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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 at 6.30pm at The Shire Hall, Monmouth

Present: Cllr A Dewhurst (Chair)

Cllr S Chivers (SC)	Cllr G Pritchard (GP)
Cllr J Fletcher (JF)	Cllr A Were (AW)
Cllr Gunter (JG)	Cllr S White (SW)
Cllr Munslow (CM)	

In attendance:

Cllr Davis (SD)
Cllr D Dovey (Chepstow Town Council)
Cllr S Dovey (Chepstow Town Council)
Mr Peter Johns (Abergavenny Town Clerk),
Members of the Public.

Presentation by Julian Hayman Development Manager Aneurin Bevan UHB

Julian Hayman gave an introduction on the Critical Care Centre planned for Llanfrechfa. Julian Hayman presented their monthly newsletter 'Clinical Futures'.

Chepstow Town Cllr Dovey asked why this development has taken so long as it was first proposed in 2007. Julian Hayman confirmed that demolition of the site is well under way and contractors are awaiting the go ahead from the Welsh Assembly. Abergavenny Town Clerk Peter Jones asked whether the ambulance service would be able to cope with the addition of the 450 bed hospital at Llanfrechfa. Julian Hayman replied that travel time analysis is currently being carried out across the five boroughs.

Cllr Pritchard stated that the main concern of MTC is following the closure of the Minor Injury Unit in Monmouth there still hasn't been anything put in place locally to replace this. Julian Hayman offered to check this matter with Primary Care and email Cllr Dewhurst with an update.

Following lengthy discussion Cllr Pritchard highlighted that there is an obvious need in Monmouth and Chepstow for a Minor Injuries Unit as evidenced during this discussion.

The main questions raised to Julian Hayman were as follows:

1. What provision is going to be put in place to replace the Minor Injuries Unit in Monmouth?
2. Is the Transport Group taking in to consideration the fact that Llanfrechfa is currently impossible to travel to on public transport from Monmouth?
3. What progress has been made on the questionnaire that was promised regarding the replacement provision for the Minor Injuries Unit?

Julian Hayman assured MTC he would seek to provide answers to the above questions.

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst and Cllr Were - Agenda item 10. Cllr White - Agenda item 11.</p>	
2.	<p>To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Bright and Cllr Owen.</p>	
3.	<p>To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 8 February 2016.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Gunter Seconded: Cllr Munslow. All in favour.</p>	
4.	<p>To update the action summary.</p> <p>Parking/traffic Priory Street: Update from MCC Roger Hoggins - work to take place August 2016.</p> <p>One Stop Shop (MCC): It was decided to invite the Hub Manager Ms Cheryl Haskell to the next meeting in May.</p>	AD
5.	<p>To review and approve Committee's expenditure to date.</p> <p>The cheque for £7000 Larger Grant (2015/2016) has been sent to Monmouthshire CAB as agreed by this committee.</p> <p>The committee discussed options for the disbursement of the £4,564 unused community funds. Full discussion Agenda item 10.</p> <p>Cllr Were questioned whether the payment for the Town Guide been made yet. Office to check.</p>	Office

	<p>Cllr Pritchard said that he would check that there were no outstanding payments for the Newsletter remaining.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Gunter Seconded: Cllr Pritchard All in favour</p>	GP
6.	<p>To receive correspondence. (listed separately)</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst read out email number 14i) from Mike Moran regarding the relocation of chippy park (S106 monies)</p> <p>Cllr White requested email number 25) to the police commissioner be read out concerning illegal street parking. Response received today from Jessica Tippins stated that the Police Commissioner was currently unavailable to respond directly.</p>	
7.	<p>To receive consider and take any action on reports from working parties and sub-committees.</p> <p>i. Police Report. Deferred to full council meeting</p> <p>ii. Carnival/Festival Working Group. (AD, AW, JG, Chris Were, Les Modget) Update from Cllr Were – fundraising is going well and it is hoped that the carnival provision will be expanded this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2nd – Table Sale at the Priors • 14th May – Public Launch on Monnow Bridge • Rotary Club raffle tickets on sale <p>iii. Christmas Event Working Group. (AD, JG, JF, D Evans, A Atkinson).</p> <p>iv. Larger Grants/Donations. (Excluding. Community Grants) (GB, SC, AD, JG, GP, SW,) Agenda item 9</p> <p>v. Community Grants. (GB, SC, AD, JF, JG, SW,) Agenda item 10</p> <p>vi. School Council Liaison. (AD, SW,)</p> <p>vii. Monnow Vale Users Group. Cllr White could not attend the recent meeting - minutes requested</p> <p>viii. MTC Newsletter. (GP, AD, CM, SW) Newsletter due out beginning of June which will highlight the work of each committee/working group. Cllr Munslow to head.</p> <p>ix. Replacement Service of Minor Injuries Unit. Agenda item 8</p>	CM

	<p>x. Queen's Birthday Picnic Working Group (SW, SC, CM, JG, AD) Update from Cllr White confirming the organising of marquees and generators. Monmouth Town Band have been invited to attend and perform. Cllr White informed the public members present of the plans for the community picnic at Chippenham on June 11th. Cllr Munslow confirmed that Wyesham Scouts will light a beacon at the Kymin for the April 21st birthday celebrations.</p> <p>xi. Others. None received.</p>	
8.	<p>To discuss and agree actions regarding the presentation from Mr Julian Hayman. Julian Hayman has been given a set of questions and MTC now await his answers. Cllr White suggested that by having members of Chepstow and Abergavenny Town Council present to voice their opinions strengthened the argument for the need of a local Minor Injuries Unit.</p>	
9.	<p>To agree the recommendations of the working group for the Larger Project Grants. It was noted that the available funds were significantly less this year. The committee agreed the recommendations proposed by the working group.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Gunter All in favour</p>	
10.	<p>To discuss and agree on the disbursement of community funds (£4,564) Cllr Pritchard proposed allocating monies for the musical element of the carnival. Cllr Were suggested hiring Puppets Online to deliver a half day workshop on the morning of the carnival to create a large community puppet that would then be included in the parade. Cllr White proposed putting the funds towards the Queen's Birthday Picnic to cover the hire of the marquees, generators, tents, furniture, toilets, tree planting and refreshments. Cllr Gunter confirmed that quotes have been received from local companies to provide the aforementioned items. Cllr Dewhurst proposed splitting the £4,564 between the Carnival provision (music / puppets) and the Queen's picnic – £2,200 Picnic and £2,364 Carnival.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Dewhurst Seconded: Cllr Munslow For: 6 Against: 0 Abstention: 2</p>	

<p>11.</p>	<p>To discuss and agree Chippenham Mead play area response to MCC consultation</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst thanked members of the public for attending and stated that a response must be agreed to Monmouthshire County Council's consultation on spending £85,000 on improving play facilities at Chippenham.</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Gunter Seconded: Cllr Munslow All in Favour</p> <p>Following much discussion headed by Mr Phillip Williams, Mrs Rachel Jupp and Mrs Catherine Ashby the following points were raised: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current location of the play park is currently at risk of vandalism and drug taking as it is in a 'hidden area'. • It is unsafe due to noise and air pollution from the A40. • It is unattractive and uninviting to children and families. • The importance of inclusive play for children. • The loss to the town's economy as a result of families travelling out of town to use other play parks/facilities. <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Gunter All in Favour</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst gave an update from MCC Tim Bradfield – main points raised: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All monies need to be spent by the end of 2017. • Applying for changes to a 'village green' area can be problematic due to it being a Welsh Government matter. <p>Following great discussion Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Dewhurst summarised that MTC now feels that there should be further investigation by MCC in to the relocation of the play park.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard proposed that MCC should be informed that MTC now feel that the present location of the play park is inappropriate and that there should be an investigation in to the possible relocation to one of the two suggested sites on the plan drawn by Cllr Munslow. Also, the design of the new play area should satisfy the current Welsh Assembly guidelines on play provision and include a full consultation with parents.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard proposed that MCC postpone their consultation from the end of March to the end of May to allow a more thorough investigation, and that the opinions of the public would be passed on to MCC.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Munslow For: 6 Against: 2 Abstention: 0</p>	
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12.	To agree press release. Anthea to agree a press release containing a report on items 9 and 11.	AD
13.	Items for discussion for future meetings. Invite to Cheryl Haskell to give update on Community Hub.	Office
14.	To confirm date of next meeting. Tuesday 3 rd May 2016 7.00pm	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.51pm