

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 9TH DECEMBER 2010

Present: P Murphy (Chairman) P Kidger
B Counsell P Lewis
G Cousins K Swift
K Evans D Vosloo
D Hedley

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council

Members of the Public: A M Spooner, Centurions Court, Caerwent

M3512 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor Nettleship.

M3513 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Spooner informed the Council that she was in attendance to support Councillor Cousins in his new appointment as Councillor for the Dinham ward and felt that he would carry out his duties in an excellent manner. This was agreed.

M3514 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2010

These were agreed as a true record.

Councillor Cousins queried if it would be possible to have our minutes online so that they are accessible to all. This was agreed – Clerk and Councillor Evans to put this in place. Councillor Swift suggested that we also look into using social networking sites – it was agreed to agenda this item for another meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2010

These were agreed as a true record with the following amendment:

p.1 **Railway Bridge** 3rd line should read:
“.....to offer **the land where the railway bridge is situated** back to the”

M3515 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Kidger Playing Fields Association
Councillor G Cousins Merton Green Action Group

M3516 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Pc Turner was not present but had sent the police report. There had been a large increase in burglaries and thefts from sheds and outbuildings.

M3517 MATTERS ARISING

Bicca Common

No progress.

Merton Green

Results of the Inquiry should be published before Christmas. Councillor Cousins queried if the Highways design on the A48 will stay the same if the development does not go ahead in view of the Inquiry. The Chairman felt that it will probably stay the same unless an Order is placed to return it to its original layout.

Proposed Closure of School Lane

No progress pending Inquiry.

Section 106

Councillor Counsell felt that we should have a large input in the spending of the Section 106 monies. The Chairman informed the meeting that MCC are currently looking at costs re the Old Gym building and that Mr M Moran, Leisure & Recreation Manager, will be coming to meet with us early in the New Year. Councillor Hedley felt that the Section 106 monies should not all be spent on the Old Gym and that we should agenda this item for a separate meeting. Councillor Counsell asked the Chairman if we could have access to the MCC Section 106 Working Group minutes – the Chairman agreed to arrange this.

Old Gym

New lease January – December 2011 received.

Bradbury Farm Land

Councillor Counsell stated that as this land has not been allocated as yet there will be an opportunity at the appropriate time to bid for allotments/play area.

Caerwent House

MCC are still keeping the pressure up. The Chairman reported that Simon Robertshaw, Conservation Manager, will hopefully be attending our meeting in January to present us with information on the Caerwent Conservation Area Appraisal and also update us on the Caerwent House situation.

Steps Cottage

No progress.

Provision of Allotments

Possible sites had been discussed with MoD on 22nd November. Councillor Counsell will be having a site meeting with the MoD Defence Agent re the land on the A48 opposite the eastgate junction.

Councillor Swift suggested the following locations - (Mr Broom's land – left hand side of the railway bridge, the Welfare Centre, the area behind the Caerwent toilet as a possible allotment or wildlife area). Chairman agreed to talk to Debra Hill-Howells about these.

Village Enhancement Scheme

The Crick group will be planting soon.

Footpath/Land Attached to Great House Farm

No progress. Chairman to chase.

Cwrt Morgan Adoption

Chairman will report next month on any new legislation re unadopted roads.

Proposed Bridleway around MoD Site

Councillor Counsell had arranged to meet the Land Defence Agent but this had unfortunately been cancelled by the MoD.

Provision of Public Conveniences in Monmouthshire

The Chairman reported that we will probably have to pay a nominal sum of £1 for the building.

MoD Meeting – Monday 22nd November

Minutes of meeting had been circulated.

Councillor Cousins queried why no one who lived near The Base was actually invited to the social event after the meeting. The Clerk informed him that she had a directive from the MoD to invite stakeholders totalling 65 so was instructed to invite local groups. She informed the meeting that the MoD are hoping to put on a Fireworks Night next year when the whole community will be invited.

Seat Llanfair Discoed Play Area

Seat ordered.

Cattle Grid Noise – MoD Land

MoD had agreed to re-route vehicles to avoid this. Councillor Cousins reported that the noise levels had improved during the night time.

Play Area, Lawrence Crescent

Reply from Nigel Leeworthy of MCC "This play area receives weekly inspections, the swing seats are old but still useable. The play area comes under Tim Bradfield and I have forwarded this complaint on to him."

Request from Mr O Jones, Caerwent House, for copy of Chairman's article re wildlife sites

The minutes which Mr Jones referred to are as follows:

(Minutes 17th June 2004) "Mr O Jones wished to lodge an objection to M/10178 Notice Under Welsh Office Circular 37/84 (Crown Development) for Erection of Stock Proof Fencing, Caerwent Roman City. He explained that the work in question had already been carried out but he was of the opinion that this area should have become a wildlife reserve. He was also concerned that chemicals had been used in the area for the first time in 30 years. The Chairman thanked Mr Jones for his comments and explained that this Notice would be discussed later in the meeting."

Notice which was discussed at the meeting on 17th June 2004 and our comments:

"M/10178 Notice Under Welsh Office Circular 37/84 (Crown Development) for Erection of Stock Proof Fencing, Caerwent Roman City It was agreed to write to Planning outlining our concerns about the use of chemicals by CADW in treating weeds and the fact that we were not previously informed about this work".

Dog Waste Bins (Roman Wall)

Clerk confirmed to Cadw that we would be willing to fund the emptying of 2 bins per week. Clerk circulated picture of suggested bin from Cadw – it was agreed to accept these as long as they are secure - Clerk to check with contractor.

M3518 PLANNING

2010/01010 3 New Cottages, Caerwent

Single Detached Garage

This Council recommends Approval

2010/01008 14 Court End, Court House Road, Llanfair Discoed

Retention of Oil Storage Tank

This Council recommends Approval

Council noted Appeal against Refusal re 2010/00696 14 Court End, Court House Road, Llanfair Discoed (Extension to Driveway to Facilitate a Safer Exit onto cul-de-sac)

M3519 FINANCE

Council agreed the following payments/receipts as per Finance Schedule for December 2010:

Total Payments	£1,098.05
Total Receipts	£2,000.00

It was agreed to agenda the Frostbite receipt for the next agenda.

M3520 CORRESPONDENCE

1. RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

The Economic Impact of Community Buildings in Rural Communities

2. COUNTY COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY BURROWS, CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE HEALTH & HOUSING, M.C.C.

Monmouthshire County Council Careline – letter circulated.

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR J MARSHALL, CHAIRMAN, SEVERNSIDE, AREA COMMITTEE, M.C.C.

Severnside Area Committee

Invitation to send a representative from this council to attend future Severnside Area Committees. The Chairman informed the meeting that this Council will shortly become part of the Lower Wye Area Committee again.

4. MRS B THOMAS, GREEN LANE HOUSE, CAERWENT

Suggestion that out our seating arrangements at our meetings are changed so that we face the public in attendance. This matter had already been brought to our attention by Councillor Cousins. It was agreed that the Councillors normally with their back to the public turn around during Public Participation.

Suggestion that minutes be available on-line – this had previously been suggested by Councillor Cousins and had been agreed.

M3521 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

The Clerk reported a local concern regarding inadequate lighting at the west entrance into Caerwent off the A48. Clerk to write to Highways Manager.

Correspondence from Public Transport Officer regarding the upgrading of the Trewen eastbound bus stop in relation to bus stop poles, flags and timetable cases. It was agreed that we would have no objections to these improvements.

Crick bus stop land – still untidy. Clerk to check if MCC have any plans to upgrade here.

Lighting in Crick – agreed to mention to Street Lighting Manager again.

New lights on dualcarriageway do not link up – the Chairman informed the meeting that this is due to the fact that MCC could not fund any more lighting.

New road layout on A48 – small section which will become an overtaking lane unless markings are put in place. The Chairman will mention this at a site meeting which is due to take place next week.

Ash Tree Road lighting still out – (report to D Lloyd at Barratts).

M3522 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

There were no reports.

Chairman Date