

## **MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Present: Councillors:  
K Evans (Chair)  
G Cousins  
K Haddow  
P Lewis  
P Murphy  
E Saville  
K Stock  
K Swift  
R Trayler-Smith

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council

### **M4348 APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillor Counsell.

### **M4349 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor K Evans	Historic Trust	Trustee
Councillor Stock	Playing Fields Assoc	Committee Member
Councillor K Haddow	Planning Application 2015/01472	Friend of Applicant
Councillor K Swift	Crick Wildlife Group	Member
Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	Planning Application 2015/01472	MCC Planning Cttee Member

### **M4350 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **M4351 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

### **M4352 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

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

p.1 delete Councillor Swift's name from Declarations list.

### **M4353 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

Pcso Norville had sent his apologies. His report had been circulated.

### **M4354 PLANNING**

#### **2015/01307 Casa Mia, Llanfair Discoed**

To relocate the existing site access entrance to the north west corner of the plot involving the change of use of land over which the re-routed access will pass.

***This Council recommends Approval***

**2015/01510 Farndon, Crick**

Side and rear single storey extension

***This Council recommends Approval***

**2015/01472 5 Martins Road, Caerwent**

Retention of replacement garden shed

***This Council recommends Approval***

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda:

**2015/01561 St Brides Cottage, Carrow Hill**

Replacement Conservatory and Proposed New Two Storey Rear Extension

***This Council recommends Approval***

**M4355 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

**To appoint an Adjudicator and a Lead Officer to the LGPS**

Agreed to appoint the Clerk as the Lead Officer.

Agreed to seek advice from LGPS as to whether we can appoint an external person as an Adjudicator.

**M4356 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

**Clerk's Report**

Dates for Diaries

MoD/Shirenewton Joint Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> April , 2.00 p.m. at Caerwent Training Area followed by visit to former Wormtech site.

Community Asset Transfer

Councillor Haddow is currently writing up the Business Plan.

Education Grants

The Chairman will attend Rogiet and Shirenewton schools on 28<sup>th</sup> January to carry out the judging.

Section 106

The Section 106 decision meeting took place in December and all funds approved. Councillor Murphy will check with MCC re release of funds.

Merton Green Outstanding Issues

Railings not replaced – informed developer. A site meeting will be arranged with them.

Street lights on A48 have now all been numbered – lamps should be replaced soon but one carriageway will have to be shut. 4/5 Lights still out on Ash Tree Road.

Common Y Coed to Nannygoat Cottage overgrown path

Councillor Lewis had established that the path running east-west adjacent to Nant y

Coch is not recorded as a Public Path. A definitive map modification order was made in 1997 to add the route to the Definitive Map following a claim but it failed in 2002 after a public enquiry.

#### Additional Signage on A48

MCC response re request for improved signage on the feature gates is that they do not feel that the painting of the gates would significantly encourage compliance with the speed limit plus the cost for the painting would have to be borne by them. They feel that the current gateway measures are more than adequate to promote and encourage compliance with the speed limit. Their view is that it is more likely to be frequent users who are exceeding the posted speed limit and perhaps it is better that the speeding issues are re-directed to Gwent Police to consider taking enforcement action or the establishment of safety cameras site if the criteria are met. Council queried if reflective strips could be placed on the gates.

#### Upper Seven Acres Wood

Planning Manager of MCC had visited the site on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Planning Officer had attended a meeting with Countryside. MCC still trying to get NRW involved. Possibility of putting Tree Preservation Orders on remaining trees.

#### Speedwatch

One more villager had expressed interest. Still require two more for the scheme to be feasible. PcsO Norville will arrange training at the appropriate time. Agreed to advertise this again on Facebook and in the newsletter.

#### Welsh National Anthem (Remembrance Service)

Three comments received so far – two against including the Welsh National Anthem, one wishing for both English and Welsh to be sung. Agreed to request views again on Facebook.

#### Plantations – Old Roman Road

Clerk advised that to supply a new tree would be £150 – this was agreed.

#### Welfare Centre

Planning Manager of MCC had visited the site. The owners are using it as an office currently. Enforcement are monitoring the situation.

#### **Social Media Report**

133 members

2 reports of unacceptable posts – agreed that posts should remain.

Numerous posts re rubbish/litter in area – in response Clerk had put MCC information re recycling/rubbish collections up on site.

#### **MCC – Play Area Inspection Reports**

Noted reports. Agreed to obtain quotes.

#### **M4357 CORRESPONDENCE**

GAVO – Training Courses available  
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council News Bulletin  
MCC – The Elms, Church Road, Undy (development site for sale)  
MCC – Flood Risk Management Plan  
One Voice Wales – New Year Honours  
Mr R Hoggins, MCC, update - Closer Working with MCC

#### **M4358 FINANCE**

##### **To consider payment and approval as per finance schedule**

Agreed and approved

Agreed to pay Architect fees re Village Hall improvements provided that Section 106 money is transferred to us.

#### **M4359 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

##### **To report any highways/rights of way issues**

Posts which were previously holding advertising on A48 will be moved to new locations shortly.

Flooding at bottom of Dinham Road onto A48, drain blocked.

Letting property signs, corner Dinham Road and Llanfair Road.

Crick flooding coming from fields, residents having to put on pumps – agreed it is the residents responsibility.

Crick nursing home light very bright – altered pitch but little improvement. Now recommended that the light be moved.

#### **M4360 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Lewis thanked the Council for their support of the Christmas day lunch which was attended by 34 people.

Historic Trust meeting to be held 20<sup>th</sup> January, 8.00 p.m. at Caerwent Church.

Chairman requested profiles from Councillors for the website.

#### **M4361 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Provision of Defibrillator in community.

Finance budgets.

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

