

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 14TH JULY 2016

Present: K Haddow (Chair)
B Counsell
G Cousins
P Lewis
P Murphy
R Trayler Smith

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council

M4431 APOLOGIES

Councillors Evans, Swift, Saville and Stock

M4432 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	All planning applications	Member MCC Planning Committee

M4433 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

M4434 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

M4435 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH JUNE 2016 AND MEETING HELD WITH CPFA ON 20TH JUNE 2016

These were agreed as a true record.

M4436 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

M4437 PLANNING

2016/00585 Saved Cottage, Highmoor Hill

Erection of a building to provide feed and machinery storage

This Council recommends Approval

Condition – building should remain for agricultural purposes only

2016/00662 The Merrils, Carrow Hill

Proposed first floor extension to provide bedroom accommodation

This Council recommends Approval

Incorrect address – should be Merrils Cottage

2016/00508 22 St Tathan's Place, Caerwent

Demolition of a stone shed to make room for a single storey, flat roofed construction providing 1 bedroom with toilet and a utility area to rear of

property.

This Council recommends Approval

2016/00703 Dewstow Golf Club

Conversion of part of an existing building that currently has a D3 use and a C3 use, into a single dwelling with a C3 use.

This Council recommends Approval

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda.

There were no other plans to consider.

To consider that any three Councillors be delegated regarding decisions on any planning applications received during August.

Agreed.

M4438 PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR

To consider any further information received.

Chair had sent in further information to The Lions re our grant application.

Application now been formally accepted.

One more request for training had been received.

M4439 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS ANNUAL INSPECTION

To agree on duties

Council agreed on individual inspection duties.

M4440 COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS

To consider the retention of three boards (Caerwent church, Llanvair Discoed and Crick) and removal of the other six. To consider any resident views regarding the provision of boards within our area.

Agreed to remove all notices from the proposed six boards to be removed and place a notice informing that it is proposed that the board is removed due to

maintenance costs/availability of information online with any queries to the Clerk.

Agreed to inform CWEP that we wish them to carry out the repairs/maintenance to the three boards which are to remain.

M4441 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

Dates for Diaries

Written to MoD to confirm November for our supper event.

Community Asset Transfer

Consultant informed us that this should go to Committee for approval in September. CPFA querying fields status - Councillor Murphy has asked MCC to address this.

Agreed that the Chair write to MCC to seek clarification of the terms of the current lease in view of the roof repairs urgently required on the Village Hall.

Speedwatch

No further progress – awaiting Sgt replacement.

St Brides Flooding

Wrote to Natural Resources Wales who then contacted Councillor Counsell. They had advised him that there was no contamination. He will be visiting the pump house with a technician and will also contact Welsh Water again.

Strip of Land to Rear of 40 Merton Green

MCC still progressing. Ben Winstanley of MCC had spoken to Mr Spooner to explain the delay. A meeting will probably be held in September

Dog Fouling – Roman Wall

Chair included this issue in her latest piece in newsletter. MCC had informed that all bins should be signed in Welsh now - Clerk will order stickers.

Potholes – Highmoor Hill/Dinham Road

Have been made safe.

Bus Service 75

MCC confirmed that the 75 service is not travelling through Merton Green, it is picking up at Llanvair Road and then exiting onto the main carriageway. The passengers who use the service are located in this area and the service registration follows this route. If there is any demand in Merton Green for the bus to use this route they can look at re-routing it back through the estate but as the only passengers are at the Llanvair Road end then this to them seems to be the logical solution.

Councillor Cousins reported that a resident from Llanvair Road is not being picked up at this location. She has to travel with some difficulty to Dinham Road to get the bus. Bus is also not running to timetable. Clerk to write to MCC.

New “Caerwent Road” signage

Highways Manager agrees with us that he knows the road as Roman Road – he is still investigating. Councillor Cousins will check the sat nav information.

Social Media Report

175 members

Issues surrounding parking at Merton Green and general information exchange.

CPFA Project Report

Photographs received of new fibreglass roof, newly formed extended kitchen, newly formed extended kitchen, newly formed entrance and flat roof replacement. Progress steady but unlikely that it will all be completed for the show on 20th August.

Community Centre Project Report

Scaffolding has been put up around the Centre. The car park is enclosed by a perimeter fence for the use of contractor's vehicles. The floor of the main gymnasium

has been covered with polythene and a ply wood base to protect the flooring, and scaffolding has been erected within the room. The contractor did point out that the floor is not in very good condition, and he took photographs before laying the polythene. The Committee are well aware of its condition and replacement was included in their original plan, but lack of sufficient funding meant that it was one of a list of improvements that had to be removed from the final project draft.

Work has begun on renewing the flat roof of the building.

M4442 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Chief Executive of MCC following his meeting with Town/Community Councils in June

MCC – play opportunities during August

Cadw – notice of spraying in fields

Monmouthshire Countryside newsletter

Query re the introduction of a cold calling free zone.

M4443 FINANCE

To consider balances/payment and approval as per finance schedule dated July 2016

Council agreed.

Council noted minutes of 20th June with CPFA regarding condition of the Village Hall flat roof and agreed to their recommendation.

External auditor had requested further information on the Section 106 funding and internal audit reporting. Clerk meeting with Internal Auditor soon.

Agreed to arrange a Finance Committee meeting,

M4444 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

To report any highways/rights of way issues

Road closed at Trewen - Chair to check.

Sign for St Bridgets church on St Brides Road not in keeping with area visually.

Two tracks at Five Lanes need cutting.

Highmoor Hill lane not cut at all this year.

Carrow Hill ruts done and reflector posts put in but not supportive enough. Requires more hardcore into ruts.

White lining required pavement side of Ash Tree Road/Roundbush junctions both ends.

Chevron at end of Roman Road knocked over.

Crossroads go slow sign covered up.

M4445 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillors Counsell and Murphy had attended a Cluster Group meeting. There is a proposal that five town/community councils employ a road sweeper and driver for 48 weeks per year, five days per week. We would be allocated 39 days at a cost of £6132 per annum. Agreed to place this on the next agenda.

M4446 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cluster Working Group proposal.
Provision of Noticeboards

Chair Date