

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 10TH APRIL 2014

Present: B Counsell (Chairman) P Lewis
 G Cousins K Swift
 K Evans R Trayler Smith
 K Haddow

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

M4042 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Murphy and Vosloo.

M4043 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman wished to add to the agenda a late grant request received from PCSO Norville regarding the Dr Bike initiative.

M4044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Caerwent Historic Trust	Councillor Evans	Committee Member
Caerwent Community Centre	Councillor Counsell	Trustee
Mons County CAB	Councillor Counsell	Trustee

M4045 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Harris handed a letter to the Council from a relative, Mr O Jones. The Chairman acknowledged receipt of this.

Mr Harris referred to a letter from the Chair of the Caerwent Community Centre Committee regarding Section 106 monies. The Chairman advised Mr Harris that this item was not on our agenda so will therefore not be discussed. He advised that our Standing Orders state that members of the public are permitted to raise any item in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

Mr Edwards raised a concern regarding the field by the church. The Chairman advised again that as per our Standing Orders this item will not be discussed. The Vice Chairman stated that any villager can contact Councillors or the Clerk at any time during the month to report issues or to request that an item be included for the next meeting.

Mr Shelley expressed concern that he had received no contact from his local Councillor and had no knowledge of their details. He was informed that these details can be found on all of our noticeboards and on the website. He was given Councillor Cousins' contact details.

(The Chairman agreed to suspend Standing Orders in respect of public participation).

Mr Shelley referred to a copy of the Maintenance Manager's Report on the Community Centre dated May 2011 which states that £270,000 was required for

repairs to the building. He felt that if this amount is not received under the Section 106 funding then the building would not be up to standard. He expressed concern over the apparent lack of a cost benefit analysis on purchase. We advised Mr Shelley that the building has been in community use since 1938/39 and is ideal for robust activities. We support both the Community Centre and the Village Hall as we feel that they offer different facilities. Mr Shelley was informed that we have no control over the final decision re Section 106 monies.

M4046 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD 13TH MARCH 2013

These were approved as a true record.

M4047 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

There were no police present but PCSO Norville had sent information on a PACT open day to be held in Magor on Saturday 7th June which will cover the wards of Caerwent, Caldicot, Magor & Undy, Portskewett and Rogiet. They are hoping to invite Dr Bike to the event, a charity run by Cycle Training Wales. They have fully trained mechanics and a collection of spare parts to use on the day to service and repair push bikes so that they are road worthy and safe. Council considered and agreed to donate £33.75 towards this.

M4048 PLANNING

2014/00225 Cribau Mill, Llanfair Discoed

Proposed Ground and First Floor Alterations

*This Council recommends **Approval***

Council noted MCC Pre-Planning Application Advice Service.

M4049 RED POPPY PLANTING, TIME TEAM FIELD

Councillor Swift advised that the area should be seeded late May. Agreed to purchase flanders poppies and cornflowers.

M4050 "WELCOME TO CAERWENT COMMUNITY" BOOKLET

Councillor Lewis reported that he had approached all previous contributors and additional ones who are now in the process of updating their information, He had secured sponsorship from the Coach & Horses Public House and 2/3 small adverts will also be included. Links to websites will be included.

M4051 WALNUT/CHERRY TREES, OLD ROMAN ROAD, CAERWENT

The Chairman reported that tree works are required at the three sites. Agreed to request site meeting with contractor.

M4052 CAERWENT TOILETS

Council considered the replacement of the windows to the rear and the installation of a ceiling and insulation in the back room. Agreed to seek quote for works to include the painting of the metal window to the front.

It was reported that since we had arranged for a new water meter in November 2013 the consumption had dramatically reduced.

M4053 ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSE ON DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES

Council noted that a date has now been received for this course which has fallen on the date of our monthly meeting.

M4054 TREE WORKS, CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS

Council considered Phase II of required tree works. Agreed to seek an additional quote.

M4055 GWENT BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2014

Council considered and agreed participation for the village of Llanfair Discoed.

M4056 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Clerk's Report

M4057 FINANCE

Council approved and agreed finance schedule dated April 2014.
Agreed that due to s150 of the Local Government Act 1972 being repealed electronic banking be implemented where appropriate.

M4058 CORRESPONDENCE

Severnside Area Committee Minutes
Training Courses available – One Voice Wales
Information Commissioner's Office – response agreed
Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice Bureau "Friends of Monmouthshire CAB" meeting 19th May

Late Correspondence Received:

Dog Fouling Pilot Scheme – agreed to reply that we feel that the proposed letter is too harsh.

Cadw – notification that the School will be going up for sale soon

Mr O Jones – concern regarding pedestrian safety at Time Team Field.

M4059 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Markings on St Brides Road where highways works are required has now faded.

Ruts on side of road, edge collapsed (100 yds back from crossroads at Carrow Hill).

20 mph sign out westgate.

Street lights out - NY289 and NY595.

Conifer at Crick damaged/split will be removed/funded by MCC. Councillor Swift

agreed to speak to residents.

Flooding problems at Crick are being dealt with. Works are starting 28th April with new gullies and pipework on A48. Agreed to thank the Highways Manager and his staff. MCC had confirmed that they cannot get involved in any issues on MoD land.

2 large potholes outside The Merrils Cottage, Five Lanes.

M4060 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports.

M4061 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Standing Orders
Additional Council Policies
Chairman's Allowance

Chairman Date