

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 9TH JANUARY 2014

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

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council
 1 Member of the Public

M3980 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Lewis and Murphy.

M3981 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Counsell, Vice Chairman, announced the sad passing of our Chairman, David Hedley. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.

Councillor Counsell played tribute to Councillor Hedley for his nine years excellent service on the Community Council and previous twelve years on the Playing Fields Committee. It was agreed that he will be greatly missed for his professionalism and vast business knowledge.

M3982 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING

The Vice Chair, Councillor Counsell, took the Chair.

M3983 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor G Cousins W.A.R.M. funding request Relative of Committee Member

M3984 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Edwards felt that there is inadequate signage at the crossroads (Caldicot Road) and recently there have been numerous near car accidents. It was agreed to investigate and consider reporting this to Highways/Police.

M3985 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD 12TH DECEMBER 2013

The minutes were agreed with the following amendment:

p.4 M3968 MoD Meeting:

should read: ".....new security fence may be erected,"

p.4 M3970 Finance

should read: "Council considered financial request from Caerwent Historic Trust re the purchase of a bookcase to house the Historic Trust collection. Council agreed to purchase the bookcase".

M3986 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

M3987 PLANNING

2013/01062 Bryn Gwyn, Llanfair Discoed

Single/Double Storey Kitchen, Utility, Garden Room and Bedroom Extension

*This Council recommends **Approval**.*

M3988 CONSULTATION – MCC – REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES & ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Council considered this consultation. Agreed to request that our area be looked at again and the houses on Crick Road be included in the Crick ward. Also agreed to express our disappointment that we are to lose two Councillors when the estimated increase in population is approx 300. Agreed to request information on costs involved re this consultation.

M3989 LAWRENCE CRESCENT NOTICE BOARD, DINHAM

Council considered request from resident that the notice board be moved. Agreed to re-site to the vicinity of bus stop on the A48.

M3990 TO RECEIVE REPORTS (for information only)

Clerk's Report (written)

MoD Meetings (written)

Parish Land (there was no update)

M3991 FINANCE

Council agreed payment and approval as per finance schedule dated 9th January 2013.

Council considered and agreed purchase of software to enhance the website at a cost of £105.

Council considered grant request from W.A.R.M. and agreed to donate £300.

M3992 CORRESPONDENCE

Welsh Government – Natural Resource Management Bulletin

One Voice Wales – training courses available

Monmouthshire Budget Consultation Meetings (placed on boards)

FOIs (26)

One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties

M3993 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Sewage problem on St Brides Road - manholes need jetting. Stream also requires a clean out.

Recent flooding in Crick resulting in 3 flooded garages. Drains cannot cope. Pipes not wide enough. Agreed that Councillor Swift will provide photos to the Clerk and a site meeting will be requested.

Trees too tall on cycle path bank. Councillor Swift will also provide photos and a site meeting will be requested.

M3994 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Chairman reported that the Manager of the Caldicot Bureau has been appointed Chief Executive of Monmouthshire County CABs and a new Trustee Board has been set up.

Councillor Swift reported that Crick Wildlife Group have been nominated for a Keep Wales Tidy 'Action for Pollinators' award and an invitation to attend the Welsh Assembly. Council congratulated the group on their efforts.

M3995 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Chairman advised Councillors to inform the Clerk of any matters for the agenda at least eight days before the next meeting.

M3996 TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DURING THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

This was agreed.

M3997 VILLAGE GREEN STATUS

Councillors advised on the latest situation.

Chairman Date