

## **MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

Present: Councillors  
K Evans (Chair)  
M Beattie  
B Counsell  
G Cousins  
S George  
B Harris  
P Lewis  
P Murphy

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council

### **M4738 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Haddow and Swift

### **M4739 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Historic Trust	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	All planning applications	Member of MCC Planning Committee

### **M4740 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

### **M4741 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Counsell back following his recent operation and looked forward to working with him again.

### **M4742 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

These were agreed as a true record.

### **M4743 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

#### **Visit by Police Sergeant Nigel Callard**

Sergeant Callard was very pleased to report that there is very low crime in our area apart from repetitive thefts from the Amenity Site at Five Lanes. The police have advised the company on many occasions to increase their investment in security.

He advised that following our previous request a speed survey had been carried out on 5<sup>th</sup> November along the 30 mph stretch of the A48 and the average speed was recorded at 29.97. He advised that the police are now working on a scheme whereby a camera is in place constantly to monitor speed which does not require volunteers to be involved, as in the Speedwatch scheme. The speed of traffic in Crick was also raised. If anyone has any dashcam footage of alleged dangerous driving they are advised to visit the GoSafe website (Operation Snap) to submit any videos or photographic evidence.

The safety concern regarding the school bus stop on the A48 was raised. Councillor Murphy advised that a request had been put in to MCC for a pull in to be installed but this was turned down as they felt that a parked bus is a deterrent for speeding traffic.

A request for a police open forum/surgery for residents was made. It was reported that these have been arranged in our area previously but were very poorly attended. Residents can contact 101 or [contact@gwentpolice.gov.uk](mailto:contact@gwentpolice.gov.uk) at any time. Any concerns raised on social media let them know immediately.

Query regarding whether any of the local police force are local to the area as on a number of occasions they appear to be lost in rural areas. Are they given any time to familiarise themselves with properties in the area. Sergeant Callard advised that there is a mapping system available with every single property listed which can be used.

A new separate team will be established shortly dealing only with wildlife and rural crime. They will deal with offroad biking, burnt out cars, tipping etc.

#### **M4744 PLANNING**

##### **2018/00872 Rock House, Caerwent Brook, Caerwent**

Temporary permission for summer garden house/static caravan within garden

**This Council recommends Approval but as short a time as possible should be specified.**

##### **2018/01572 Northgate House, Caerwent**

Single Storey Extension

**This Council recommends Approval, query proximity to the roman wall**

**To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda**

There were no further applications

**To note monthly enforcement lists**

Noted

Council noted that there will be no public enquiry regarding the Red Chillies Restaurant appeal. Objections will be by correspondence only.

Preliminary work will start on Caerwent House, probably some time in March.

#### **M4745 RED TELEPHONE BOX REPAIRS, HIGHMOOR HILL**

**To report on progress**

Councillor Lewis reported that this has been started and is a work in progress.

#### **M4746 TRANSFER/LEASE OF VILLAGE HALL**

**To report on any surveys carried out re the hall**

The Clerk reported that the Asbestos and Condition Surveys had been carried out – we are awaiting the written reports.

**To consider quotes re Drainage Survey**

Agreed to instruct Drainrod at a cost of £400 maximum.

**To consider the transfer of the car park as part of the Community Asset**

Council noted that CPFA request that if this is the case CCC pay towards maintenance. MCC will include an access agreement re the access road.

Agreed to accept MCC's offer to transfer the car park on the site but not the car park outside the boundary. A licence will be drawn up to enable use of the car park outside. Agreed that the lease include who has responsibility of car park repairs.

#### **M4747 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

##### **To consider final arrangements made**

Clerk advised that all arrangements had been made and confirmed that Deputy Lieutenant Laura Kelway-Bamber will be attending to lay a wreath on behalf of the Queen.

#### **M4748 COMMUNITY COUNCIL EDUCATION AWARD**

##### **To report on progress**

Councillor George reported that he had written to the Head but had not yet received a reply. It was agreed that he contact the Deputy Head with a view to commencing the project in January.

#### **M4749 CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE**

##### **To consider purchasing an outside cabinet for the new defibrillator at a cost of £400.**

Council agreed.

#### **M4750 CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS PLAY EQUIPMENT**

##### **To consider the replacement of the balance log at a cost of £305.00**

Council agreed.

##### **To consider adding onto the contract a monthly inspection of the Outdoor Trail equipment at a cost of £23.44**

Council agreed.

#### **M4751 TREES – CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS**

##### **To consider surveying all trees on Playing Fields at a cost of £294 or two particular trees for £150**

Council agreed to arrange for all trees to be surveyed.

#### **M4752 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

##### **CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **Collapsed Drain, Ballan Cottage, Crick**

Councillor Murphy had visited the owner of Little Ballan who had shown him the extent of the work in that their kitchen waste is now going into their cesspit. The only water that leaves the site is rain water which goes into their storm drain and then into the ditch by the gate. There is no evidence of water in the field. The owner and Councillor Murphy agreed that the issue had been resolved but he had emailed the Crick and Environment Wildlife Project to clarify their understanding, awaiting their reply.

##### **Definitive Map Modification Order to record routes A and B as public byways open to all traffic, Minnets Lane**

No further progress.

##### **Dog Fouling**

The Chair had mentioned the issue of dog fouling on the Caerwent Playing Fields in the newsletter. New bag containers had been purchased - Councillor George will research if any metal equivalents are available.

##### **Caerwent Toilets**

Broken window replaced by contractor. Invoice now paid.

### **War Memorial/WWI Commemorations**

No progress.

### **Grant – Broadband Infrastructure**

No further progress.

### **Wedding Booking – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

No further progress. Awaiting transfer to confirm.

### **Caerwent Playing Fields**

EcoVigour will be tidying the edges on the Trail.

### **Christmas Lights box fitting**

MCC have now replaced this.

### **Speed of Traffic, Crick**

Following the Speed Workshop in Monmouth Councillor Swift attended recently, she will be meeting up with Mike Collins, Senior Traffic Engineer, MCC on 13<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the ongoing speed issues facing the residents of Crick. He is also hoping to have the results from the surveys as well as looking at the current speed of motorists travelling along the A48 from Parkwall Roundabout to the Newport boundary.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT**

465 members, large increase from last month.

Issues:

Dog fouling on field

Merton Green street lights – Councillor Murphy had already raised this issue with Barratts

Speed of traffic

### **PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS REPORT**

Noted

### **M4732 CORRESPONDENCE**

MCC newsletter

Thank you letter from Caerwent Community Centre for their annual donation.

Monmouthshire Public Services Board – Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation – agreed to invite Officers to a meeting in the new year.

### **M4733 FINANCE**

**To consider balances/payment and approval as per finance schedule dated November 2018.**

Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Moneymaster Account	£13,077.28
Community Account	£12,535.72
Petty Cash	£52.48

Clerk's Salary, Allowances, Mileage (12), o/t  
1 hour

as per NALC scales

Inland Revenue	£69.70
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Torfaen Pension Fund	£247.89
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Information Commission (annual data protection)	£35.00
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Go Daddy (unlimited email renewal) (LGA Democracy 2013, s55)	£116.87
Merlin Waste (dog bins) (Litter Act 1983, ss 5.6)	£150.00
Caerwent Playing Fields Association Xmas Parties (LGA 1972, s.145)	£400.00
Caerwent Church Xmas Lunch (LGA 1972, s.145)	£100.00
Caldicot Printing (LGA 1972, s.145)	£110.00
Aardvarc Cleaning (Public Health Act 1936, s.87)	£255.00
Council Repairs	£23.68
Council Repairs	£65.10
One Voice Wales (training course)	£40.00

#### **M4734 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

##### **To note temporary closure of several paths within Wentwood**

Noted

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

In view of the new housing developments in the area (Crick Road and Church Road Caldicot) and the potential traffic through our area, Councillor Murphy had put in a suggestion to MCC that at the crossroads junction in Caerwent a sign be put on the Caldicot Road which indicates right to the A48 and left to "Village Only".

Growing poor state of Court House Road surface in Llanfair Discoed

Footpaths in Llanfair Discoed need resurfacing

St Tathans Road road surface in very poor condition

Potholes – Highmoor Hill, Minster Cottage to Hardwick Farm, numerous potholes.

Some stiles are very overgrown – agreed to ask our maintenance contractor to contact Councillor Lewis.

A48 to Rock and Fountain trees overhanging path

Potholes eastgate junction on A48 east to Chepstow.

Roadsweeper required through the lanes

#### **M4735 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor George will request feedback from our Rogiet School Governor.

Caerwent Historic Trust had held their AGM. Virtual reality filming has been released online and there is a proposal to use the technology in Caerwent. The Trust will be inviting us to a meeting with themselves and Cadw.

#### **M4736 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Councillors to inform the Clerk

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