

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
2011**

Present:	P Murphy (Chairman)	P Lewis
	B Counsell	P Kidger
	G Cousins	K Swift
	D Hedley	D Vosloo
In attendance:	L McKeon, Clerk to the Council	
	Pc A Turner	
Members of Public:	Mr/Mrs Edwards, New Cottages, Caerwent	
	Mr/Mrs Spooner, Ash Tree Road, Caerwent	
	Mr W Belsten, Yew Tree Farm, Llanfair Discoed	
	Mrs B Thomas, Green Lane House, Caerwent	
	Mr/Mrs Meredith, New Cottages, Caerwent	
	Mr G Haddow, Westgate Barn, Caerwent	

**M3547 APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillors Nettleship and Evans.

**M3548 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Thomas produced photographic evidence of ruts made by large lorries on the verge of School Lane. One rut was 6" from Green Lane House wall and she warned that a pedestrian could be crushed against the wall. She fears greatly for the safety of walkers with the projected future traffic if the lane is not closed and mentioned particularly that the school bus drops off and picks up at the end of the lane. She confirmed that she had sent these photos to Highways. Mrs Edwards queried what the alternative routes as suggested in the newsletter would be. The Chairman felt that traffic would be encouraged to use the Crick Road. Mrs Edwards disputed this and thought that they would use the Old Roman Road. Mr Edwards suggested that alterations to the end of School Lane could be made instead of closing the lane. Mrs Meredith expressed concern for pedestrians and children using the Old Roman Road given that there are no pavements here also.

Mrs Edwards felt that residents should have been asked their views on how the Frostbite donation should be spent. The Chairman stated that any villager can at any time approach their elected Councillor and residents were aware of the donation.

Mr Spooner expressed concern that on the new stretch of the A48 there is insufficient room to pass a cyclist and it is too narrow for some tractors. The Chairman stated that any disruption or delay to anyone's journey would be short lived in view of the small section of road involved. Mrs Edwards was concerned about emergency vehicle access - Pc Turner assured the meeting that should an emergency occur the opposite side of the road would be closed and emergency vehicles would definitely have access.

### **M3549 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

These were approved as a true record.

### **M3550 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre Committee (Old Gym)
Councillor Kidger	Caerwent Playing Fields/Village Hall Committee

### **M3551 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

Pc Turner reported that with immediate effect he would be moving to the Magor area. He will however be working alongside our new Police Officer for a couple of months and will bring her hopefully to the next meeting.

Speed monitoring had taken place today on the Old Roman Road opposite the Cadw car park between 0800 and 0930 – highest recorded speed was 48 by a motorcyclist, highest car was 36 mph. Speed monitoring will soon take place on Dewstow Hill using a motorcycle speed camera.

The prolific rural farm burglaries have now ceased due to the criminal being caught. Councillor Lewis queried if we could have details of the vehicle used in these crimes – Pc Turner agreed to send these. He had launched a Farmwatch Scheme in conjunction with the NFU and 30 farmers had signed up. He had sold out of alarms and requested that the funds agreed last month be sent as soon as possible – this was agreed. They are now also looking at providing diesel fuel alarms.

Pc Turner warned that there had been theft of sheep in the Rogiet area recently.

### **M3552 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Merton Green**

The Chairman stated that a report on both the tribunal and the High Court decision will be sent to MCC Licencing Committee soon and they will then make their decision as to what is going to happen. He pointed out that it was ruled that Section 241 of the Town & Country Planning Act did take precedence over the Commons Act.

#### **Proposed Closure of School Lane**

Highways still considering responses.

#### **Section 106**

Mike Moran (Community Infrastructure Manager) had been instructed to meet with us soon.

#### **Old Gym**

Details of the survey have been sent to the Old Gym Committee by MCC. The Clerk had sent again to the MoD details of our solicitor.

The Chairman and Councillor Counsell had undertaken a tour of our area with Kellie Beirne, Chief Officer (Regeneration & Culture), including the Old Gym building and she had been extremely positive about usages for the building.

#### **Bradbury Farm, Crick (Play Area/Allotments)**

No progress.

#### **Provision of Allotments**

Still waiting to hear from Highways re access of site on A48.

#### **Caerwent House**

The Conservation Manager of MCC had reported that he will have more information on this within the next few weeks. Kellie Beirne had also been advised of this issue.

#### **Steps Cottage**

No progress.

#### **Footpath/Land Attached to Great House Farm**

Councillor Counsell reported that Kellie Beirne appeared to be very supportive of our proposal for the permissive footpath to become a dedicated footpath. She was also looking into leasing with conditions (instead of selling) the adjacent fields.

#### **Cwrt Morgan Adoption**

The Clerk had written to Wendy Mustow, Highways, no reply as yet.

#### **Proposed Bridleway around MoD Site**

Councillor Counsell reported that Kellie Beirne had been advised on this walk and had again been very positive. It was agreed to contact Mr de Winton, MoD, asking him to contact her. He proposed that a meeting of various stakeholders be arranged and that a trust is set up under the umbrella of the Community Council – this was agreed.

#### **Provision of Public Conveniences in Monmouthshire**

Roger Hoggins, MCC, had confirmed that we will have to pay legal fees or MCC will close the toilets. The Chairman agreed to enquire of a solicitor.

#### **Dog Waste Bins (Roman Wall)**

Cadw hope to have the bins purchased at the very least before the end of this financial year. If the Cadw Inspector agrees to the style then they may be delivered to the barns and the finer detail of location could be agreed following this. Councillor Swift had received a complaint about dog waste bags being thrown in the sheep field and also being lined up on the wall. Councillor Cousins had been informed that this was a protest.

Siting of bins was proposed for opposite Cadw car park and at the eastgate roman wall near stile.

#### **Welcome to Caerwent booklet**

No progress.

#### **Village Enhancement Scheme**

Councillor Swift reported that the Group will commence planting and clearing when the better weather is here. Councillor Counsell advised that the large trees on the A48 are in need of having the ivy removed from the trunks.

#### **Crick east Bus Stop land**

Councillor Swift requested funds to remove the rubble and generally tidy the area – this was agreed and Clerk to contact Llanvair Landscapes.

#### **Crick lighting**

Mailshot to all residents re lighting in next couple of weeks, approved by Pc Turner. Councillor Counsell advised that Section 106 monies could become available when Bradbury Farm is developed.

#### **West Entrance into Caerwent (lack of lighting)**

Reminded Highways again about this issue.

#### **Severn View Rubbish Collection**

Councillor Cousins had contacted MCC again who had sent an Officer to the flats to advise them on recycling.

#### **“Frostbite” Donation**

Clerk passed catalogues re signage to Councillor Counsell. Councillor Hedley advised that there could be tourism grants available for this.

Clerk had ordered bench for Lawrence Crescent Play Area with the plaque inscription “Donated by the Cast and Crew of “Captain America” October 2010”.

#### **Use of Westgate Barns for Election Purposes**

Cadw are not charging for this apart from caretaker fees to open and close building.

#### **Slurry – Five Lanes**

Chairman and Clerk had reported this to County Farms Manager. The Chairman reported that this lane had been thoroughly swept recently.

### **Potholes - Five Lanes to Llanfair and Old Roman Road**

Will be filled within the next few weeks.

### **M3552 PLANNING**

**2010/01097 2 New Cottages, Caerwent**  
**Demolish Existing Garage & Construct New Brick**  
**Garage/Separate Greenhouse on Existing Base**  
*This Council recommends Approval*

**2010/00738 Westgate Barn, Caerwent**  
**Barn Conversion (amendment – changes to proposed**  
**garaging structure and re-arrangement of the proposed**  
**openings on the main building)**  
*This Council recommends Approval*

### **M3553 FINANCE**

Council agreed the following payments as per Finance Schedule for March 2011:

Payments £2983.81

Accounts 2009/10 approved by external auditors. Notice placed on boards.

### **M3554 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. ONE VOICE WALES  
Councillor Training – details circulated.
2. GWENT ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS  
Monmouthshire's Volunteer Achievement Awards 2011.  
It was agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of the Award Ceremony.
3. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES  
Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Monmouthshire.  
Copy of Commission's Final Proposals have been submitted to the Welsh Assembly  
Government for consideration. Notice placed on boards.
4. DANIEL GREENALL  
Renewable Energy Opportunity for Village Halls. The Chairman agreed to  
send to Councillor Kidger official information on renewable technologies.

### **M3555 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

The Chairman confirmed that the source of the sewage leak had been located on Dinham Road and has been dealt with. There is however now a gas leak which is being investigated.

Old Roman Road requires resurfacing – the Chairman informed the meeting that this road is not on the current Highways schedule.

Barratts advertising signs have been removed from Lawrence Crescent and the A48. The Chairman proposed that he and Councillor Cousins set up a Liaison Group with Barratts – this was agreed.

Lorries turning right to Newport from Llanvair Road are cutting verge up – Highways are aware.

Virador lorry 9.35 a.m. today net on top (but not secure) spewing waste all over road. Eyesore in lay bye at tip site – should be tidied up – Chairman will talk to MCC about this.

### **M3556 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Councillor Counsell enquired if we could make a nomination to the Rogiet School Governors. There were no nominations - in view of the fact that Councillor Evans is a parent Governor it was felt that this was currently acceptable.

Chairman ..... Date .....