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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 5 October 2015 at 7.00pm at The Shire Hall, Monmouth

Present: Cllr A Dewhurst (Chair)

Cllr G Bright	(GB)	Cllr Munslow	(CM)
Cllr S Chivers	(SC)	Cllr Owen	(AO)
Cllr T Christopher	(TJC)	Cllr Pritchard	(GP)
Cllr J Fletcher	(JF)	Cllr Were	(AW)
Cllr J Gunter	(JG)	Cllr S White	(SW)

Ms Bronwen John (Aneurin Bevan U.H.B. Head of Partnerships and Networks) and Eve Parkinson to give an update on progress since last meeting concerning actions to replace local Minor Injuries services.

Due to communication problems Ms John and Ms Parkinson did not attend the meeting.

Mr Nick Butler gave a report from this year's MCC Summer Playscheme at Monmouth Leisure Centre.(Agenda Item 8 iv brought forward)

Mr Butler distributed copies of the MCC report summarising the five county playschemes to members.

The Monmouth playscheme received 1,800 visits this year running at an average 90% capacity, 80% of the children were from Monmouth, 10% from neighbouring MCC areas and the rest from Herefordshire, The Forest of Dean and Caerphilly.

The inspection assessment for this year was 'Very Good. Swimming was particularly highlighted. Parents and children's responses and appreciation are included in the written report.

Challenges this year included covering both the Abergavenny and Monmouth schemes. There had been an increase this year of children with disabilities and the need for working on a 1 to 1 basis.

Challenges for next year will include the inclusion of the over 8's age group into the present stringent adult/child ratio of the under 8 age group.

There will be changes to the Playscheme for 2016, Nick Butler or a colleague will report to the Committee early in the new year, when details of the increased pressures on funding and personnel, are clearer.

Questions from members included whether reciprocal funding might be requested from the other counties concerned.

The Chair congratulated Mr Butler on a very successful scheme this summer. Councillors had enjoyed seeing it in action, when they visited and were pleased to be involved.

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.</p> <p>None received.</p>	
2.	<p>To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Bradley</p>	
3.	<p>To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 24 August 2015.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record with the following amendment: <i>Cllr Were was present.</i></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Bright. All in favour.</p>	Office
4.	<p>To update the action summary.</p> <p>All items noted and updated.</p>	
5.	<p>To review and approve Committee's expenditure to date.</p> <p>Defer to next meeting as figures not available.</p>	Office
6.	<p>To receive correspondence. (listed separately)</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst will reply to a concerned relative of an elderly patient in Nevill Hall and pass concerns to relevant staff.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhurst will write to MCC R Hoggins supporting the proposed parking scheme in Priory Street.</p>	AD AD
7.	<p>To note any items to report to CSATs.</p> <p>Report of used needles being left at Carbonne Play area, also found opposite factory on Wonastow Road and at the skate park.</p>	

<p>8.</p>	<p>To receive consider and take any action on reports from working parties and sub-committees.</p> <p>i. Police Report. Police reported via e-mail on parking. It was agreed that rather than invite Sgt Seymour to attend the next meeting, the committee needed information on :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What action is being taken on safety (drugs) in the skate park. 2. What dates does the police report of 28 parking tickets cover? 3. Could the Committee be informed of an actual PCSO work schedule/shifts,(e.g. the previous week's), clarifying when officers were able to be out and about . <p>There are still concerns about lack of PCSO action on illegal parking at or near Monnow Bridge, both Cinderhill side and town side, including next to the toilets.</p> <p>ii. Carnival/Festival working group. (AD, AW, JG, TJC, Chris Were, Les Modget) Group met on 30 September and reviewed 2015 and set out plans for 2016 with the new date for the festival being last week in July and Carnival date being 24 July 2016.</p> <p>iii. Christmas Event working Group. (AD, TJC, JG, JF, D Evans, A Atkinson). Only 3 on the working Group more people needed to be involved. Next meeting TBA this week.</p> <p>iv. Larger grants/donations. (Excluding. Community grants) (GB, SC, AD, JG, GP, SW,) Report from Mr N Butler, Monmouth Playscheme. Mr Butler gave his report earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>v. Community Grants. (GB, SC, AD, JF, JG, SW,) Agenda Item 9.</p> <p>vi. School Council liaison. (AD, TJC, SW,) No meeting.</p> <p>vii. Monnow Vale Users Group. Next meeting to be held on 6 October, Cllr White will report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>viii. MTC Newsletter. (GP, AD, TJC, CM) Meeting date to be arranged.</p> <p>ix. Replacement Service of Minor Injuries Unit. Cllr Pritchard read out his report from his meeting with Nick Ramsey AM on 8 September 2015.</p> <p>x. Others: None</p>	<p>AD/Sgt Seymour</p> <p>AD</p> <p>SW</p> <p>GP</p>
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<p>9.</p>	<p>To receive and agree recommendations from the Smaller Grants Working Party, to include plans for the Grant Presentation evening on 19 October 2015.</p> <p>It was proposed to accept the recommendations of the working Group:</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr White For: 9 seconded: 0 abstentions: 2</p> <p>Cllr Chivers asked for it to be minuted ‘her objection to the Carbonne & Waldbron Twinning Associations grant award.’</p> <p>To confirm to spend up to £100 for refreshments for the Awards evening on Monday 19 October 2016.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pritchard Seconded: Cllr Christopher All in favour.</p> <p>Cllr White flowers Cllr Gunter refreshments Cllr Dewhurst accommodation, displays, programme</p>	<p>Office</p> <p>SW,JG,AD</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>To Agree any further action on the Museum and Cultural Attractions consultation. (<i>Deferred from last meeting.</i>) Cllr Bob Greenland had indicated in his reply to the chair, that the Town Council would be informed once more discussion had taken place, but no copy of the Consultant’s report would be forthcoming..</p> <p>MCC County Cllr B Greenland, Kellie Bierne and R Hoggins have asked to attend a special Full Council meeting which has been arranged for Wednesday 7th October 2015.</p> <p>The chair informed the committee that Mr Charles Boase would be presenting his ideas to initiate some community action on the museum, at the next Monmouth Partnership Forum on 11th November.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>To review the Walking with the Wounded Working event. Cllr Christopher reported on a moving and welcoming event, organised by a partnership including HMSG, RMRE and the Town Council. He will be writing to thank Mrs Potts and Captain Bell, especially.</p>	<p>TJC</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>To discuss and agree any further actions following the presentation by Ms Bronwen John and Ms Eve Parkinson. It was agreed to investigate the reason for lack of communication and determine how to arrange a meaningful update on actions to replace the Minor Injuries service.</p>	<p>TJC/GP/Office</p>

13.	<p>To agree dates and formation of the Christmas Event.</p> <p>The Chair will set up a meeting to report back regarding the event.</p>	AD
14.	<p>To agree press release.</p> <p>CLlr Pritchard will write the press report.</p>	GP
15.	<p>Items for discussion for future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CAB presentation. ➤ Budget heading virement ➤ Confirm the details of the Christmas event. 	
16.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting.</p> <p>Monday 16 November 2015.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm