

## **MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015**

Present: Councillors:  
B Counsell (Chair)  
G Cousins  
K Evans  
K Haddow  
P Lewis  
P Murphy  
E Saville  
K Stock  
K Swift

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

### **M4245 APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillor Trayler-Smith.

### **M4246 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed the Council that he wished to add the issue of VAT Reclaiming to the agenda.

### **M4247 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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| Councillor K Evans  | Caerwent Historic Trust   | Trustee            |
| Councillor K Stock  | CPFA                      | Committee Member   |
| Councillor P Murphy | Caerwent Community Centre | Trustee            |
| Councillor P Murphy | 2015/00247                | Member of Planning |
|                     | Planning Application      | Committee, MCC     |
|                     | Oak Grove Solar Farm      |                    |

### **M4248 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

### **M4249 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

These were confirmed as a true record

### **M4250 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

The monthly report had been circulated.

It was reported that traffic cones were still present in the centre of the village following an incident last week.

### **M4251 PLANNING**

**2015/00163 Land Known as Merton Green, Caerwent**  
New Pathway to Edge of Play Area (opposite plot 45) to

allow existing residents access to footway. Rearrangement of plot 84 parking and white lining of existing residents parking area.

Amendment:

Timber Close Fencing Replaced with Railings to enclose Parking Area

***This Council recommends No objection***

**2015/00209 36 Highfield, Caerwent**

Side Two Storey Extension

***This Council recommends Approval***

**2015/00276 Llwyn On, Llanfair Discoed**

Two Storey Side/Two Storey Rear and Single Storey Rear Extension and Alterations

***This Council recommends Approval***

**2015/00242 Crick Nursing Home, Crick**

Ground and First Floor Internal Alterations, Two First Floor Extensions, Demolition of Existing Front, Entrance Canopy and Erection of New Canopy

***This Council recommends Approval***

***Re nearby TPO tree, could MCC ensure that the Tree Officer is not concerned about any disturbance to root.***

**2015/00247 Oak Grove Farm, A48 Crick to Parkwall Roundabout**

Construction of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic generation project and associated works

***This Council recommends Approval***

***In addition to the screening proposed, request that screening also be provided along the drive to the Farm***

**M4252 WELCOME TO CAERWENT COMMUNITY BOOKLET**

Councillor Lewis had now received the final copies from the printers – these were handed out. Councillor Lewis confirmed that the Coach & Horses Public House had financed this. Council thanked Councillor Lewis for his hard work in the updating of the booklet.

**M4253 CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE VALUATION**

*To consider valuation in relation to insurance payment*

Council considered letter received from the Caerwent Community Centre. Agreed that they continue to pay for the insurance costs and they be advised to consider other insurance providers. Agreed that this will be included in their future Terms of Reference.

**M4254 VAT RECLAIMING**

Council considered this in relation to the CPFA Trail project.

Agreed that we seek advice from a VAT Consultant via MCC and and meet again to discuss on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**M4255 SOCIAL MEDIA**

*To consider report from Working Group*

Councillors Haddow, Saville and the Clerk had met up and had produced a draft group on Facebook. Photographs need to be entered and the finished page will be illustrated to full Council at the next meeting for approval.

## **M4256 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **Dates for Diaries**

Joint Community Councils Meeting with MoD – 29<sup>TH</sup> April, 2.00 p.m., Shirenewton.  
Time Team Field Site Visit with Monmouthshire Meadows -1<sup>st</sup> May 2.30 p.m.  
MCC/Playing Fields Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall

#### **Caerwent Playing Fields Lease**

MCC have arranged a meeting with the Community Council and the CPFA for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Time Team Field**

Site Meeting with Monmouthshire Meadows – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2.30 p.m.

#### **Caerwent Toilets**

Councillor Murphy had agreed that Mr P Edwards will fibreglass the roof and carry out works to soffits and fascias with no labour charge. Mr Edwards will provide written costings for the materials to Councillor Haddow.

#### **Rogiet School Governing Body**

Councillor Haddow is waiting to hear back from two residents who had expressed interest.

#### **Outstanding Merton Green development issues**

Barratts have confirmed that they will be providing new sapling to the area of the hedgerow that need bolstering between site and the A48. They did want to bring to our attention that there are one or two areas where local people were very resistant to them blocking up the holes as they use these unofficial passes to access the A48 instead of walking to the official access points.

The area of ground at the side of the 1<sup>st</sup> block of flats is going to be cleaned and landscaped. Contractor is booked in to proceed with this work very shortly along with other areas on site.

#### **Cluster Group Working**

Councillors Murphy and Counsell attended a further meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk subsequently provided contractor and cost information re toilets, grasscutting and dog bins.

**Appeal re Planning Application 2014/00113 Myrtle Cottage, Caerwent,  
Outline Application for Dwelling at the Rear**

Informal Hearing will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 a.m. at County Hall, Usk.  
We are entitled to attend and at the Inspector's discretion give our views.

**Litter in Area**

Contacted Keep Wales Tidy but Officer concerned is away on leave until 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Rear Pathway, 11 Ash Tree Road**

Mrs Spooner had spoken to MCC and had suggested an onsite meeting with interested parties.

**Merton Green Play Areas**

MCC will take our comments on board regarding drainage and will ensure that the play areas are up to standard before they are adopted.

**Electronic Signage Centre of Village**

MCC had attended to dim lights but did not have appropriate equipment. Will attend again next week.

**Postcode Problems – Crick**

Street Naming & Numbering Officer at MCC will send out a consultation to residents and the Community Council regarding a new street name Bradbury Farm Lane.

**Overhanging Large Branches A48 East Junction**

MCC will remove the tree.

**M4257 CORRESPONDENCE**

Welsh Government – Assets of Community Value. Councillor Murphy had passed this information to MCC for their comment.

Plantlife.org.uk - The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme.  
Council Noted.

Best Kept Village competition. Councillor Murphy had entered Llanfair Discoed for this competition.

Complaint from resident re noise from Base. Meeting subsequently arranged with MoD, resident and Councillors. Agreed way forward and MoD extended zone further away from the fence.

**M4258 FINANCE**

Request for Funding – Homestart (agreed to send application form).

Council agreed payment of finance schedule dated April 2015.

**M4259 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

**Footpaths leading to the Playing Fields from Canon Lane and St Tathan's**

*To consider overgrown state of footpaths and ownership/maintenance responsibilities. To further consider that a barrier be installed at the main road end to stop children running or cycling out onto the road.*

Agreed to contact MCC to establish ownership. Agreed to request barrier on Caldicot Road pavement at St Tathan's footpath.

Councillor Swift was pleased to inform the Council that following a petition from Crick residents a speed limit of 30 mph will be introduced on parts of the Crick Road and Shirenewton Road.

**M4260 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chairman reported that Monmouth Citizens Advice Bureau will be closing down. They will be replaced by Mons County Citizens Advice Bureau.

**M4261 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Councillors to advise the Clerk of any items.

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