

**MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present:                    K Evans (Chair)                    P Murphy  
                              B Counsell                        E Saville  
                              G Cousins                        K Stock  
                              P Lewis                         K Swift

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

**M4298 APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillors Trayler-Smith and Haddow.

**M4299 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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| Councillor K Evans  | Caerwent Historic Trust       | Trustee                  |
| Councillor P Murphy | Caerwent Community Centre     | Trustee                  |
| Councillor P Murphy | Planning Applications         | Member of Planning Cttee |
| Councillor P Murphy | Section 106 Allocation        | Trustee of Applicant     |
| Councillor K Swift  | Crick Wildlife Group          | Member                   |
| Councillor K Stock  | Caerwent Playing Fields Assoc | Committee Member         |

**M4300 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**M4301 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two residents from Trewen were in attendance who wished to raise the issues of speeding on the A48/safety of the Trewen junction and the provision of play equipment on their Play Area. Councillor Murphy updated the meeting on the latest situation regarding the A48. The Head of Highways has indicated that the Trewen junction is symptomatic of similar junctions within the authority. A proposal has been put forward at MCC to change the speed limit of the A48 from Newport to Chepstow from 60 to 50. This will mean that the central reservation will be removed which will encourage drivers to stay in lane and the Trewen junction would be more noticeable than the current one. If this goes ahead it will probably be during 2016-17 year. The possibility of extra street lighting was queried - Councillor Murphy indicated that this was very unlikely as there is no suitable connection. Clear marking and reflective posts would however be provided.

The Council were informed that there are now 16 children in the street (1 – 14 years of age with toddlers being the majority) who use the park regularly and it was felt that it required updating with new equipment, eg slide to cover all ages. Reported that the ball pole is never used. The Chair advised that the issue of play equipment for all of our play areas is indeed on our agenda tonight and the Council will bear their comments in mind.

## **M4302 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

These were agreed as a true record.

## **M4303 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

Pcso Norville had sent his apologies. His report had been circulated to all Councillors.

## **M4304 PLANNING**

### **2015/00945 The Old School, School Lane, Caerwent**

Change of Use from Infant School to Single Family Dwelling including some internal alterations to the rear elevation and roof layout and the creation of a first floor within the existing building

***This Council recommends Refusal***

Over development

Plans incorrect, does not show the elevation of the rooflights

Excessive number of rooflights

Rooflights not appropriate next to roman remains

Potentially expose the next door garden to loss of privacy

Ridge height increased

Any exterior should be complementary to existing

### **2015/00832 Carrow Hill Farm, Carrow Hill, Caerwent**

Revised works to barn conversion including enlargement of residential curtilage

***This Council recommends Approval***

### **Council noted applications considered during August:**

### **2015/00788 Nido D'Amore, 1 Five Lanes Cottages, Five Lanes**

Retention of Security Door and Proposed Alterations to Existing

Car Port/Garage Area to Side of Dwelling

***This Council recommended Approval***

### **2015/00869 Ten Elms Farm, Caerwent**

Front Single Storey Extensions and Porch

***This Council recommended Approval***

To consider Draft Primary Shopping Frontages Supplementary Planning

Guidance Consultation

Council noted.

Council noted MCC consultation event – Conversation Appraisal – Tuesday 29 September.

## **M4305 PLAY AREAS – CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS, TREWEN & LLANFAIR DISCOED**

*To consider the current play equipment provision in all areas and make any recommendations for replacement/additional equipment*

Caerwent Playing Fields – Councillor Stock advised that this area is currently well provided for and does not require any further equipment – agreed.

Trewen – Agreed to seek a recommendation on providing two pieces of equipment suitable for all ages and possibly take the ball pole down.

Llanfair Discoed – Councillor Murphy advised that this area is mainly used for kick about sports so does not currently require further equipment at present – agreed.

*To consider fencing works required at Trewen area.*

Agreed to replace corner posts and four other intermediate posts, replace damaged section of wire and retain the whole length of fence at a cost of £180.

#### **M4306 DOG FOULING, CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS**

*To consider the provision of four larger more noticeable signs and quote received*

Agreed not to provide larger signs as it was felt that the issue was about enforcement. Agreed to mention problem again in newsletter/facebook.

The Clerk reported complaints of excessive dog fouling near Green Lane Farm on Ash Tree Road. Councillor Cousins reported that a dog waste bin was due to be installed in this location – Clerk to check progress. Also arrange for Llanvair Road bin to be moved to new location as requested by residents.

#### **M4307 SECTION 106 FUNDING**

*To consider MCC recommendations*

Agreed on allocated sums to Crick Wildlife Project, Caerwent Playing Fields Association and Caerwent Community Centre.

#### **M4308 COMMUNITY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

*To consider the future of the monthly newsletter*

Councillor Counsell advised that the person who currently prints the newsletter will be finishing in December. The Caerwent Playing Fields Association has been aware of this situation for some time and has been chased up. Councillor Stock advised that the CPFA are currently in discussions with an alternative printer and they will be able to report back next month.

#### **M4309 MCC LENGTHSMAN**

*To consider the introduction of this role and any associated costs*

Agreed to agenda for next month when more cost information is available.

Agreed to seek odd job person.

Agreed to check on Cluster Working Group latest situation.

#### **M4310 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

##### **Clerk's Report**

##### **Dates for Diaries**

Conservation Appraisal Consultation - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 3 – 7 pm, Caldicot Town Council Hall.

MoD/Shirenewton Joint Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 p.m.@ Shirenewton

##### **Allotments**

Councillor Saville chasing reply from MP.

### Community Asset Transfer

Clerk has contacted the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations for their advice on this.

### Steps Cottage

Following our previous enquiry Enforcement are still looking into this.

### Keep Wales Tidy

Two villagers have so far volunteered for this scheme re litter picking. Clerk advised that we need more for the scheme to go ahead.

### Time Team Field

MCC have agreed to accept an early surrender of the lease with no cost to this Council, documentation will be sent shortly.

### Mons/Torfaen Youth Offending Team

Clerk still trying to get some response re them attending one of our meetings.

### Noticeboards/Benches Repairs

Councillor Swift reported that the Crick Group will commence this work this month. Agreed that small plaques "Caerwent Community Council" be placed on benches.

### Caerwent Show

Councillors reported on the Show which had a record attendance this year. Agreed that thanks be sent to the CPFA for their hard work.

### Social Media Report

Now 86 members. Working Group happy that the community are becoming involved. The MoD had confirmed that we cannot publish their notifications of activities on our Facebook page.

### Floral Displays at War Memorial

Clerk had written to Mr and Mrs Maddox thanking them again for their floral displays.

## **M4311 AGREED TO EXTEND STANDING ORDERS FOR 20 MINUTES**

## **M4312 CORRESPONDENCE**

One Voice Wales – Training Courses  
Forresters Car Club – Notice of Car Rally 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Magor & Undy Station Promotional Event Invitation  
Monmouthshire Meadows Newsletter  
Ombudsman Annual Report 2014/15

### **M4313 FINANCE**

Council approved payment of finance schedule dated September 2015.

Council noted that Accounts 2014/15 have been approved by internal and external auditors with no matters of concern

### **M4314 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

*To report any highways/rights of way issues*

Street lights out on Shirenewton Road - not numbered.

Speeding at Merton Green – Councillor Murphy reported that Highways are satisfied that the street engineering is adequate.

Roundbush Crescent onto Ash Tree Road - needs to be junctioned or white lined.

20 mph sign not working at Caerwent House

No through road sign missing at Caerwent Brook – Sandy Lane

50 mph roundel Roman Road missing

Ruts still in road Carrow Hill

Potholes on lane to Whitehall Farm

Triangle piece of land behind Block 1 at Merton Green. Meeting held with MCC. Chief Officer talking to Barratts re this access. As there is evidence to show that older residents used this access agreed to support them.

To note public exhibitions re M4 Corridor and Newport proposals – Councillor Saville attending.

### **M4315 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Swift advised on a Girl Guides presentation evening to be held 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### **M4316 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Provision of bench, Crick

Planting of new walnut tree, Roman Road

Chair ..... Date .....