> <p>This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>	

14.	<p><b>To discuss and agree the proposal by the Welsh Government to establish a new Welsh Medium secondary School in Newport. (GP)</b></p> <p>The Town Council is being consulted as any parent in Monmouthshire can send their child to any school in Monmouthshire.</p> <p>The nearest 'Drop In' event will be at Chepstow on 16th March between 3.00 and 6.00pm. It was suggested Councillors respond individually.</p> <p>Cllr Bright requested a copy of the report.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p>
15.	<p><b>To receive the Committee's response to the Welsh Government draft National Transport Plan 2015 consultation.</b></p> <p>One Voice Wales had acknowledged receipt of the document today.</p> <p>Cllr Bright requested copies to be sent to the Welsh Assembly, David Davies MP, Nick Ramsey AM and MCC Paul Matthews. Cllr Munslow will explain the key points of the document to the Monmouthshire Beacon, Free Press and the Forest Review.</p>	<p><b>Office</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p>
16.	<p><b>To agree press release.</b></p> <p>To include the National Transport Plan response.</p>	<p><b>AD</b></p>
17.	<p><b>Items for discussion for future meetings.</b></p> <p>Invite Ms Bobby Bolt to the next meeting to give an update. (TBA)</p> <p>To confirm and agree the recommendations of the Larger Grants Working Party.</p>	<p><b>AD</b></p>
18.	<p><b>To confirm date of next meeting.</b></p> <p>Monday 20 April 2015.</p>	

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm**