

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillors:
B Counsell (Chairman) P Murphy
K Evans E Saville
K Haddow K Stock
P Lewis R Trayler-Smith

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council
3 Members of the Public

M4150 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Cousins and Swift

M4151 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed our new Councillor for the Llanfair Discoed ward, Edward Saville, onto the Council and looked forward to working with him.

M4152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor K Evans	Historic Trust	Committee Member
Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	Trustee/CCC
		Appointee
Councillor K Stock	Caerwent Playing Fields	CCC Representative on
	Association	Committee

M4153 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Spooner and residents of Ash Tree Road were concerned that the rear access of the flats 17 – 20 has not been finished by Barratts, ie has been half tarmaced. They were concerned that it would be left in this state. They would prefer it to be all grass or all tarmac with kerb stones.

Councillor Murphy stated that he has been in discussions with residents from a different block, flats 1 – 4, and has agreed with Barratts that they will rotivate and seed this rear access and return it to the owners for quiet enjoyment. Barratts will also install a gravel track to create access to this block, subject to various legalities.

Barratts will be off site by the end of this year so time is of the essence. Councillor Murphy will negotiate with them regarding the rear access of flats 17 – 20. He will keep the residents informed.

The residents were also concerned about parking on the pavements. They were informed that this is a police matter and were encouraged to report this to them. The Community Council will also report this.

They also had concerns about the unsuitable housing allocations through Monmouthshire Housing. Councillor Murphy advised that discussions are currently taking place with senior police officers.

M4154 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 8TH OCTOBER 2014

These were approved as a true record.

M4155 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Pcso Norville had sent his apologies. His monthly report had been circulated.

The Clerk reported that we now have a new Inspector for the area, David Morgan. He will be arranging a meeting soon to which all Clerks and Chairs of Community Councils will be invited.

M4156 PLANNING

2014/01068 3 Burton Villas, Caerwent

Demolish Conservatory & Replace with 2 Storey Side Extension Plus Garage

This Council recommends Approval

Condition – The exterior front finish should be complementary to next door.

Council noted Appeal against Refusal re 2014/00482

Proposed Demolition of a Vacant Restaurant/Public House and
Erection of 4 Residential Dwellings with Associated Access & Parking,
Wentwood Inn, A48, Caerwent

Council noted Adopted Monmouthshire Local Development Plan – Final Version.
Hard copy passed to Councillor Lewis who will then circulate to all Councillors.

Councillors queried the status of the old Welfare Centre on the A48 in relation to the latest LDP. Councillor Murphy informed the meeting that this site is not included in the Plan and he believes that Bailey Homes have bought the land with the intention of developing longterm, possibly under the next LDP.

M4157 WELCOME TO CAERWENT COMMUNITY BOOKLET

Councillor Lewis reported that he is awaiting a proof copy from the printers. He will bring this to the next meeting.

M4158 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ROGIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Councillors present found the start time of the meetings difficult. Agreed to defer to the next meeting.

M4159 CAERWENT TOILETS MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Councillor Murphy had met on site with a resident, Mr P Edwards, who previously had his own roofing company. Mr Edwards had confirmed that there was nothing wrong with the recent roofing repairs. He would however like the works to be sealed with fibreglass and volunteered to carry this out in the Spring for no charge. He had also volunteered to cover the existing soffits with pvc. It was agreed that we were very grateful to Mr Edwards for his help in this area.

It was agreed to seek a quote regarding replacement of windows and the sealing of the ceiling.

M4160 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

Dates for Diaries

MoD Meeting/Community Groups Supper – Thursday 27th November 2014,
6.00 p.m., Caerwent Village Hall

Caerwent Village Hall/Playing Fields (Lease/Ownership)

Councillor Murpy reported that MCC Cabinet had now agreed on a policy which will enable them to sell/transfer assets to community groups and assist these groups in obtaining any necessary funding. MCC have been in discussions with the CPFA regarding this policy.

Community Literary Award

The Chairman had carried out judging along with the Heads of Schools and the Chair of Governors. He found the standard to be outstanding and there had been some excellent feedback from the schools. He had arranged for some drawings/poems to be displayed in the church. Winners will eventually be listed on our website.

Poor Wood

Clerk had checked in previous minutes – Cadw had informed us that they would not be issuing permits due to the SSI's. Agreed that we ask David Davies, MP, for his help in this matter.

Flooding in Crick

Following our letter to them the MoD have dug out in a field to help alleviate the problem.

Caerwent Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals

MCC confirmed that the Community Council had never been sent this document and it had not been used to determine the Local Development Plan, contrary to a statement from a local resident. It is still in draft form but will be sent out shortly for consultation.

School Lane Closure - 18 Month Trial Period Review

Clerk had been informed that Highways had drafted up a review to go for Single Cabinet Member decision.

Cadw Garden

Report received from MCC re bench and trees and also notification that planning permission would be required. Agreed to ask for specifics re report.

CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The large heater in the main room has been replaced with the help of three grants from the Lottery, the New Grove Trust and the Lower Wye Committee. This will be much more energy efficient. They have been awarded a grant from VCFCI (Welsh Assembly grant) for just under £25,000, the Centre has to match fund 20% and have to complete works before the end of the year. Their aim is to remove all of the asbestos in the Boiler House plus some of the low key asbestos within the building itself. The large windows in the main Gym will also be replaced.

M4161 CORRESPONDENCE

Press Release MCC – Community Food Policy, MCC Signs Licence to Grow.
Welsh Government, Chief Veterinary Officer – Dead Badger Survey.

M4162 AGREED TO EXTEND STANDING ORDERS BY 10 MINUTES

M4163 FINANCE

Council considered and approved payment of Finance schedule dated November 2014.

M4164 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Council noted Public Footpath No. 66 (part) at Cherry Orchard Farm, Caerwent (Order).

Drain end of Five Lanes onto A48 needs clearing.

New house built on corner of Lawrence Crescent and Dinham Road by Birkett builders – pavement left in a dangerous state.

Dog fouling occurring on pavements on Dinham Road and Lawrence Crescent. Agreed to contact Councillor Cousins for comments and to write to owners if required.

New street lighting regime – agreed to request that the light at the Post Office and the cenotaph remain on.

Previous stiles request for Five Lanes – Councillor Lewis to check.

Barrier from new play area at Merton Green to A48 does not overlap enough. Councillor Saville will inspect.

M4165 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mons CAB Bureaux AGM to be held 17th November.
Caerwent Historic Trust AGM to be held 21st November.

M4166 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

End of WWI Centenary Plans, ie planting ceremonial trees at Playing Fields.
Possible use of Cadw Westgate Barns meeting room.

Chairman Date

