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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting
held on Monday 24 August 2015 at 7.00pm
at The Shire Hall, Monmouth**

Present: Cllr A Dewhurst (Chair)

Cllr R Bradley (RB)

Cllr G Bright (GB)

Cllr S Chivers (SC)

Cllr T Christopher (TJC)

Cllr J Fletcher (JF)

Cllr J Gunter (JG)

Cllr S White (SW)

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None received.	
2.	To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Munslow, Cllr Owen and Cllr Pritchard.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 1 June 2015 and Monday 13 July 2015. The minutes for Monday 1 June 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed. Proposed: Cllr Fletcher Seconded: Cllr Dewhurst. For: 7 against: 0 abstention: 1. The minutes for Monday 13 July 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed. Proposed: Cllr Christopher Seconded: Cllr Bright. All in favour	

4.	<p>To update the action summary.</p> <p>Items noted and updated.</p>	
5.	<p>To review and approve Committee's expenditure to date.</p> <p>The Committee's expenditure to date was approved.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Christopher Seconded: Cllr Fletcher. All in favour</p>	
6.	<p>To receive correspondence <i>(listed separately)</i></p> <p>Correspondence number 7: Commercial obstruction in the carriageway: Static advertising Policy has been forwarded to the Environment Committee to respond to.</p> <p>Correspondence number 8: Cllr Hall, Cllr Christopher and Cllr Dewhurst had accepted the invitation to all to view MCC summer play scheme and reported it was a very successful visit, very lively, well organised and popular. A written report from the staff will follow.</p> <p>Correspondence Number12: Report from Insp Jones. He will be attending the next full council meeting. However it will not be possible to attend the 'Meet the Inspector's drop in on 27th August</p>	Office
7.	<p>To note any items to report to CSATs</p> <p>None.</p>	
8.	<p>To receive consider and take any action on reports from working parties and sub-committees.</p> <p>i. Police Report. (Sgt D Seymour had agreed to attend to discuss specifically local drug abuse and illegal parking.) Sgt Dave Seymour reported that drug abuse in Monmouth compared to other areas in Monmouthshire is low. Out of a total of 345 crimes: Abergavenny had 26 Newport 290 and Monmouth 12. The question was raised of how many were let off with a caution this couldn't be answered, but all were cannabis related. The Police rely heavily on intelligence from the Community even though they are aware of certain localities and have a list of priority vehicles that they follow up and target.</p> <p>It was reported there wasn't a delegated team for drug abuse in Monmouth but the Police can call on extra resources when required. No figures are available for crime related to drugs but when anyone is arrested they are tested for drug abuse.</p>	

	<p>When asked if the Police support drug rehabilitation, the reply was that drug counselling and is rehabilitation facilities are available and offenders would be passed onto the proper agency.</p> <p>It was asked what was the best way for the public to act if they see a drug deal or have suspicions. The response was to call 999 or 101, depending on time of day and how critical it is. Then a report would also be put through to the Neighbourhood PCSO at the station.</p> <p>Parking Updates.</p> <p>This is still a priority and enforced by the PCSO's. 26 tickets parking have been issued across Monmouth by PCSO's during August. Sgt Seymour agreed to find out exactly where. Priory Street illegal parking is still an issue, although the lines in the area have been repainted.</p> <p>MCC Brian Cleary has been contacted to change the traffic order but the Police have not received any response from them and have e-mailed reminders. The chair will write again for a response. The increased width of the double decker buses, now in use is exacerbating the congestion.</p> <p>The Committee reported parking problems in Cinderhill Street opposite Posies – The Police will monitor this.</p> <p>Monnow Bridge was also reported again re people parking on double yellow lines, Sergeant Seymour said again he would ask the PCSO's to investigate</p> <p>The Chair thanked Dave Seymour for attending the meeting.</p> <p>ii. Carnival/Festival working group (AD, AW, JG, TJC, Chris Were, Les Modget). Debriefing meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>iii. Christmas Event working Group (AD, TJC, JG, JF, D Evans, A Atkinson). Meeting to be arranged before 5 October 2015.</p> <p>iv. Larger grants/donations (Excluding. Community grants) (GB, SC, AD, JG, GP, SW,) No meeting.</p> <p>v. Community Grants (GB, SC, AD, JF, JG, SW,) Agenda item 9 and 10.</p> <p>vi. School Council liaison (AD, TJC, SW,) Meeting to be arranged when Schools reopen.</p> <p>vii. Monnow Vale Users Group. No report.</p>	<p>Sgt DS</p> <p>AD</p> <p>Sgt DS</p> <p>AD</p> <p>AD</p>
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12.	<p>To update the events for ‘Walking with the Wounded’ Charity arrival in Monmouth on Friday October 2nd and departure to Chepstow on Saturday 3 October.</p> <p>The working Group will meet on Friday 4 September with representatives from the Regiment, Walking Group, RNA, RBL. Concrete plans to be discussed. The Community Committee will be updated in good time to request assistance.</p>	Office/T JC/SW/ GB
13.	<p>To agree two members to attend the PCC event for Gwent Community Councils to be held at 5.30pm in Caerphilly County Borough Council Offices at Ty Penallta Tredomen Hengoed on Tuesday 15 September 2015. (Correspondence number 12.)</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst and Cllr Christopher will attend.</p>	AD/TJC
14.	<p>To agree press release.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst will prepare the press release to include the invitation for applications for a smaller Community Grant during September.</p>	AD
15.	<p>Items for discussion for future meetings.</p> <p>Report back from Walking with the Wounded Working Group.</p>	
16.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting.</p> <p>Monday 5 October 2015.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm