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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 20 April 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 Chivers	(SC)	Cllr White	(SW)
Cllr T Christopher	(TJC)	Cllr Were	(AW)
Cllr Fletcher	(JF)	Cllr S Wilson	(SJW)
Cllr J Gunter	(JG)		

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. Cllr White agenda item 10 regarding CAB.	
2.	To receive apologies for absence None received.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 9th March 2015. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed with the following correction. Number 17 should read Ms Bobby Bolt not Ms Bobby Bright. Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Pritchard All in favour	
4.	Number error no agenda item 4.	
5.	To update the action summary. All noted and updated.	

	<p>It was proposed to bring agenda item 14 forward.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Chivers Seconded: Cllr Pritchard All in favour</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>To receive report from Police Inspector and agree any action.</p> <p>Sergeant Seymour explained that the future plans are for the Police to attend Full Council and Community Council meetings of the major Towns in Monmouthshire.</p> <p>Crime in the area is normal for the time of year; in the financial year it appears to be 10% down overall. There have been no burglaries in the Osbaston/Dixton area since the beginning of February.</p> <p>A report over 10 weeks was read to the members reporting 612 incidents over all wards, these being mainly Personal, neighbour disputes transport and anti-social behaviour related.</p> <p>Questions raised were:</p> <p>Question: How many arrests or prosecutions have there been? Answer: 8 prosecutions with CCTV being helpful in the identification of shop lifters.</p> <p>Question: Why are there often no drug related crimes reported as drug offences are causes of shop thefts, family disturbances and a passport to crime? Answer: Sergeant Seymour agreed. He didn't have figures for drug use but would try to obtain the figures.</p> <p>Question: How high a priority is using and dealing drugs? Answer: High, if it can be stopped, it stops many offences and effect on neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Question: What is the value of the internal camera's Answer: CCTV is good for tracking vehicles and tracking of missing persons especially those at risk and identification of shop lifters, the Police can also go straight to the area if a crime is reported. Internal cameras are more specific in the case of shop lifters if clear and available.</p> <p>Question: How many crimes are related to alcohol? Answer: Mainly damage and vandalism crimes.</p> <p>Sergeant Seymour mentioned that the skate park has been very successful with no major issues.</p>	

	<p>Councillors reported concerns regarding parking on Rockfield Road, street parking on Priory Street and parking on double yellow lines on The Old Monnow Bridge, Sargent Seymour said the police will monitor the situation in Rockfield Road. Priory Street and the Old Monnow Bridge are the priority for the PCSO's.</p> <p>When asked about the Town Council and Police leaflets being placed on illegally parked vehicles Sergeant Seymour thought it was alright to continue although there were some concerns with blue Badge holders.</p> <p>Councillors felt that if something wasn't sorted out soon a pedestrian would be hurt.</p> <p>Sergeant Seymour is re arranging a meeting to co-ordinate use of the leaflets with PCSO's and Councillors are welcome.</p> <p>The Chair asked if Sergeant Seymour could report back to the next meeting re drug and alcohol related crimes and if an officer can't make meetings could they send a report in.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Sergeant Seymour on behalf of the Councillors for an extremely useful meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>To review and approve Committee's expenditure to date.</p> <p>Cllr Were asked why there was an overspend of £230? The Chair will find out and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Christopher All in favour</p>	AD/Office
7.	<p>To receive correspondence. (listed separately)</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>To note any items to report to CSATs. (SJW)</p> <p>None received.</p>	
9.	<p>To receive reports from working parties and sub-committees</p> <p>i. Carnival/Festival working group. (AD, AW, JG, TJC) Next meeting Thursday 30 April 2015.</p> <p>ii. Christmas Event working Group. (AD, TJC, JG, JF, D Evans, A Atkinson). No meeting.</p>	

	<p>iii. Larger grants/donations. (Excluding. Community grants) (GB, SC, AD, JG, GP, SW,) Agenda item 10.</p> <p>iv. Community Grants. (GB, SC, AD, JF, JG, TJC, SW, SJW) No meeting.</p> <p>v. School Council liaison. (AD, TJC) No report.</p> <p>vi. Monnow Vale Users Group Cllr White will send the minutes to the office.</p> <p>vii. MTC Newsletter (AD, TJC, CM, GP,) Newsletter is due out on 1st June and the draft has been sent out to the Mayor and all Chairs of Committees for approval.</p> <p>viii. Banners and pennants for Monnow Street group (AD, SW, TJC) Agenda item 15.</p> <p>ix. Police Meetings (AD, TJC) Police will report directly to Community Committee.</p> <p>x. Replacement Service of Minor Injuries Unit. Ms Bobby Bolt will attend the next meeting.</p> <p>xi. Others. None received.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>To Confirm and agree the recommendations of the Working Group for the Larger Community Grants.</p> <p>Discussion and questions took place regarding Monmouth Citizens Advice Bureau in as it is being taken over by MCC.</p> <p>Awards were given to the following: Monmouth Festival: Monmouth Literary Festival: Monmouth Summer Playscheme: Mobility Monmouth: Monmouth Youth Service (Monmouth):</p> <p>NB: CAB has been given an award but it has been deferred for 6 months. The Working Group wanted evidence that the present level of service to the people of Monmouth will be maintained to the present high standard.</p>	

	<p>It was proposed to agree with the recommendations of the Working Group.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Dewhurst Seconded: Cllr Bright All in favour</p>	
11.	<p>To discuss and agree the change of name for the Larger Community Grants.</p> <p>Many people are confusing the Larger Community Grant Scheme with the Smaller Community Grant Scheme.</p> <p>After discussion it was proposed to rename the scheme 'Larger Community Projects'</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Dewhurst For: 7 against: 3 abstention: 1</p>	Office
12.	<p>To discuss and agree moving of dates of Larger and Smaller Community Grants due to end of year finances (GP)</p> <p>After discussion this item was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Were.</p>	
13.	<p>To discuss and agree action on Museum and cultural consultation.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold an extra meeting on Tuesday 5 May to discuss this item.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Were All in favour</p>	Office
14.	<p>To receive report from Police Inspector and agree any action.</p> <p>This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>	
15.	<p>To discuss and agree plans for the competition to design a flag for Monmouth. (Part of Agincourt 600 event)</p> <p>The Committee agreed to support the competition.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Dewhurst Seconded: Cllr White For: 10 against: 2 abstention: 0</p>	

16.	<p>To agree the end of year report.</p> <p>The Chair will complete the report.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Seconded: Cllr All in favour</p>	AD
17.	<p>To agree press release.</p> <p>The Chair to complete.</p>	AD
18.	<p>Items for discussion for future meetings.</p> <p>To discuss and agree the £230 overspend of the Community budget.</p>	
19.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting.</p> <p>Monday 1st June 2015</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm